

fc alliance

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How parents can help build a soccer player

Coaches are asked all of the time "How can I help my son or daughter be a great soccer player?"

The answer is simple; make them love the sport. Passion, athleticism, repetition, and education are the key ingredients, but none of the ingredients matter if the love for the game is not there. The real question is "How do I make my son or daughter love the game?"

Most coaches feel that passion is the only ingredient that can not be absent from the formula. A lot of weaknesses can be overcome as a result of passion. For example: maybe your child is not fast, but makes up for it because they are very skilled or maybe your child is not real skilled

but they make up for it because they are fast and intense.

All players have a different game they possess with in them. Not too many players play the same. Every person's game is as unique as their finger prints. So the key goes back to passion. As a coach we teach our players to become responsible, committed, self motivated, have good work ethic, and to care more than your opponent.

How do you help teach this? Well, by making it fun and rewarding for your son or daughter. As a parent you should be there to make sure they know you see the good they do, not the bad. This is the coach's job. Starting around the middle school age, a lot

of coaches believe that most players do not respect their parent's point of view about soccer because most parents never played soccer before. So you giving soccer advice can actually make them lose passion for the sport by creating frustration for the player. Instead of giving advice, point out the things they do well and watch how your son's or daughter's attitude changes in a more positive direction. When you have concerns communicate them with your coach or Director and they can help you to see what they feel is going on with your child. This approach is a great way to have your child and family enjoy the game for years to come.

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The legacy begins

"Mental attitude is more important than mental capacity."

- Walter Dill Scott

Hickory Creek is open!

fc alliance opened Hickory Creek park last Thursday with some of our younger teams practicing and scrimmaging. The fields are in great shape and we would like to say a special thank you to Terry Wright. Terry was contracted to

renovate HC this summer and has spent countless hours at the fields making sure the lights, drains, irrigation, and sod was in great shape. Thanks Terry!

We will have some portable toilets delivered this week

along with more trash cans for everyone to use. We are lucky to have such a nice place! Thanks again to everyone who made this possible.

Game of the week

Every now and then a great local game will be played and when this happens we would like to support our teams. This Friday (October 10, 2008) at 6:00 pm at Alliance Park; the **fc alliance 97B Black** is

playing KFC Crush u12 Boys Blue in a state league game. This should be a very good game and win, lose, or draw this will be a great way to show your club pride. We are asking everyone to wear an

fc alliance shirt and bring noise makers if you want. We would love to create a feature game on a regular basis and this is our first attempt. **See you there and kick off is at 6:00pm.**

Pre Academy season is underway ...

Dear Pre Academy Parents

We are now half way through the inaugural FC Alliance Pre-Academy program and I hope you and your children are enjoying the program as much as me and the other coaches..... As you will have witnessed the Pre Academy focuses on encouraging the young players to run and be comfortable with the ball (you may have heard me say "don't just kick it!") and make their own decisions as much as possible.

Much of the US's youth sports (and in particular soccer!) has been heavily criticized for having too much structure from the early ages (which is very different to other soccer playing countries around the world)..... Through my sessions and 3v3 (or 3v4, 4v4, 3v2, 2v2!) games I have tried to recreate the learning environment experienced in soccer playing nations around the world, hopefully stimulating your son/daughter to continue to play the game and eventually realize their soccer potential. If your son/daughter was at last Thursday's games they will now have their t-shirts (1 black, 1 white). Please wear the white on Monday night at Nicholas Ball, the black on Tuesday at Carl Cowan and whichever you didn't wear earlier in the week on Thursday (though please bring both on Thursday for the games). Where possible please have you son/daughter wear dark shorts (black or navy) and white socks at both training and games - if you don't have any of these please do not feel obliged to buy them!

The FC Alliance Coaching Directors (of which I am one) would also like to encourage our players to wear an FC Alliance t-shirt to school on Fridays (if possible) in order to help promote interest in our Club as well as encourage some Club unity amongst our players of all age groups. As you are aware our days are getting shorter and in order to complete our training sessions in day light hours I will be moving our sessions to earlier times in the coming weeks, I will send an e-mail with this information in due course. Our last Pre Academy night for the Fall will be Thursday November 13th.

I will also be sending details about FC Alliance's winter soccer programs and eventually details concerning the Pre Academy in the Spring of 2009. It is my intention to split the age groups in the future, initially 5/6 years and 7/8 years to further develop our players, with more Pre Academy players we can divide the groups even further and with that said I would like to encourage your son/daughter to invite a friend to one of our Pre-Academy 3v3 games between now and the end of the season (please e-mail me with details of their name, age and the night they will be coming). Please inform other soccer players you know (AYSO etc.) of our program and how it

may benefit them.... The more young players we have the better for your son/daughter in terms of competition and team mates for the future....

Should you have any questions concerning any of the above please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards

Mike Kelleher
Pre-Academy Director



"Don't just kick it..."

F U T S A L W O R L D C U P

D E C E M B E R 8 - J A N U A R Y 3 0

What is Futsal?

Futsal is no walls indoor soccer. The only form of indoor soccer recognized by FIFA the governing body of soccer. Professional futsal is very popular through out the world and once again you can play here in Knoxville. The fast paced 3v3 format promotes technical and tactical development for all players. We do not use keepers, so all you need is at least four players and matching shirts and you are ready to play.

- 4 player minimum; 6 player maximum
- \$70 per player
- 25 minute games
- Games at Cool Sports

For more information please contact Rex Mummey at 865-643-2125 or soccerex0717@comcast.net.

*A great way to keep touches on the ball
during the winter months!*

*** Golf Tournament News! ***

fc alliance "Screwly Scramble" Golf Tournament- as mentioned in last week's Newsletter we are in the process of upgrading our facilities. To make all of these upgrades we need to raise money. With that said we would like to make all of you aware of the First Annual **fc alliance "Screwly Scramble" Golf Tournament.** The Tournament will be held at Egwani Golf Course with a Shotgun start at 9 am on November 11th, 2008. This tournament is meant for all levels of Golfers as it is meant to be a true fun day with such things as \$20,000 New Car or Boat Hole

in One, \$5,000 putting contest, and prizes for Longest and Shortest Drive, and Closest to the Pin. Along with Putting and Driving Assistance, and many more fun holes. All participants are sure to have a great time while helping raise money for the kids of fc alliance. If you are not a golfer there are still ways that you can help with making this event a huge success. We have opportunities for businesses to be sponsors at many different levels. If you know of any potential sponsors please make them aware of our event. If you

have any questions please contact Frankie Delgado at (865) 643-7672 or you can email him at imegu20@comcast.net We look forward to seeing you on the Golf Course!

**Who said parents can't have
any fun?**

Weekly Programs Schedule

- **Moves to goal** training for u9-u12 on Wednesday nights from 6:30 to 7:45 at Impact fields (Alliance Park). This is for all players to attend; we will focus on both sides of the ball.
- **Finishing (shooting) night** for u13-u18 on Mondays at Impact fields (Alliance Park) from 5:30 to 6:45. This is for all players to attend; we will focus on both sides of the ball.
- **Extra Skills training sessions offered:**
 - Mondays 4:00-5:00 at Watt Rd. Field # 2 (u9-u12 Boys and Girls)
 - Tuesdays 4:00-5:00 at Impact (u13-U18 Boys and Girls)
 - Wednesday 5:30-6:30 at Impact (u9-u12 Boys and Girls)
 - Thursday 4:00-5:00 at Hickory Creek (u9-u12 Boys and Girls)

Deadline October 10, 2008**1st Annual fc alliance Fall Break Soccer Camp**

October 20-24, 2008

Players needed for Pre-academy

Please contact Mike Kelleher at 235-4850 if you have players between the ages of 5 and 8 years old interested in getting started in soccer.

The legacy begins...

We're on the Web!
www.fcallianceknox.org

It only **\$75** per player (\$15.00 a day or \$2.50 per hour)

Sibling discount is \$5 off the second child and so on.

Why have them stay with a babysitter or send them to daycare? Send them to camp with the FC Alliance coaching staff.

Every player gets an **fc alliance winter stocking cap** (Bennie) also!

- If you can only attend some of the camp, prorate the days and add \$10 for the stocking cap.

Sign up today, bring the money the first day! (If you want you can send money along with registration form.)

This camp is a fundraiser and the proceeds go to the club.

Send registration form to:

Jon Schneider

2742 Berringer Station Lane

Knox, TN 37932

Coming to a field near you!



We are committed to getting fc alliance players seen by college coaches!