



Playing Ethos

- Win the ball back as quickly as possible when opposition have it
- Play out from the back
- Attack quickly through good passing, movement and support (but ensure we can get back if we lose the ball)
- Keep the opposition as far away from our goal as possible (delay, deny, dictate)

Academy Rules/ Format for Teams and Matches

- Children playing up to 7 aside will be given equal game time.
- Children playing 9 aside upwards to 11 aside will not be guaranteed equal game time as these age groups enter leagues and cups. At this age group it is sometimes more beneficial for the players' development to place more emphasis on training/ coaching to build their confidence. **We will never turn any child away from training.**
- At tournament football for all ages, children will not be guaranteed equal game time, as these are the few times a year winning has more emphasis
- If a child excels at his/her age group, they may be asked to move up to the next age group, with the agreement of parents and both age groups coaches (we have found this very successful in the past)
- Girls can play a year down (for example a 2009 girl can play for the 2010 team) if the coaches feel this would benefit the individual girl (we have found this very successful in the past)
- We will endeavour to keep as much stability as possible within each age group and teams, however due to the unpredictability of youth football, we may have to make changes, due to circumstances such as coaches/ children leaving or joining
- When children reach 2nd year of 7 aside football, they will be tiered into A and B teams
- A and B teams will not necessarily stay the same all season, as children develop at different stages, kids can move up or down. If your child does move down, you will be notified by the coach with an explanation