



Deep Run Valley Sports Association Pee Wee Soccer - Fall 2009



Dear Players, Parents and Coaches,

Welcome to Deep Run Pee Wee Soccer for Fall 2009. For some of you this will be your first experience with Deep Run Valley Sports Association's soccer program. My name is Dave McKinney and I am coordinating the Pee Wee program this year. The Fall Pee Wee program will involve approximately 180 children this year. I plan to create 18 teams of approximately 10-11 players each.



Program Goals

Through curriculum based instruction and a 3 vs. 3 game format the objectives are to:

- introduce fundamentals to the 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' Clinics	Thursday	20 AUG	6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Players' Clinic	Wednesday	26 AUG	6:30 PM - 8:00PM
Parents' Meeting	Wednesday	26 AUG	~6:45 PM - 7:15 PM
Opening Day Ceremonies	Saturday	12 SEP	9:00 AM - 10:00 AM
Pee Wee Session (week 1)	Saturday	12 SEP	10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Pee Wee Session (wks 2-8)	Saturdays	19 SEP-31 OCT	9:00 AM - 10:00 AM
Picture Day	Saturday	26 SEP	TBD



Equipment*:

Cleats (recommended) or sneakers

Shin guards (mandatory)

#3 Ball (optional as the club will provide practice and game balls)

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



Coaches' Clinic

This clinic will provide direction on how Deep Run would like the coaches to approach the instruction of soccer to the players. It is open to 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.



Players' Clinic / Parents' Meeting

Attendance of players, parents and coaches is requested at this clinic. Players will be organized into their 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 be given an opportunity to ask questions, make suggestions, etc. After the parents' meeting they will rejoin their children as things wrap up.

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



Team Selection

Rosters will be created and distributed during the week of August 17th. Soccer, at this age, is a highly social event so I will try to honor any requests that have been submitted for specific teammates. I also attempt to balance teams based on age and gender. Please bear with me as I try to accommodate as many players as I can but also realize that I may not be able to honor all requests.



Typical Schedule

8:45 AM	Players Arrive
9:00 – 9:05 AM	Warm-ups
9:05 – 9:25 AM	Team Instruction and Practice
9:25 – 9:30 AM	Game Preparation
9:30 – 10:00 AM	Game
10:00 AM	Player Dismissal



3 v 3 Format

Teams will consist of approximately 10 players. Games will be played immediately following the technical skills practice. Each team will go to their designated fields after 25 minutes of practice. 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.



Volunteers

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 Deep Run is very grateful. Deep Run asks each parent to contribute what time they can to making the programs at Deep Run a more rewarding experience for the kids. The Pee Wee 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 snack stand duty. Each Pee Wee team is responsible for providing parent volunteers to work in the snack stand once during the season. Your child's coach will notify parents with the date and time your child's team has been assigned to work in the snack stand. Volunteers can also assist with picture day, field lining and setup before the program. Deep Run needs you! Please help when you can.



Miscellaneous Information

I recommend that you try to arrive 15 minutes before the session's scheduled start time and encourage car-pooling when possible. Instruction will begin promptly and the games will end after the 1 hour session.

The first week may be a little chaotic as the confusion of what to do and where to go works itself out. I thank you in advance for your interest in, and support of, Deep Run's Pee Wee program and look forward to meeting and working with all the parents and kids.

Regards,

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