

Philosophy

General Club Philosophy:

The purpose of the Schererville Soccer Club Incorporated is to provide a quality soccer program for the benefit of the boys and girls of the Town of Schererville and immediate surrounding communities of Lake County, Indiana that will promote the growth of, and appreciation for, the game of soccer.

It is the goal of the Club to provide an opportunity to youth of all skills and abilities beginning at the age of 4 with the opportunity to learn the Laws of the Game and to participate in an organized program of soccer training and recreation.

The Club intends to achieve these purposes by developing and encouraging a philosophy and practice of good sportsmanship among its members and players through the appropriate assistance, instruction, and training of soccer players, coaches, and referees in the development and improvement of their capabilities.

Instructional Program:

The Instructional Program is intended to teach the children the rules and the skills of soccer in a NON-COMPETITIVE setting. Skills and a good attitude toward the game are best developed in a nurturing environment.

In spring there are 5-6 games and 10-16 practices opportunities. In Fall there are 8-9 games and 18-20 opportunities for practices. The skills and instruction are to take place primarily during practices. The children are given the opportunity play actual games, and the club wants those games to be exhibitions of the children's developing skills in a positive atmosphere.

Coaches are discouraged from over-instructing players during a game. See CODES OF CONDUCT. (In upper level amateur and professional soccer, coaching from the sidelines is illegal and will get a coach thrown out of the game) SOCCER IS NOT LIKE OTHER SPORTS where it is acceptable to yell and coach from the sidelines, argue with calls made by the referee, or otherwise display disruptive or unsportsmanlike behavior. Coaches are to make note of team or player skill deficiencies on game day and design practice sessions to address any areas needing improvement.

The parents are similarly encouraged NOT to make winning the goal

of this learning experience, and behave accordingly. At registration, each parent receives a PARENTS CODE OF CONDUCT. Parents or other spectators are required to adhere to these codes, or be barred from sidelines. Parents should PRAISE their own, and other children, for improvement in skills and attitude.

Children learn from the behavior of those watching the game and the Schererville Soccer Club will not let a few stressed out parents or coaches ruin the game for the rest of us. The Club has noticed a rise in incidents, not from the children, but from some coaches and many parents. The codes of conduct were created and distributed to help stop these incidents.