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Frequently Asked Questions

FUTURES PROGRAM:

Q: Do I need to tryout for the Futures program?

A: No, this program is open to all players who are focused and want to take their skills to the next level. This program helps to set the foundation to be able to tryout for one of our Classic or Academy teams.

Q: What is the next step after Futures program?

A: During the Futures program, players are evaluated throughout each season. Coaches may recommend to tryout for a Classic or Academy team based on the skill sets that each player demonstrates at that time. If a player dominates the Futures program then we may recommend them to one of our teams. Once you have aged out of Futures, you have the option to tryout for a Classic or Academy level team.

Q: Do I need to purchase a uniform?

A: If you sign up for the entire season (fall, winter or spring) then a uniform top is included.

Q: Are there matches?

A: This program is a training program. While we will incorporate 1v1s and small sided play in the training sessions, this is not a team and does not compete in actual matches or a league. Some players supplement their current teams with this training program.

CLASSIC TEAMS:

Q: If we are already on the team do we need to tryout again?

A: Yes, we teach our players that nothing is just given to you in life, you must earn it. While we do focus on long-term development we also expect players to be taking ownership of developing their craft at home. Players that are committed and dedicated to developing their craft typically stay within the Club long-term.

Q: What do you do for Classic players who need more of a challenge?

A: Our coaching staff works collaboratively along with our Leadership committee throughout the year. We meet regularly with coaches to determine if certain players need more of a challenge. Our belief in individual player development means that if a particular player needs more of a challenge then we may request a meeting with their family to offer options to train/compete or fully switch to another more challenging team.

ACADEMY TEAMS:

Q: Why do you have multiple Academy teams?

A:

1. Creates a competitive atmosphere
2. Ability to challenge individual players
3. Give players opportunities to develop specific skill sets
4. Build resilient players
5. Nurture a supportive mindset

Q: Do you move players between teams?

A: At our soccer club, we recognize that player development is a journey, and it is not always linear. Every player progresses at their own pace, and sometimes that means adjusting their path along the way. In order to give each player the best chance to grow and succeed, we may find that moving a player to a different team or position mid-year is the best decision for their development. This decision is made with the Head Coaches along with the Leadership Committee and Directors. This might seem like a change, but it's always made with the goal of ensuring that each player is being challenged appropriately and given the opportunity to develop their skills in the right environment. We believe that being flexible with player placements helps them build confidence, improve their abilities, and reach their full potential. We understand that changes like this can feel like a big step, but they are always made with the player's best interest in mind, and our coaches are here to support both the players and families throughout this process. Ultimately, our goal is to help every player achieve their personal best, and sometimes that means making adjustments as we go.

GENERAL:

Q: Should we tryout for Classic or Academy?

A: Academy tryouts happen before Classic tryouts. Players who show the highest level of dedication to the sport play at the Academy level. Travel will be required at U11 and up. Practices will be more often and Academy players participate in

more tournaments. The technical skill, tactical IQ and psycho-social skills are more advanced in Academy level players. If you don't make an Academy team we can still consider you for a Classic team but may still request that you tryout for Classic as you will be evaluated against different players.

Q: What if I want my child to play a specific position?

A: At Juventus, we develop soccer players. Understanding the skill sets that are required in all positions allows players to be versatile which is critical to their development. At U12 and under players are encouraged to play multiple positions, even GK as we use their feet a lot to build out of the back. Players are encouraged to be open-minded and to appreciate the game from every angle!

Q: How do you handle playing time?

A: We believe that players must play to develop. We also believe that there is a different level of expectation from a Classic player vs an Academy player. In Classic, players typically play at least 50% of each game. In Academy, players may be guaranteed a smaller percentage and the rest is earned. Some Academy tournaments as well as championship matches may be played more competitively. Of course other factors are taken into consideration when coaches are making these decisions.

Q: Where are practices located?

A: Practice permits are requested on a seasonal basis from the county and MSI. Permits are typically not distributed until just before each season (fall, winter and spring). As a club, we do our best to keep our teams nearby so squad leaders and Directors can oversee. Practice times/location/day of week may change each season based on many factors. Our Classic teams typically train in: Bethesda, Rockville or Potomac. Our Academy teams typically train in: Potomac, Rockville, Bethesda, Gaithersburg, Germantown.

Q: What does individual player development mean?

A: Our club believes that every player is a valued part of our soccer family. Our goal is to create a supportive environment where players feel challenged and confident, both on and off the field. We understand that every player has their own unique strengths and areas for growth, which is why we work collaboratively as coaches to place each player on the team where they will be both challenged and given the opportunity to develop. As coaches, we meet regularly to discuss certain individual needs and assess if any changes need to be made. Rather than focusing solely on wins and losses, we prioritize building confidence and fostering a love for the game, which we believe is key to long-term success. By

nurturing their skills in a positive environment, we aim to help players not only improve technically but also grow as individuals, learning the value of teamwork, discipline, and resilience.

Q: If we make a team, can we choose our number?

A: Typically numbers are given by directors. We do this to make sure we are deconflicting numbers across age group/levels. This allows us to be able to move players as needed without issues with jersey number duplicates.