



Fall 2010 – U4 Pee Wee Program

This document has been put together to explain the purpose behind FPYC Soccer starting a U4 program and, the developmental process this age group will follow. It is the express intent of FPYC Soccer to provide an open, safe and secure environment for the players of this age group to experience soccer in a manner that is age appropriate.

FPYC's U4 Pee Wee Program Purpose – The introduction of the U4 program is to enable both boys and girls that turn three on/before 8/1 of the current year the opportunity to take part in a fun and semi-unstructured session of skill building games with a soccer focus. Players will actively participate in fun skill games that begin to establish the foundation of what will become future soccer oriented skills (passing, dribbling, field-awareness).

FPYC's U4 Pee Wee Program Mission – The Mission of the FPYC U4 program is to provide a safe environment for both boys and girls to participate in age appropriate games that foster an interest in soccer.

FPYC U4 Pee Wee Program Schedule – The Pee Wee group will meet once a week, on Saturdays at a field located in Fairfax City throughout the normal FPYC Soccer season (8 sessions). The Saturday session will be sixty minutes in duration. FPYC Soccer will run the U4 Pee Wee program in both the Fall and the Spring.

FPYC U4 Pee Wee Program Training – FPYC is partnering Golden Boot Soccer to facilitate the Saturday training sessions for FPYC Pee Wee program. Golden Boot Soccer will provide trainers experienced in working with young players (3-6) and, trainers versed in creating open, safe and fun environments for players in this age group.

FPYC U4 Pee Wee Program Role of Parents – Parents must stay during the entire 60 minute session on Saturdays, we welcome your positive reinforcement from the “side lines” as our trainers work with the Pee Wee players.

FPYC U4 Pee Wee Program Equipment – We encourage parents to purchase a Size 3 soccer ball which is available at any local sporting goods store. FPYC Soccer will provide each Pee Wee player with his/her own uniform shirt which we ask be worn at the Saturday sessions. We suggest each player wear shin guards and, the purchase of soccer cleats is again suggested but not mandatory. All training sessions will take place on a grass field so traction in regular sneakers may be limited.

FPYC U4 Pee Wee Program “What this Isn’t”

- ✓ This program is not a fully structured program and or, one that creates a potentially stressful environment for players.
- ✓ This program will not run formal competitive soccer games on Saturdays
- ✓ This program will not organize formal teams
- ✓ This program will not push players to meet minimum athletic standards
- ✓ This program will not force the game of soccer on any player

FPYC U4 Pee Wee Program “What this is”

- ✓ This program is a loosely structured fun way for 3 year olds to have fun with a soccer ball.
- ✓ This program is informal and semi-structured with a skills game orientation.
- ✓ This program will cater to all of the players in one group fostering sportsmanship
- ✓ This program will enable players to participate and develop their individual interest in the game at their own pace.
- ✓ This program is a great way for players to practice independence and experience socialization with other players