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## *d'Alary's Coaching Philosophy*

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A stone thrown into water creates ripples. In soccer, the ball represents the stone and the players represent the ripples. Everything is centered around the ball. Coaching, for me, begins in this immediate area and must address first the player with possession of the ball. From this perspective I build on each player's particular skills and different roles.

As coach, I am committed to the improvement and development of every player's skills and capabilities in soccer. To this end, trying to win is an important aspect of my philosophy, however, it will not be confused with a "win at all cost" attitude which I do not follow. The pursuit of the "win" should not be made at the cost of integrity lost. The soccer that I promote is a balance of instruction, development, competition and fun combined to build team unity and players' confidence when using their skills in game situations.

At the forefront of my coaching is relationship building, an ethic of care, and the development of positive life skills in young athletes. My core values around soccer and coaching are a commitment to: the physical development and the psycho-social aspects of the individual athlete, maintaining the highest standards of ethical conduct and sportsmanship, meeting the needs of diverse families and backgrounds, managing the team (players and parents alike) through collaboration and open, honest communications.