

US Youth Soccer Region IV

RUNNING A TOPSoccer PROGRAM



MISSION STATEMENT

To promote the TOPSoccer player's enjoyment of the game of soccer and to provide opportunities to ensure the success of all players.

Prior To First Practice

- Administrators/coaches meet to plan first practice
 - Determine number of teams based on registration
 - Designate head coach of each team
 - Determine number of stations for skill assessment
 - Designate a director of volunteers to assist with helpers

Determination of Skill Level

- Administrators/coaches/buddies arrive 1 hour prior to players
- Set up and review skill stations
- Assign volunteers to stations
- Assign buddies

Determination of Players Needs

- Determine skill levels
- Determine needs of players
- Determine equipment needs

This Determines:

- What type of program
 - Skills only
 - Skills with game at end of season
 - Weekly practice with inter squad and/or parent/volunteer versus players games
 - Practice with weekly competitive games
 - Number of teams/mixed levels of competition

Practical Information For Running A TOPSoccer Program

- Administrative duties and requirements
- Coaching duties and requirements
 - Plan practice
 - Arrive on time
 - Be prepared
 - End practice at designated time

Administrator's Check List

- Equipment
- Uniforms
- State required forms
- Handout for parents
- Schedule
- Special events
- End of year party

Conclusion

- Type of program is determined by needs of players
- Program can be altered as the skill of the players changes
- More than one type of program co exist
- Try new ideas

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