



“Smart Soccer”

Franklin Soccer School, Inc. has developed a fun and exciting program called “*Smart Soccer*”. The purpose of Smart Soccer is to provide enjoyable indoor league play for children but with an eye toward skill development. With that in mind, here are some things to look for in the program:

- Each session will be 90 minutes. A **training segment** (30-45 minutes) will include technical development games with a specific focus on a “theme” each week. A **game segment** (45-60 minutes) will include a series of “round robin”, 3v3 or 4v4 games, goalkeepers with older age groups. The rules of the games will change slightly (in the form of “incentives”) to reinforce the “theme” for the day. The schedule is as follows:

Week 1: training and game segments used to form teams

Week 2: league play; e.g. dribbling theme

Weeks 3 and 4: league play; e.g. passing theme

Week 5: league play; e.g. “transition between offense and defense” theme

Week 6: e.g. possession theme, championships

Coaches will form teams. The goal is to create a competitive environment that will challenge each player. With this in mind, coaches may choose to change teams slightly as the season progresses to maintain this competitive environment.

- Given that the rules in the game segment will change slightly from week to week, the players will have a lot to digest as they play. Making decisions will be important. Comments from spectators on the sidelines should be limited to cheering and encouraging, rather than instruction. Telling your child, for instance, to “pass the ball” when he can score extra points by “dribbling” would be confusing to the player.
- Other thoughts:
 - Please try to make all six sessions! With small teams, even one absence will deplete the team for which your child plays.
 - Please be on time! The rules of the games will reinforce things covered in the training segment.
 - Please observe the rules of Carpe Diem Field completely! This includes: entering on Saxon Street side of the building, change shoes and leave food/drinks outside field turf area.