

## FAQs

- 1. Is it mandatory? What if my team can't be there?** This is a soft launch. For the spring 2020 season, you are not required to participate. You may continue to practice on your own, especially if your team can't make our schedule. However, the plan is for this program to take over as our system for practicing with these ages in the near future.
- 2. I have a special connection with my team and I don't want to lose that.** That's great! We're asking you to help bring that feeling to entire community. You'll still be working closely with your team at each session, too.
- 3. I've got a good thing going. I don't think I need this.** That's why we need you. Your knowledge and experience will help make our players, coaches, and program better. Plus, even experienced coaches need to continue growing. This is an opportunity to gain new perspectives and ideas to make yourself better, too.
- 4. My players are advanced and don't need this.** The perspectives and experiences to be gained in this program offer a chance for any player to grow. It could be as simple as the experience of having fun with friends from other teams. Another coach might explain something you've struggled to convey to your team. It can be the experience that brings a shy player out of their shell and into the fun. If we do it right, it will set us all on the path to enjoying the game like we should while growing as players, coaches, and people.
- 5. I don't want to be told what to do. What about my ideas?** We want your perspectives! Our spring 2020 program is mapped out but we'll continue to build during the summer and update the program for the fall. We'll be actively soliciting your feedback on what was good and bad, things we did too much or too little, and how it affected your overall experience.

This is a critical stage of development for all of us. As a volunteer organization, the reality is that many of our U6-U8 coaches are parents with little or no experience with soccer and/or coaching. As a club, we shouldn't be asking coaches to reinvent the wheel. They make everything we do possible and that should never strain their ability to enjoy the experience. Finally, our kids deserve the best possible opportunity to learn and enjoy the game. We cannot provide that to them by continuing to work in isolation.

***I'm open to feedback and questions not covered in the page above.***

***Please feel free to reach out! - Sean Yohe, Technical Director***