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2008 Tryout Newsletter

Parents,

I wanted to touch base regarding the recent meeting we had and the small changes being made for the upcoming season. I am constantly examining what we are doing and how we can better influence our players. Our main goal is always to develop each individual's soccer skills. There are many other theories or thoughts about soccer out there. Simply put: a good soccer player is one who possess the individual skills to succeed. These skills like dribbling, controlling, passing, etc. take years to build and are something we constantly focus on. We strive to develop a long term vision to communicate to our players and families regarding their progress and how they can improve.

The first change we will be making is in our team formation. We want to place players in positions that offer them the maximum benefit. That means we want our players to play in competitive games that challenge them but allow them to succeed. It is neither fun nor developmental to constantly be winning or losing by large margins. Our task is to evaluate how many players we have at an age group and what their talent base is so we can help form teams that challenge our best players but also allow our growing players the chance to increase their ability.

The second change we are making is the availability of training options for our players. We recognize our players do other sports and activities. As such, many times our families have conflicts with schedule training. Our goal is to provide additional training opportunities. These are to help players make up missed session or allow those who want more soccer to have additional training options. Training is valuable time for players to learn the skills that they need to grow. I always describe the games as the recital but the training as the hours of practice needed to build the basic skills.

I have uploaded the presentation from Monday's meeting on the website under the Director's Corner. Please contact me with any questions/concerns you have. I am working to meet with as many parents as possible to answer questions and help alleviate concerns. Our club's goal is to help develop our players and their soccer skills for long term success.

Thanks for your support.

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