



2008 – 2009 Magic Academy

Mission Statement

Steel Town Magic recognizes that youth sports play a large part in a child's development. The Magic Academy's purpose is to develop soccer players for tomorrow through organized and structured training sessions that not only teach soccer skills but also life lessons.

Goal

- To train and develop the youth soccer player especially those who have a love for the game and want to become the best possible player he/she can become.
- To focus on foot skills – all games/activities will require each player to have a ball at his/her foot for most of the session.
- To strive to make each participant as comfortable with the ball as possible.
- The game of soccer is full of “1 v 1” situations – we encourage players to engage in “1 v 1” opportunities and downplay the “kick and run” approach.
- To encourage players to challenge opponents and to introduce them to “1 v 1” moves for success.
- To make sure every participant is comfortable moving with a ball at their feet.
- To stress development of individual skills first and foremost.

In stressing individual technique now, we insure that players will have the skill to apply the tactics that the game requires in the long run. In addition to making them the best possible player they can become it helps them to become the smartest player with understanding of why and how these skills are used in the game.

Skills that are worked on in the Steel Town Magic Academy include:

- Dribbling
- Basic touch patterns and ways to move the ball
- 1 v 1 – moves
- 1 V 1 – beating an opponent
- Passing and Receiving

All training sessions will end with small sided games to incorporate the skills worked on at the session.

Program Highlights

- Who:** Youth between the ages of 7 and 12 years. Other age players may be considered based on evaluation
- What:** Age Appropriate Activities that will Teach and Develop Soccer Skills. Having FUN and enjoyment will be stressed!
- When:** Indoor: Thursday Evenings 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm
Outdoor: Spring 2009 (April - June) – 1 nite per week; Games – Designated Saturdays
- Where:** Indoor: Greentree Sportsplex - 600 Iron City Drive (Mansfield to Anderson to Iron City)
Outdoor: Various Fields Throughout South Hills area



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Indoor Details

15 Sessions

3 per month (November thru March)

- November 8, 13, 20
- December 4 11 18
- January 8, 22, 29
- February 5, 12, 19
- March 12, 19, 26

Groupings

While National Coaching staff recommends ratio of 1 instructor to 16 players, the Academy will strive to maintain a ratio of 1 instructor to 12 players. This will permit each instructor to maximize time devoted to each player.

Equipment

Each player must supply his/her own #4 ball and wear age appropriate shin Guards. The field is a carpet like surface - gym shoes or turf shoes are acceptable - avoid cleats

Acceptance

The Magic Academy will accept players based on earliest submission of complete application. Application may be e-mailed (stmsoccer@aol.com), faxed (412-835-2277), or mailed. **No applicant will be accepted until copy of birth certificate, small picture (wallet size), and registration fee are received.**

Conditions

The Magic Academy is not simply a winter indoor training/league to keep players in shape – it is a dedicated full year training program. All participants agree to continue in the spring session; fees will not be pro-rated for participants who decide not to continue with the next session.

Academy Staff

Adam Hunter, Director of Coaching
Larry Fingers, Director of Academy
Ben Harrell, Academy Staff

For complete Coaches Credentials and Philosophies go to Coaching Page
(Other qualified coaches may be added as the need arises)

Cost:

15 Week Winter Indoor = \$ 200.00
8 Week Spring Outdoor = \$ 100.00
1 Optional Tournaments = \$ 60.00 per tournament

Deadline:

October 20, 2008

NO WALK-INS WILL BE ACCEPTED – RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED!

Contact Us:

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