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## *Daniel Torres' Coaching Philosophy*

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Just like the game itself, my philosophy is very simple. I have learned that the more we complicate things, especially with youth, the less enjoyable the game is for them. I love to focus on a player-centered environment: where the player obtains the necessary tools to compete on the soccer field, which may later lead to accomplishing many goals off the field. That does not mean winning a certain of games or scoring a certain amount of goals. It means, enjoying the sport in training and games. The only way that could happen is when the player feels comfortable and relaxed. Working and improving on the technical aspect of the game makes things relatively easier. That is why I like to focus on the player feeling comfortable with the ball at their feet so they can in turn deal with all the situations that can arise during the game. When the players learn how to deal with in-game situations they will become better players, but most importantly, a better teammate and that makes the game that more enjoyable for all involved. I feel like I have done my job when a player leaves the field after training or game with a smile and returns with the same smile. I want all the players that I coach to remember the following: remember not what you learn about the game of soccer, but rather the life lessons the game taught you.