



North Scott Soccer Club PO Box 112 Eldridge, IA 52748

Academy Expectations

We, at NSSC, want our players to enjoy a positive sports experience, and we strive to create the best environment to cultivate lifelong soccer players. Soccer not only offers young children a great opportunity to compete, but also the chance to learn great life lessons. We cannot set upon this journey alone and appreciate your support. For our part, we have appointed coaches that have played or are licensed or in the process of becoming licensed in the sport of soccer. These coaches and advisors know how to best develop the players and skills. This is our position on the development of these young athletes...

- **FUN** Since this is the first contact with club ball, everyone must work hard to create an environment where the players WANT to be there. Let them play, learn, make friends, and HAVE FUN. At this age, who knows if soccer is going to be your child's favorite sport, so let your child develop at their own pace.
- **BE A SPORT** Coaches and adults have to set an example. Show respect for the opponent, the referee, the coach, and your child's teammates.
- **TRAINING** Emphasis will be on technical ball skills, attacking moves, small sided games, and running and coordination skills.
- **SEASONS** Accepting a position on a travel team is a Fall and Spring commitment. A typical Fall season will have practices starting early August with games starting in mid-August and running through the end of October. A typical Spring season will have practices starting in mid-March with games starting in early April and running through early June. There may also be optional indoor training opportunities and indoor soccer league games during the winter.
- **ATTENDANCE** When you accept a position on a travel team, there must be proper commitment. Attendance at 2 practices per week and games is expected. Players should expect a commitment that includes fall and spring. Multiple sports is great as there is a lot to be gained and learned from competing in other sports... but soccer has to be given at least equal commitment as the other in season sport. This can be worked out with the coach before the season begins.
- **FEES:** Uniform: ~\$50 for shorts and (2) shirts
League/Club: \$80 for the fall season & \$80 for the spring season
- **RESULTS** Winning is always an important goal, but NOT at the expense of developing skills and having fun... Learning, practicing and using skills are the top priority.

- **VOLUNTEER** At the Academy level it is very important to volunteer. Whether it be setting up, tearing down, managing, or even learning to coach, we need parents and siblings.