

Salvo Community Soccer Quick Coaching Guide



Remember:

- We strive to Have FUN While Learning Soccer.
- We Coach the game within the child.
- No Laps, No Lines, No Lectures.
- Players come in all shapes, sizes and abilities.
- Remember that players don't know the difference between professional and volunteer coaches. Choose your words carefully.
- Suspend your belief in reality for a few hours each week.
- Don't expect the game to look like an adult game.
- Be prepared for anything, the good and bad. Know the address of your field.
- Your goal is to have the players want to come back and play again
- We appreciate your time, effort, commitment and great attitude. Your smile.

Why do things “The Salvo Way”

- We focus on dribbling to encourage aggressive attacking players. Let the kids dribble and work on this skill now, let them make mistakes. Competitive coaches will thank you later. With this in mind teach ball handling, not tactics. Try to keep as many balls on the field as possible with the younger groups.
- We play small sided games to help players learn the game at a faster pace. This also helps kids improve because they have more opportunities on the ball. We want our players to make more, less complicated decisions. We want our players to be more physically efficient on the field. This also keeps players more involved during their playing time.

Game Day Organization	U11/U12– Certified Referee	Size 4 Ball.
<p>Team Benches in middle.</p> <p>Parents on the outside a few yards off of the sideline.</p> <p><i>WHY-This will help players stay focused. This makes it easier to locate and organize players. Helps us develop behavior patterns for later years. Encourage and cheer on both teams. The games don't happen without 2 teams and coaches.</i></p>	<p>All Players rotate positions. U11/U12 Play 8 v 8 with Goal keepers.</p> <p>Stay on your half of field. Stay near your team.</p> <p>Don't allow players to play goalkeeper for more than half of a game.</p> <p>Be careful about forcing a player to play GK.</p> <p>Have a plan for rotation of your players. Make sure to have a time keeping device.</p>	<p>All players are different</p> <p>Help, don't give all the answers.</p> <p>Use guided questions. "Can We?" "I wonder?"</p> <p>The game is for the players.</p> <p><i>Be kind to the referee. They are still learning as well.</i></p>