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Vail SC - Training Philosophy

Belief that if you control the ball, you control the game.

Players need to make decisions on their own and be aware of the game

Focus on long term player development using a Holistic approach.

Refer to US Soccer's Player Development Initiatives

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Why the Vail Soccer Club

- Competitive/Developmental/Recreational soccer
- Individual/Team Development
- Age appropriate curriculum and standards
- Playing style
- Licensed Professional Coaches
- Background checked and Safesport Certified Coaches
- Director of Coaching
- Cohesive and consistent staff and training
- History of developing players into ODP, College, High School, US Soccer Development Academy.

Vail SC Player Expectations

- Play the beautiful game beautifully
- Treat others with respect and honor at all times
- Have a winners attitude and don't quit
- Attend all practices and games whenever possible
- Be encouraging to other teammates and club players
- Respect our opponents, referees, coaches decisions
- Commit to training outside of practice 2-3x per week
- Be the best version of YOU possible!!

Parent Expectations

1) Let the Coaches coach - even cheering turns into coaching. "Go, Go, Go, Run, Run, Run, Pass, Pass" is coaching and making the decisions for our players.

"Don't kick it in the middle". We actually want to encourage kids to play it into the middle, when appropriate.

2) Let the kids play. - excess noise on the sideline creates confusion

3) Refrain from negative comments regarding club members to other parents - Negative comments about coaches, players, administration, other parents creates a poor environment.

4) Positive comments from the sideline will go a long way - towards referees, players, other teams players.

5) Don't blame referees or others for outcomes - Players need to take responsibility for their actions and deal with adversity.

Why We Coach The Way We Do

- Our player development sets us apart
- We follow a curriculum that connects 4 year olds to 18 year olds.
- We DO NOT just focus on the team but rather the individual as a part of the team.
- We are focused on the long-term success of our players. Higher level players when they are 16, need to deal with adversity when they are younger.
- Provide players opportunities to challenge them developmental appropriate level.

Frequently Asked Questions

- **Why is the cost what it is?**
  - We provide US Soccer Licensed coaches to train our players. We hold our coaches to a higher standard of learning and professional development. *If teachers didn't go through extensive training, would we send our kids to be educated by them?

- **Why does my son/daughter play with various age groups and levels?**
  - Vail SC believes that players learn in a variety of ways. Comfortability is the enemy of progress. We want our players to be challenged every time they are on the field. Playing with an older team increases maturity, speed of play and thought, but could also be detrimental technically. Playing with a younger age group in training develops leadership, opportunities to have success at various aspects of the game.

- **When should we start focusing on a position**
  - Vail SC focuses on learning the basics of the game until U-12. If players don't understand the game or have basic skills, picking a position doesn't make sense. *We don't make students choose their academic path until they have a basic educational foundation.

- **Why don't we "Play to Win"?**
  - Focusing on winning will create frustration, and bad habits in our players. "Clearing" the ball when in front of our goal will result in minimizing goals against. However, it will teach players to never be comfortable on the ball in front of their own goal. Not ideal.

Vail SC Commitment

- It is Our Commitment to provide a safe, positive learning environment for all of our players. With this, you can expect your player to be challenged consistently, held to standards, and pushed to be better everyday.

- As a club, we will continue to develop and find ways to provide a professional product to all our members.

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