



Franklin Youth Soccer - Academy Program Philosophy

- Program emphasizes a group training model, mixing players of all abilities in pods that do not change week over week
- This training model also allows players to benefit from the instruction of multiple coaches
- Our emphasis is on **individual technical development**, with age appropriate tactics weaved in over time
 - Can our players perform with technical proficiency under the pressures of time, space and opposition?
 - Can our players control and play the ball under pressure? Do they look comfortable with the ball? Are they confident on the field?
 - Are our players taking risks, and learning how to play creatively and deceptively?
- The emphasis in the Academy is not on team success, it is on the child's development
- Opposing coaches work collectively to improve the overall level of play, rather than accumulating a winning record
 - Kids play to win, we coach to have them learn
- Small field sizes are used to generate the need for players to play with skill, rather than rely on athleticism to solve soccer problems in the game
- An "East Group" and a "West Group" play against each other on Saturdays to present players with games where they can engage physically and technically at their level of readiness
 - More touches = better soccer players

- Training and games for any given week are built around a “theme of the week.” That theme is posted on Lower Dacey field every Saturday morning. Coaches will focus their attention on that particular theme during their games
- We always emphasize FUN, and hope that our players will develop a love of the game through our program!