



Non negotiable Concept:

Team First

Only team rule:

WCIDTHOTT (Wicked Thought) **What Can I Do To Help Our Team Today?** If your action or answer to that question is not beneficial to the team choose something else.

Team Building: as we move forward the team is a fluid concept not a permanent structure. We have to be willing to accept change and welcome new members and their families unconditionally.

Focus:

Individual player improvement especially regarding; individual skill and comfort with the ball, shooting, heading, passing, dribbling, slide-tackling and advanced skills diving headers, bicycle kicks, :goalkeepers, diving and foot skills. Short term focus immediate team success; long term focus preparing players mentally and physically for the demands of soccer for ages 15 – 22.

Philosophy

We will attempt to win every game we play and every tournament we enter regardless of opposition. The game results will be one measurement of our success but not the only measure of our success.

We will attempt to win by or with:

- Having 100% attendance at training and games.
- Players at training focused and committed to self improvement.
 - Performing techniques correctly.
 - Performing techniques at game speed and game intensity.
- Players giving their best effort and attempting new skills and creativity during training. (Banned thoughts “I can’t do that” we will replace that thought with “I will try to do it” and “I am getting better at that skill because I try to do it.”)
- We will play proper soccer; passing backwards when appropriate, even passing all the way back to the keeper as required, limit our aimless kickball and soccer by athleticism only!
- We will emphasize becoming better soccer athletes, not athletes who rely primarily on physical strength and brute force to solve all soccer problems.
- We will be organized and disciplined tactically which will allow us to accentuate our soccer strengths and not be punished for our present soccer weaknesses.
- Players who arrive early for training should juggle or play keep-a-way prior to the start of coach guided training.

Playing Time:

- Players are promised 100% participation in training (disciplinary actions notwithstanding)
- Playing time will be between 30% to 50% minimum of each game (tournaments excluded nothing is promised).
- Some players will earn 100% playing time often or always.
- Playing time will not be tracked or recorded by the coach
- Playing time is earned (the earning is the unbiased subjective discretion of the coach)
 - Individual skill and impact on winning
 - Attendance @ training and games
 - Work ethic and improvement in training and games
 - Work and impact on the result during each game
 - Ability to play in positions that best serve the team need. (If a player is not flexible tactically, and emotionally to play numerous positions it might negatively affect playing opportunities.)
 - Based on the opponent and the challenges of the particular game

Parent Involvement

- Deliver players to and from training and games (early is on time and on-time is late.)
- Even though parents sit on the sidelines, parents are not coaches. Offering coaching advice during training and games is unacceptable parent behavior and although well intentioned confuses players during play and is often in direct conflict with team goals and coaching philosophies (Parents are encouraged to share their insights and coaching philosophies 22 hours per day off of the playing fields.)
- Parents are encouraged to cheer for our team and all team members please do not comment about opponents and do not interfere with the referee crew from the spectator sideline.

Summary:

- Participation on this team will ensure that players receive excellent training, and the demands put on players will enable players to develop into effective players that are becoming more competent. With the right internal motivation, desire, and commitment to self training players will realize their own soccer potential for their entire soccer career.