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Concord FC Newsletter

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11U COED STTSL Team took the Championship title at the 2018 Clarence Classic!

"The final jog across the field to thank family and friends for their support at this year's Clarence Classic Tourney was extra special. This co-ed group of developing 11U players hung together all season, improving week after week amid a regular season struggle to earn victories. The final victories were sweet indeed and a result of these young players having a strong work ethic and no-quit attitude." - Coach Jim Enser

NCSA/CONCORD FC TECHNICAL DIRECTOR 13UG BWNYSJSL HEAD COACH

USSF National "A" License

Advanced National diploma from the National Soccer Coaches of America
National Youth License form US Soccer

Background

17 seasons as the Fredonia Blue Devils Head Coach
Teaches classes in the Fredonia Department of Sport Management and Exercise Science
2007 SUNYAC Coach of the Year
Bachelor's degree and master's degree in physical education
Master's Degree in physical education from Cortland State

Coaching Philosophy

Appropriate combination of player development and character development. The goal of each training session and game is to improve on the technical skills, the tactical awareness, the sport specific fitness and the necessary mental demands of soccer at every event and combine these goals with the life long lessons that are acquired through participation in recreational and competitive sport.



COACH SPOTLIGHT

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CFC HANDBOOK EXCERPT

PLAYING TIME/PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

Competitive soccer is geared toward players who are looking for a more challenging soccer environment. Players are selected and rostered based on several factors. Three key areas of focus for CFC will be the players availability (commitment to attend practices, games, and tournaments as scheduled), ability (players technical proficiency deemed at level in which participation is deemed an appropriate fit), and maturity (we insist on the highest standard of sportsmanship on and off the field by players and their immediate families). In the competitive level, scores are kept, results matter, and the need to outperform others increases. Players who play at the competitive/travel level usually have personal goals, such as playing for the high school varsity team, playing at the college level, becoming a professional player, or playing for the National Team. Hence, the main objective of the competitive program is to help each player reach his/her potential and achieve his/her goals. This should be done in a fulfilling and supportive way that continues to nurture their love of the game. As the player's closest support network, both the coach and the parents bear a great responsibility in helping the player attain his/her goals. Whether playing club or high school, there is a lot riding on the decisions of the coaches during the selection process. Players have to understand that in a competitive level their development is important to make a team/ club successful. Players are evaluated on several other factors such as, but not limited to, ability, attendance, punctuality, attitude, effort, behavior, social skills, emotional control, physical maturity, and focus.

Coaches want well rounded soccer players as they formulate a team. Sometimes it is about selecting a group that plays well together, sometimes it is balancing players of particular positions, sometimes it requires looking at a large number of players for only a few spots. When a player is ready to seek feedback, we can encourage them to ask the coaches to give specific guidance for how the player can improve. Parents and coaches play a key role in helping a soccer player reflect on why they play the game. If the player who was cut wants to improve, then they need to make time to not only work on the suggested ideas from assessment/evaluation, but also constantly improve on the areas of opportunity to develop their skills. Parents and coaches can help players become students of the game by modeling such behavior as watching high-level soccer, or by asking questions that cause all of us to think and see the game differently such as on the Internet, on ESPN, at SUNY-Fredonia Blue Devil games, on other Soccer Channels, or in your community. Parents and players can study what the top players do — especially when they don't have the ball.

There are major differences, but those differences aren't really about winning or losing... they are about commitment to soccer and the passion to learn soccer from, in most cases, professional coaches. Competitive soccer or "committed soccer" is successful for the growth of the players because of the following reasons:

Players get to really know his/her teammates, they become like family.

Players get to train a lot under the watchful eye of a person that is passionate about the sport and who has a wealth of knowledge and patience.

The passion is contagious. Who doesn't want their child to find and embrace something that can give them many life skills? The life skills that can be learned are:

Understanding teamwork – very important for careers when they get older

Responsibility – on the field, at practice, and in the community

Determination – how to impart your will in the game

CONFIDENCE – ability to take on difficult situations, interact with many different people, speak in groups

CFC teams play in a competitive soccer program. The goal is to enrich players' lives by increasing their soccer skills at both the individual and team levels.

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