

Emerald City F.C.

Philosophy Statement

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Emerald City F.C. has been developing players since 1979 and is one of the most established clubs in the state. During the last five years we have attempted to foster the spirit of “club.”

We created a solid strategic plan and a mission statement based upon our player centric philosophy. We hired coaches who understand the qualities of player development; coaches who are not only educated in the principles of the game but also, who are collectively educated in the sciences of cognitive and physical development of players in their pre-teen and adolescent years.

We hired coaches that understand and who are able to instill a competitive mentality but also, recognize that winning games does not always tell the story of improvement. Winning is relative to the competition.

Coaching youth soccer is all about working with players so that they may aspire to a higher level of play. It is not about ruthlessly recruiting players to build teams just to win tournaments.

Children do not play games to win tournaments. They play soccer because it is fun! They play because it is a dynamic game; a game of skill, imagination, creativity and making decisions. Emerald City F.C. has hired coaches that will enhance those elements and not stifle them.

Soccer is the ultimate team game; a game of cooperation between teammates and a game of strategy; trying to outplay and outwit the opponent.

There are many reasons to play youth soccer and the following are just a few:

- Learning to win with modesty.
- Learning to lose graciously.
- Learning to cooperate as a team. Understanding that the sum of the whole is much more effective than the sum of its individual parts.
- Learning to socialize and learning how to solve problems collectively.
- Developing a work ethic.
- Learning the skills of a game and becoming a better athlete.
- Staying fit and healthy.
- Making decisions under pressure.
- Building long lasting friendships with teammates.
- Creating a life-long love of the game.
- Dealing with authority figures (coaches) with different personalities.
- Playing in tournaments.
- Understanding culture differences through travel.
- Preparing players for high school soccer.
- College playing opportunities.
- The rare professional playing experience.

The coaches at Emerald F.C. not only understand the physical, psychological and practical benefits of youth soccer but also, they appreciate the wonderful life skills that the game teaches.

Emerald F.C. has promoted this philosophy for the last five years and will continue to promote the player as the center of “our universe.”

If you agree with this soccer philosophy then Emerald City F.C. is your club. Encourage your son or daughter to participate in our tryouts. There is no doubt that we shall improve their love of the game and their desire to become better soccer players.