



Deep Run Valley Sports Association Pee Wee Soccer - Spring 2009



Dear Players, Parents and Coaches,

Welcome to Deep Run Pee Wee Soccer for Spring 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. After five years of being an assistant or head coach in the Deep Run soccer program I volunteered to be the Pee Wee Program Coordinator in 2008. The Spring Pee Wee program will involve approximately 100-110 children this year. I am planning on creating 10 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 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	Friday	03 APR	6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Player's Clinic	Sunday	05 APR	1:00 PM – 2:30 PM
Parent's Meeting	Sunday	05 APR	~1:30 PM – 2:00 PM
Pee Wee Session 1	Sunday	19 APR	1:00 PM – 2:00 PM
Pee Wee Session 2	Sunday	26 APR	1:00 PM – 2:00 PM
Pee Wee Session 3	Friday	01 MAY	6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Pee Wee Session 4	Sunday	03 MAY	1:00 PM – 2:00 PM
Pee Wee Session 5	Friday	08 MAY	6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Pee Wee Session 6	Friday	15 MAY	6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Pee Wee Session 7	Sunday	17 MAY	1:00 PM – 2:00 PM
Pee Wee Session 8	Sunday	31 MAY	1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

NOTE: There are **NO** practices or games scheduled on Good Friday (10 APR), Easter Sunday (12 APR), Mother's Day (10 MAY) or the Friday and Sunday of Memorial Day weekend (22 & 24 MAY).



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.



Coach's 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 parent's 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 March 23rd. 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. As a result there is typically some last minute shifting of players to equalize the teams. 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

10 - 15 minutes prior to scheduled practice	Players Arrive
First 30 minutes of scheduled practice	Warm-ups Team Instruction and Practice Game Preparation
Second 30 minutes of scheduled practice	Games
	Player Dismissal



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 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 are all 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 picture day, snack stand duty, parking as well as field lining and setup before the program. Deep Run needs you! Please help when you can.



Miscellaneous Information

I recommend 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 promptly at the end of the 1 hour session.

The first week will be 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.