



Deep Run Valley Sports Association Peewee Soccer News Fall 2006



Dear Players, Parents and Coaches,

Welcome to Deep Run Peewee Soccer for 2006. For many of you this will be your first experience with Deep Run Valley Sports Association's soccer program. The Peewee program has been developed over a number of years and will involve approximately 180 children again this year.



Program Goals

Through curriculum based instruction and a 3 vs. 3 game format our objective is to:

- **introduce fundamentals** to players,
- **maximize interest** by keeping the kids moving and focused with small group activities, and
- most importantly, **TO HAVE FUN.**



Key Dates & Times

Event	Day	Date	Time
Coaches' Clinic	Tuesday	29 AUG	6:00 PM - 7: 30 PM
Player's Clinic*	Thursday	31 AUG	6:00 PM - 7: 30 PM
Parent's Meeting*	Thursday	31 AUG	~6:30 PM - 7: 00 PM
Opening Day Ceremonies	Saturday	09 SEP	9:00 AM
Peewee Program (Week 1)	Saturday	09 SEP	10:00 AM- 11:00 AM
Peewee Program (Weeks 2 - 7)	Saturdays	16 SEP - 21 OCT	9:00 AM Sharp - 10:00 AM
Picture Day	Saturday	23 SEP	TBD
Mini - Tournament or Soccer Olympics (Week 8)	Saturday	28 OCT	9:00 AM

*Please note that there was an error in the online newsletter. The Player's Clinic and Parent's Meeting will be held on Thursday 31 August not the 29th as listed.



Equipment*:

- Water Bottle
- Sneakers or Cleats (recommended)
- Shin Guards** (mandatory)
- #3 Ball (optional - club will provide practice and game balls)

*It is highly recommended that the player's name be put on all personal items.



Coach's Clinic

This clinic will provide instruction on how we would like the coaches to approach the instruction of soccer to the players. It is open to both head and assistant coaches as well as other parents who are interested in being more involved. For those coaches who are new to the program it is their opportunity to ask questions and get information about how the program is run. We plan on using what is taught at this session for use at the Player's Clinic.



Player's Clinic / Parent's Meeting

Attendance of players, parents and coaches is requested at this clinic. Players will be organized into teams with help from the parents. Coaches will have an opportunity to meet their teams. A Deep Run coach will provide demonstrations to the coaches and players in a camp like environment. Coaches will

assist with activities for their teams. After things get "organized"*** parents will be addressed regarding how the program is run, what to expect and given an opportunity to ask questions, make suggestions, etc. After the parent's meeting they will rejoin their children as things wrap up.

**Organized is a relative term with Peewees. Any parents who can help to coordinate the movement of the kids and parents to their respective teams would be greatly appreciated. Please call Carl Holz (contact information provided below) if you are interested.



Team Selection

Tentative rosters have been created and are almost finalized. Because soccer at this age is a highly social event we try to honor requests for specific teammates as collected at registration. We also attempt to balance teams based on age and gender. As a result there is typically some last minute shifting of players to equalize the teams. Please bear with us as we try to accommodate as many players as we can but also realize that we will be unable to do so in some cases.



Typical Schedule

8:45 AM	Player Arrival
9:00 - 9:05 AM	Group Instruction of technical skill ¹
9:05 - 9:25 AM	Team Practice of technical skill
9:25 - 9:30 AM	Game preparation
9:30 - 10:00 AM	Games
10:00 AM	Player Dismissal

¹A new technical skill is introduced every two weeks.



3 v 3 Format

Teams will consist of approximately 10 players. Games will be played immediately following the technical skill practice. Each team will go to their designated fields at approximately 9:30 AM. Each field is divided into 2 smaller fields with goals at each end. Teams will split 5 and 5 and will play their opponents on the two fields 3 v 3 with 2 substitutes. Substitutions will occur approximately every 2 minutes, rotating in fresh players. There are no defined positions. There are no goalkeepers. End of the games will be signaled by a whistle from a field marshal.



Volunteerism

The Deep Run soccer program is run solely by unpaid volunteers consisting of a relatively small group of extremely dedicated but, admittedly, imperfect individuals for which we are all very grateful. We ask each parent to contribute what time they can to making the programs at Deep Run a more rewarding experience for the kids. The Peewee program does not require any prior knowledge of the sport. There are no required practices outside the Saturday program so there is minimal commitment of time. However, there are needs for people to help with picture day, snack stand duty, parking as well as field lining and setup before the program. We need you! Please help when you can.



Miscellaneous Information

Parking has historically been a problem. Cars bringing 180 kids at the same time results in some traffic problems. We recommend you try to arrive between 15 and 20 minutes before the scheduled start time. Car-pooling is highly recommended. Instruction will begin promptly at 9:00 AM and the games will end promptly at 10:00 AM in order to allow time for clearing of the parking lot for the subsequent use of the fields. For opening day please plan on arriving 30 minutes before start time. On opening day, all Peewee teams will be assembled in the same general area. A sign will be posted for people who need to confirm their child's team assignment or to answer any questions. Be advised that opening day is a long day for the kids with early arrival and the ceremony prior to the start of the program.

The first week will be somewhat extremely chaotic as the confusion of what to do and where to go works itself out. We thank you in advance for your interest in, and support of, Deep Run's Peewee program and look forward to meeting and working with all the parents and kids.

Yours in soccer,

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P.S. Be sure to visit the club's website at www.drsvsa.org for informational updates.