



## Agenda – 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Programs

Time	Topic	Presenter
7:30 – 7:40	Welcome to the Spring 2024 Soccer Season!	Surya Singh, President
7:40 – 7:45	Registrar Update	Angel Portella, Registrar
7:45 – 7:50	Equipment Update	Allison Clark, Equipment Coordinator
7:50 – 8:05	Field and Schedule Update	Liz Bettencourt, Schedules (Practices) Tara Mathur, Schedules (Games)
8:05 – 8:10	Goals Update	Luis Melendez, Goals Coordinator
8:10 – 8:20	Referee Update	Christianne Mager, Referee Coordinator Bob Licht, Referee Mentor
8:20 - 8:50	Travel Program – DOC Presentation	Brendan Donahue, Director of Coaching



## Welcome to the Spring 2024 Season!

#### Thank you for being here!

**Our Mission** 

To develop lifelong soccer players among Lexington youth



## **Opening Comments**

#### My personal passion ... the answer to "why?"

Criticality of Teamwork



Competition drives continuous improvement

Activity → Fitness → Public Health





## Your Support Network – LUSC Board

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## Your Support Network – Division Directors

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## Your Support Network – Staff / Volunteers

LUSC Staff and Volunteers	
Director of Coaching	Brendan Donahue
Asst Dir. of Coaching	Tom Heimreid
Registrar	Angel Portella
Schedules: Games	Tara Mathur
Schedules: Practices	Liz Bettencourt
Fields Coordinator	Mona Potter
Equipment – Goals	Luis Melendez, Michael Kayser
Equipment – Coaching	Allison Clark
Referee Coordinator	Christianne Mager
Head Referee Mentor	Bob Licht
Referee Mentor	Rick Tyson
Technology Coordinator	Chuck Alexander
BAYS Representative	John Andrews
TOPS Program	Paul Clough
Mentor Program	Phil Porter

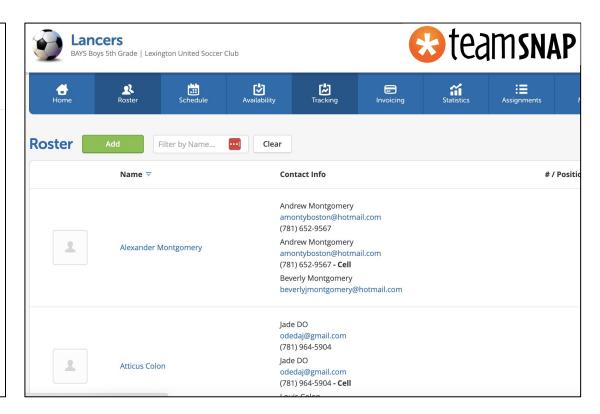


## Technology Overview

#### **Registration Management System**

#### Club Info **Lexington United Soccer Club** You are currently logged in as a registrar for Lexington United Soccer Club **Lexington United** Club Admin Soccer Club Club Registrar Team Management Add Team Manage Coaches Lexington United Soccer Club has partnered with AdminSports, Coaches Bulk Update the premier provider for registration and administration services, Manage Volunteers to process our registrations. If you have any questions please Member Maintenance contact us. **Compare Season Registrations Auto-Removal Monitoring** Returning User? First Time User? **Financial Reports Bookings Report Create an Account** Login **Check Waiting Report**

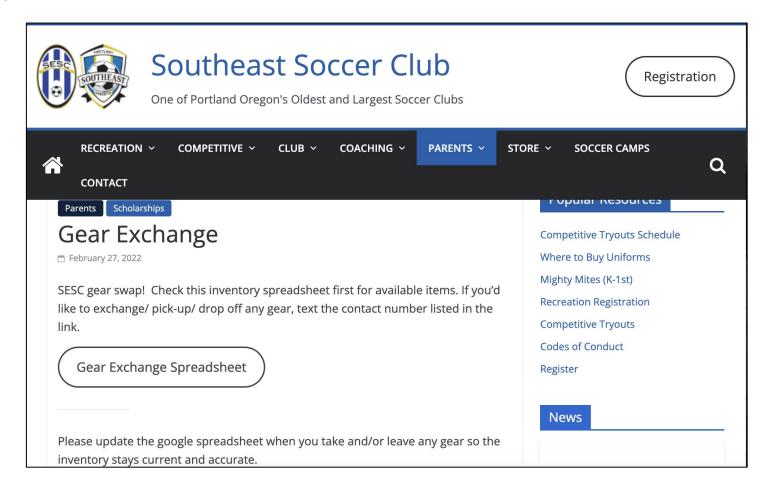
#### **Team Management System**





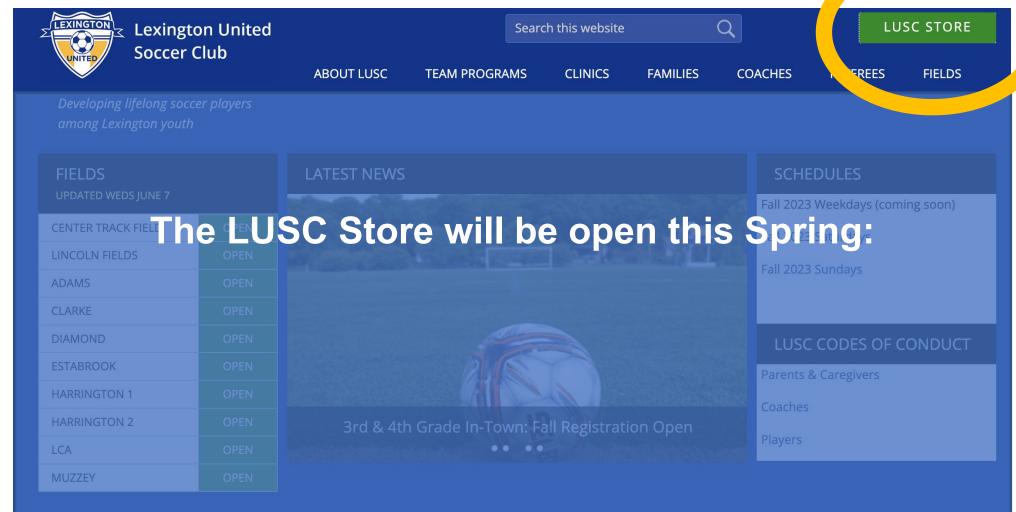
# A Volunteer Opportunity: Cleat / Gear Exchange

#### For example:





### The LUSC Store





## MYSA Registration Information

#### All Coaches need a MYSA Credential

- Thank you for coaching!
- Register with MYSA every soccer year (begins in fall)
  - Current, headshot-style photo
  - CORI and national background checks
  - SafeSport training, initial or refresher course
  - Concussion training, or upload a current certificate
  - CORI verification (one time)
- Passwords MUST be 7 or 8 characters and include one uppercase letter and one number.
- Use the same (legal) name and email for all accounts (MYSA, SafeSport, and Concussion).
- Download your training certificates.
- MYSA has good resources.
- REMINDER: Wear your credential! BAYS reminding everyone and refs will be checking.



## MYSA Registration Information

Certificates Tab, Links to Trainings Personal Info Applications Details Certificates Teams Events Referee Schedules

GET SAFESPORT UPDATES

#### Certificates

If you have available certificates, click on the image to upload or view a file.

If you are under the age of 18, parents should check with your organizations Risk Manager on requirements.

#### SafeSport Training:

New user: Make sure to create your SafeSport account with the same first and last name and email address listed in this adult registration account; this is to ensure auto verification for this training requirement in your adult registration account.

No need to upload your certificate of completion; although, it is advised that you save it to your computer as auto-approval/verification may fail.

Your account should be automatically updated to show your completed training within 24 hours.

If auto verification failed and you took the training in 2021 for the 2021-2022 registration year, you can upload that Certificate of Completion for your organization's Risk Manager to approve/verify.

If you already have a SafeSport account, click on the enrollment key below and Login to SafeSport.

New training site may require a password change for a returning user.

To take the SafeSport Abuse Prevention Core or Refresher training, click on the SafeSport Training Enrollment Key Link: https://safesporttrained.org/?KeyName=tsVWe36Xa6PS3b5NzOug

Concussion training is through the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) or U.S. Soccer Learning Center - Concussion Training Information:

CDC - Concussion training is being administered in a new system called CDC TRAIN; all adults that registered prior to March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020, will need to establish a new account with a new login and password to access the HEADS UP Youth Sports Training.

The link below will show you how to create an account through CDC Train and provide you with the link to take the training or, if you have an active account you can login.

Once training is completed, you are required to return to this Certificate tab and upload the CDC Certificate of Completion.

If training was completed June 1st, 2020 or later, you are approved for the Fall 2021 - Spring 2022 registration year.

https://www.mayouthsoccer.org/assets/61/6/create an account cdc train headsup massachusetts (002),pdf

U.S. Soccer Learning Center: U.S. Soccer Learning Center Concussion Training - How to Create an Account - Detailed instructions on how to register in the U.S. Soccer Learning Center and complete their Concussion Course ("Introduction to Safe and Healthy Playing Environments")

NOTE: If your SafeSport, concussion, or CORI Verification show as Verified (you see a check mark), no action is needed from you for this registration year.



#### MYSA Resources

#### **MYSA Resources**

- New Coach:
  <a href="https://www.mayouthsoccer.org/assets/61/6/adult\_registration">https://www.mayouthsoccer.org/assets/61/6/adult\_registration</a> new user help guide 07
- Returning Coach:

   https://www.mayouthsoccer.org/assets/61/6/adult registration returning user help guide 07.2022.pdf
- Registered, Incomplete Training:

   https://www.mayouthsoccer.org/assets/61/6/
   how to verify reg -find trainin linksdocx-print cori acknowledgement form.pdf
- Registration Checklist:

   https://www.mayouthsoccer.org/assets/61/6/adult\_registration checklist\_2022.pdf

#### Here are some helpful video tutorials:

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL5 qDX1oKtQ4XpE76yjVXkxM 2COySA3KQ

If you are having trouble with the training videos, or uploading your documents, please contact Safesport by clicking the link below:

https://safesport.atlassian.net/servicedesk/customer/portal/4/group/9/create/32



### **Equipment Update**

#### General

- Goalie gloves may be requested (Coach manages sharing/cleaning)
- Equipment bag and contents to be handled by coach only
- No equipment available from Diamond trailer

#### Equipment bags

- Coaches keep equipment bag at the end of the season or pass on to the DD if they will no longer be coaching (DD pass to new team or head coach)
- Unused equipment will be re-used or recycled (contact Equipment Coordinator or drop off at Diamond on Saturday morning during the season)



### **Equipment Update**

- Coaches meeting: DDs distribute equipment for the season
  - Game ball
  - Ice packs (4 per team)
  - Travel uniform kits/T-shirts sets for in-town G3/4
  - Coaching manuals (new coaches)
  - New equipment bags (for new coaches and G3 travel teams)
  - Coach T-shirt (size S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL) available at Diamond on Saturday mornings in-season
- Let your Division Director know of any equipment needs during the season:
  - Ball pump and/or needles
  - Medical kit
  - Replacement game ball
  - Goalie gloves, cones, ice packs
- Contact Registrar for reversible pinnies or travel uniform orders



## Fields and Schedules Volunteers

LUSC Role	LUSC Volunteer
Game Schedule (Weekends)	Tara Mathur
Practice Schedule (Weekdays)	Liz Bettencourt
Fields Coordinator	Mona Potter

Questions? Find us on the "Contact Us" page of the LUSC website



## Where can I find my team's schedule?

- Game schedules are on BAYS.com
- Practice schedules are on the "Weekdays" spreadsheet linked on the LUSC homepage under SCHEDULES

Practices start Tuesday, April 1<sup>st</sup> Games start Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>



#### **SCHEDULES**

Spring 2023 Weekdays

Spring 2023 Saturdays

Spring 2023 Sundays



## Fields used by LUSC

We do our best to schedule games on turf, but sometimes games have to be on grass due to field availability.

#### **Turf fields**

- Lincoln 1, 2, 3; and Center Track Field
- L2 and CTF have (automatic) lights

#### **Grass fields**

Clarke, Harrington, Estabrook and Adams





# The weather looks iffy. How do I know whether my field is open?

## Check the LUSC homepage - it always has the most up-to-date info!

Updated by 2pm on weekdays / 7am weekends

Fields typically stay open in rain but close if there's lightning, or if a grass field is waterlogged.

- We do our best to email coaches affected by field closings
- We sometimes need to move things around –
   please be patient <sup>3</sup>

FIELDS UPDATED TUES AUG 30 12PM	
CENTER TRACK FIELD	OPEN
LINCOLN FIELDS	OPEN
ADAMS	OPEN
CLARKE	OPEN
DIAMOND	OPEN
ESTABROOK	OPEN
HARRINGTON 1 OPEN	
HARRINGTON 2 OPEN	
LCA	OPEN
MUZZEY OPEN	



#### The Practice Schedule

- Some weeks your regular practice field may be unavailable (eg due to LHS use). These dates are listed in red on the schedule →
- If your practice has a conflict, we will email you to suggest an alternate field

If another team needs to join you on a field, please be flexible!

FRIDAY	Lincoln 1 (TURF)	Lincoln 2 (TURF, LIGHTS)
4.00 - 4.30pm	n/a	n/a
4.30 - 5.00pm	n/a	n/a
5.00 - 5.30pm	n/a	n/a
5.30 - 6.00pm	n/a	N/A 4/29, 5/13, 5/27 G6 Andrews G6 Shalabi B5 Agresta B6 Brandon
6.00 - 6.30pm	n/a	N/A 5/13, 5/27 G6 Andrews G6 Shalabi B5 Agresta B6 Brandon
6.30 - 7.00pm	n/a	N/A 5/13, 5/27 G6 Andrews G6 Shalabi B5 Agresta B6 Brandon



## Golden Rules for Game Cancelling

- We generally only cancel a game if we absolutely must (eg not enough players on a holiday weekend).
- 2. The home coach is responsible for communicating that the game is cancelled. To cancel a home game you must notify schedules@lexingtonunited.org; we will then cancel the game on BAYS and notify the ref.

3. **Cancel no later than Thursday 7pm**, otherwise clubs will be fined by BAYS.



#### How to Reschedule Games

Everything you need to know is on the Rainouts & Reschedules page of the LUSC website! https://lexingtonunited.org/schedules/rainouts-reschedules/

#### Rainouts & Reschedules

#### How to Cancel a Home Game

The home coach is responsible for cancelling the game, even if the away coach requests the cancellation. Please cancel as soon as you know you will not play the game, so we can notify referees.

- 1. <u>Click here</u> to email the Field Scheduler and Referee Coordinator to cancel your game. Please include original game date and time, coach name & division.
- 2. You will receive an email from BAYS confirming the cancellation.

#### How to Reschedule a Home Game

1. Check the <u>schedules</u> on the LUSC website to identify available days, times and fields. Things to consider:





## Goals Update

- See something
- You look at our goals more often than we do.
- Say something
- Goals are inspected at the beginning of every season, but problems can develop any time.

goals@lexingtonunited.org





Each goal has a unique number at the bottom left front corner



## Netiquette

- LUSC goals that are not anchored, have internal weights in rear crossbar.
- Internal weights
   affect how goals
   move and cause
   abrasion if the nets
   rides underneath





## Goals Inventory

#### 40 Goals

- Adams (four 7v7)
- Center (four 7v7, two 11v11)
- Clarke (four 9v9; two 11v11)
- Diamond (two 11v11)
- Estabrook (two 9v9)
- Harrington (four 9v9)
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#### Seasonal Assessment:

- Minor Repairs
- Various Repairs (includes frame damage)
- Candidate for New Net
- Requires New Net
- Parts supply



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#### Status for Spring 2024:

- 2 various, 2 new
- ready as of 3/25/24 9
- 4 various, 2 candidates (field is wet)
- 1 various, 1 candidate
- 2 TBD
- 2 various, 2 minor
- ready, 3/20/24
- ready, 3/20/24
- ready, 3/20/24, one small repair each
- 1 new, 1 candidate



## Referee Update

#### **Christianne Mager**

Ref-Assignor@LexingtonUnited.org / (617) 642-0393

#### **Bob Licht**

Ref-Mentor@LexingtonUnited.org / (617) 721-9658

## Please **RESPECT** the Referee!

The Referees are all doing their BEST!



#### Referees (BAYS ZT Policy)

#### BAYS Zero Tolerance Policy

All individuals responsible for a team and all spectators shall support the referee. Failure to do so will undermine the referee's authority and has the potential of creating a hostile environment for the players, the referee, and all the other participants and spectators.

#### Club officials/coaches are responsible for the behavior of their team's players and spectators.

- 1. No one, except the players, is to speak to the referee during or after the game.

  Exceptions: Coaches may ask questions before the game, call for substitutions and point out emergencies during the game, or respond to the referee if addressed.
- 2. Absolutely no disputing calls, during or after the game, no remarks to the referee to watch certain players or attend to rough play. **NO YELLING at the referee, EVER**, and no criticism, sarcasm, harassment, intimidation, or feedback of any kind during or after the game.
- 3. Violators may be ejected and are subject to disciplinary action by the BAYS Sportsmanship Review Committee
- 4. If coaches would like to provide feedback to or about the referee, AFTER the game, log into the BAYS site and under MyBAYS should be an option to give "Game Feedback" with a form that goes directly to the home Ref Assignor as well as to BAYS Officials.
- 5. If spectators have questions regarding particular calls, rules, or a referee, or wish to give feedback regarding a referee, please contact your BAYS team coach. Coaches can file feedback reports with BAYS or speak with their club officials to get more guidance.



## Referees (Important rules to know ...)

**GREAT RESOURCE page on BAYS**: <a href="https://bays.org/book/game-rule-summary-chart">https://bays.org/book/game-rule-summary-chart</a>

- Please make yourself familiar with the BAYS substitution
  - NO Substitutions on corner kicks or free kicks.
  - PLEASE have your players ready at the half-field line.
- If the coach gets on the field to attend to an injured player, that player needs to leave the field – you can substitute a player in (so can the opponent – BUT only ONE player).
- A player receiving a yellow card must leave the field and can be substituted for at the referee's discretion. That player can return to the match again at any substitution opportunity.
- Wear your MYSA credentials!
- Don't enter the field unless the referee acknowledges it.
- NO EARRINGS allowed in soccer.



Take a Photo



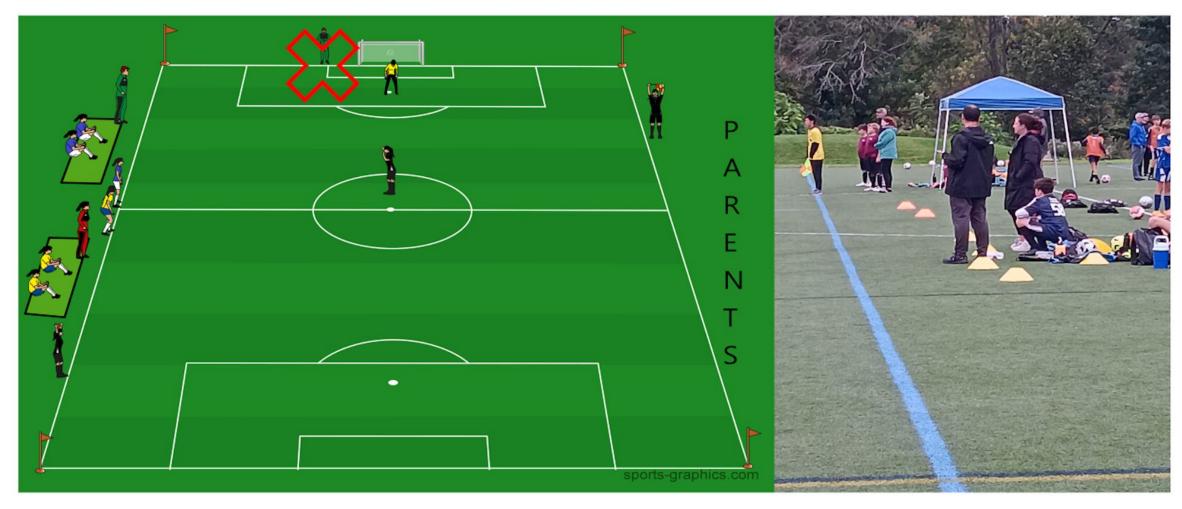
## Referee Update

- BE KIND to the referee
- BE **SUPPORTIVE** at ALL times
  - **RESPECT** the referee

All referee feedback should go through Christianne & Bob



## Game Day Protocols





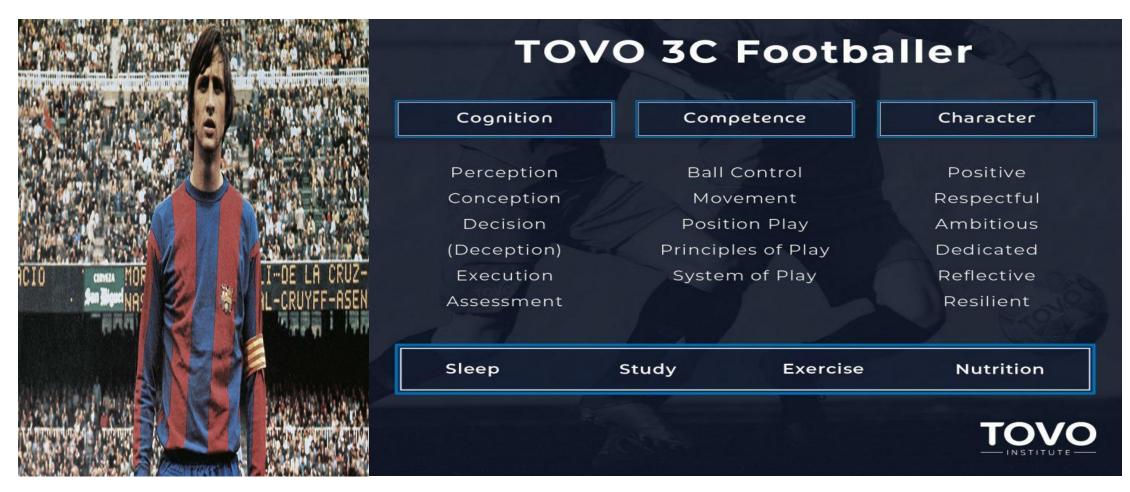
## 4 Game Day Protocols

- 1. Coach should remain in the Coaching Area- Although there is not an official coaching box, please remain on your half of the field and within 5 yards of your reserve players.
- 2. Do NOT have a coach behind the goalie- Similar to not coaching the player on the ball, we need to let the goal keeper make decisions on when to come, when to stay based on what <u>they</u> see unfolding. <u>Definitely feel free to coach your goalie</u>, but please do so from the "Coaching area".
- 3. Substitutes should ALWAYS enter the game from the half way line- This is standard protocol in all leagues throughout US Soccer and one we really want our officials to enforce. It's important that we have our players enter from this location when the referee signals them to do so. Players should not be charging onto the field until the referee permits them to do so and they should not be entering from their bench. This sounds easy enough, but it may take some discipline as a coach to get your players (particularly the young ones) to do so.
- **4. Place Bags and Water Bottles BEHIND the bench-** it is a safety issue having loose items along the sideline.

# "Explore the Space" Bruce Dickinson



## Cognition, Competence, Character





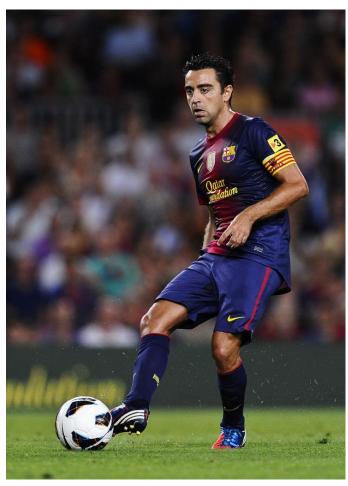
## Respect

- 1. Communicate your values
- 2. Create a culture of acceptance
- 3. Address inappropriate behavior immediately whenever possible
- 4. Reach out to Division
  Director and LUSC
  President
- 5. Learn and move forward





#### Xavi



# "The best players in this game watch the game, whereas the not so good players watch the ball."

Geir Jorde-Sport Scientist

- In a 90 minute game Xavi checked his shoulder 804 times! 9 times per minute.
- 16 times per minute while the ball was "in play" (50 minutes).
- Scanned the field every 3 seconds!



#### Baseline to Better

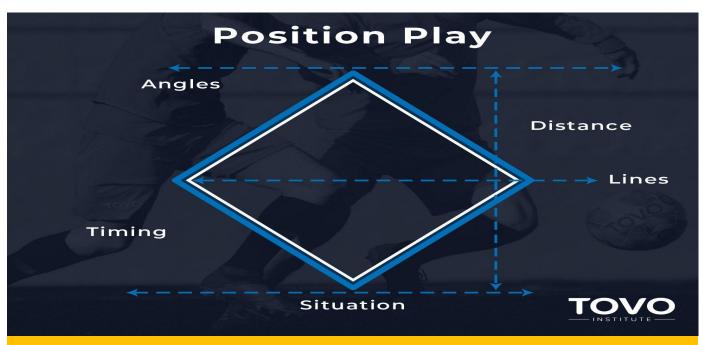






#### What is Positional Play?



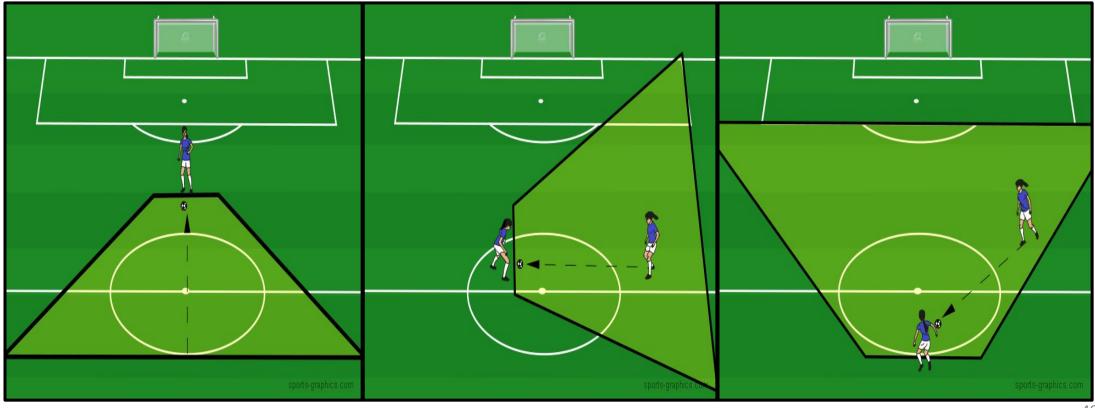


"Its final purpose is the player passing the ball enjoys two or three possibilities for playmaking"



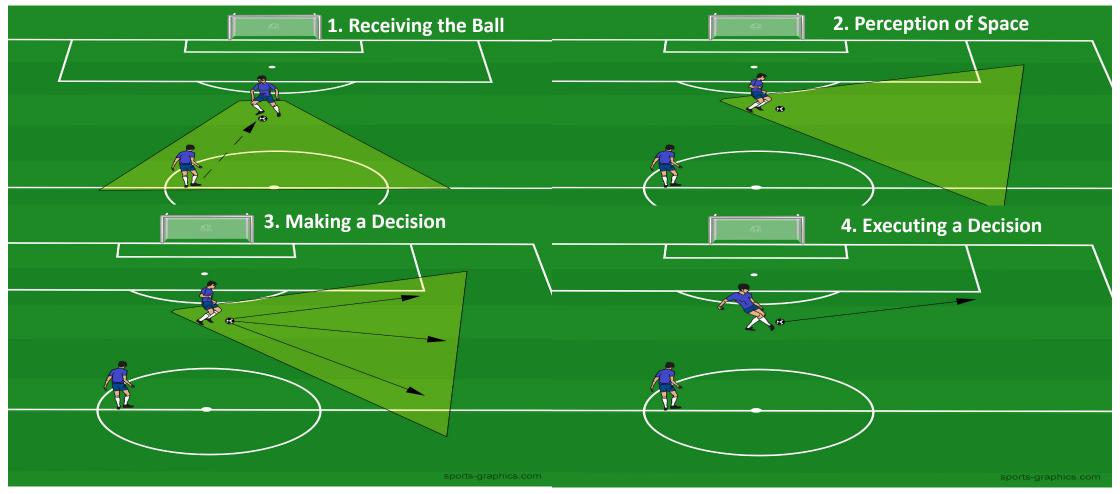
#### Improve Body Positioning

R. Jozek post 2010 WC Study- 58% of the time a Spanish player receives the ball facing forward, Croatia 38%. 32% of the time a Spanish player receives the ball in the direction where it came from, 63% of the time a Croatian player does so.



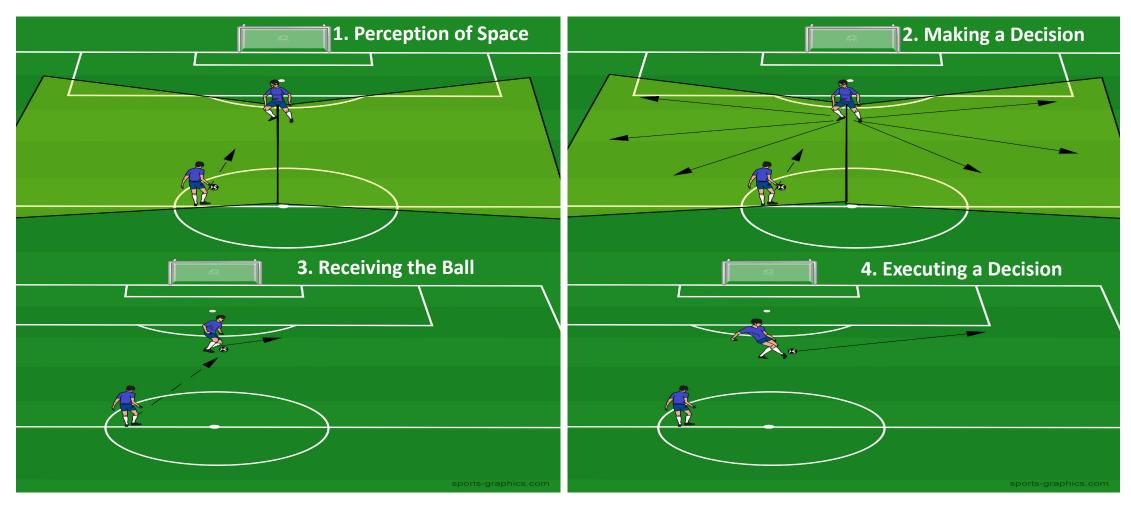


### Typical Progression





### Proper Progression

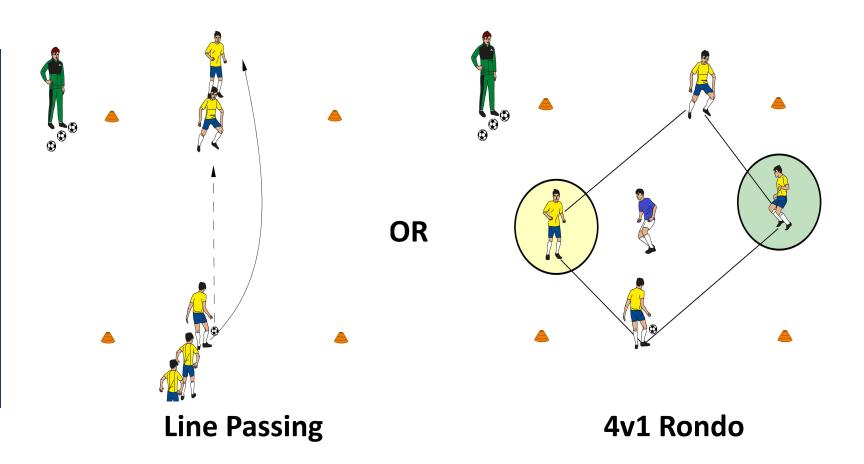




#### Pass with Purpose, Receive with Intent

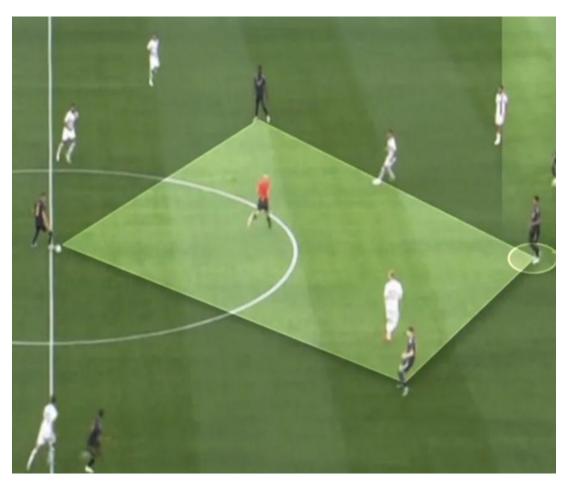
#### **Questions to Consider:**

- Where do I pass it?
- When do I pass it?
- Why do I pass it?
- How do I pass it?
- Do I keep it?

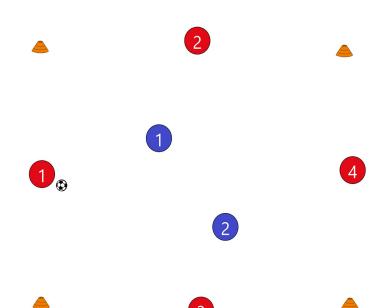




#### 4v2 Rondo

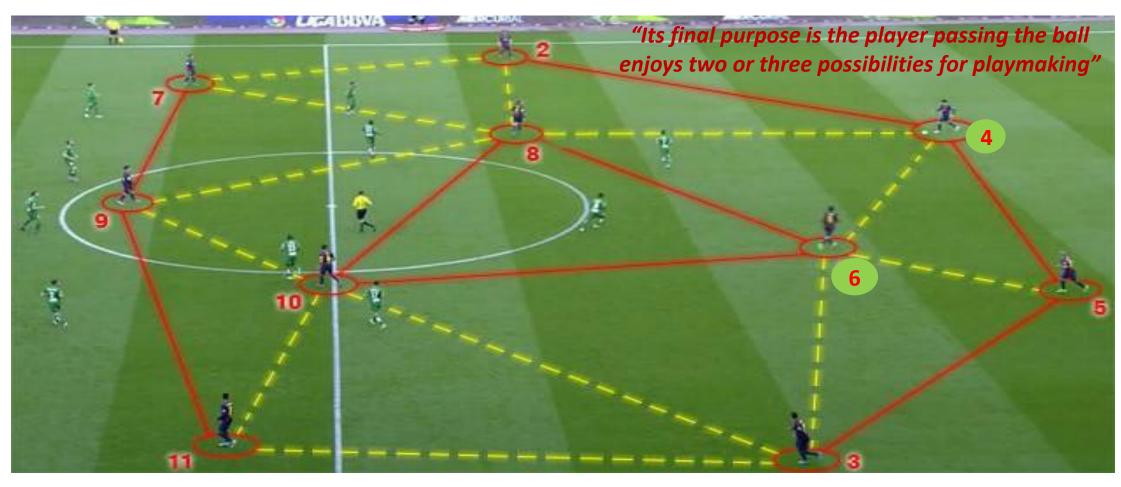


#### *Is it real to the game?*





### Triangle Creation



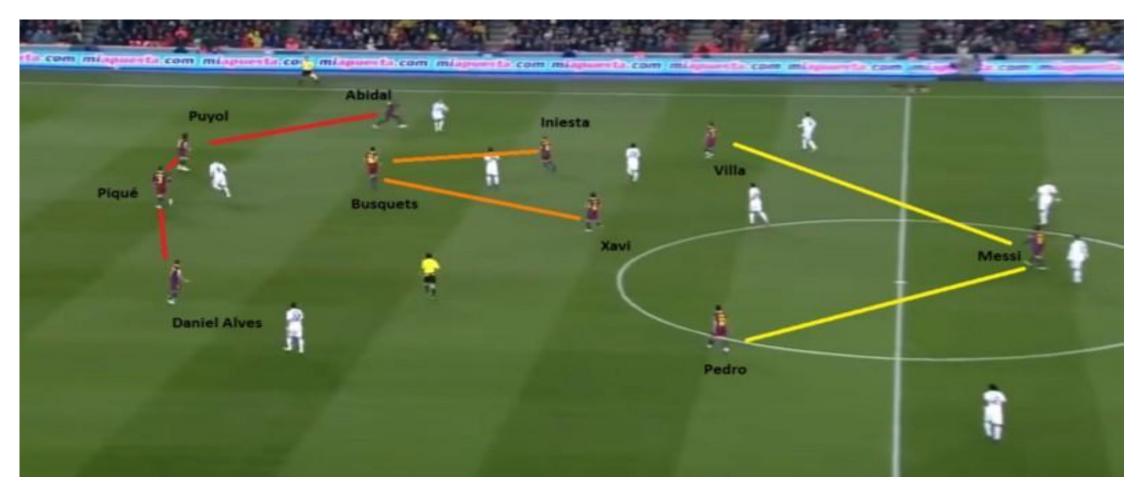


#### **Space Creation**





#### Space Reduction





### **Applying Pressure**







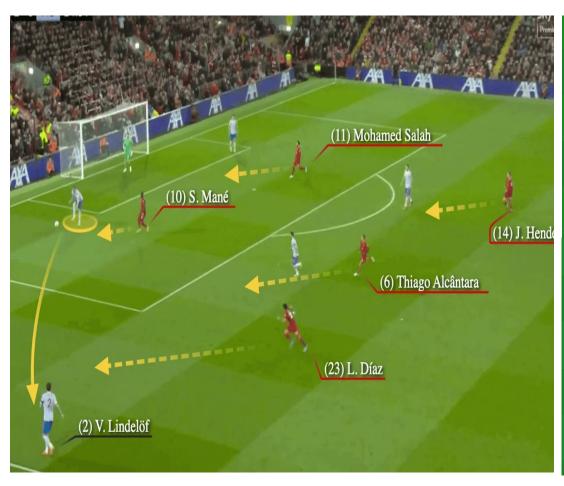
#### Strong Side vs Weak Side

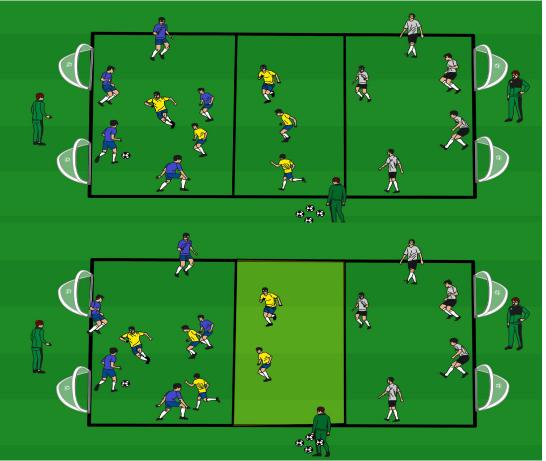






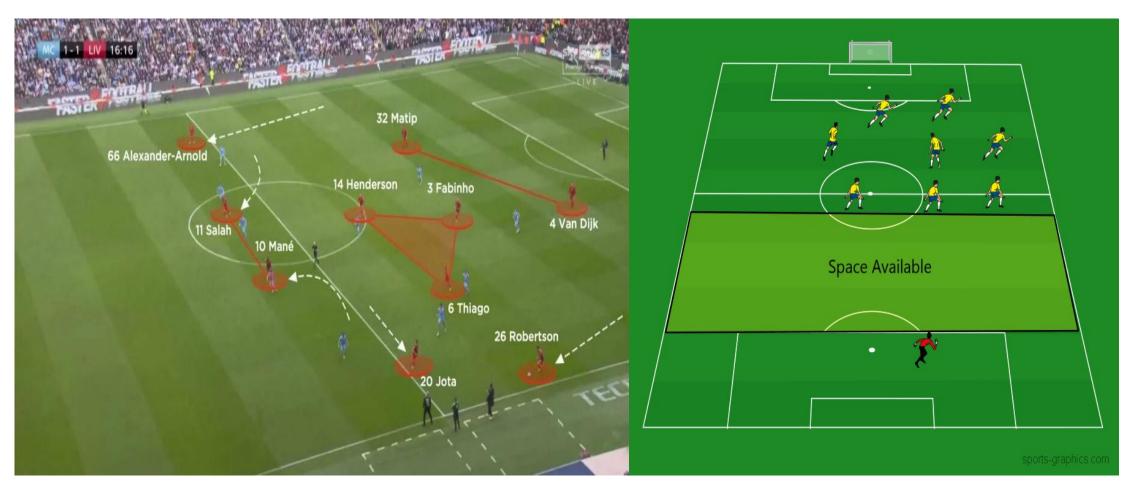
### High Press (Move as a Unit)







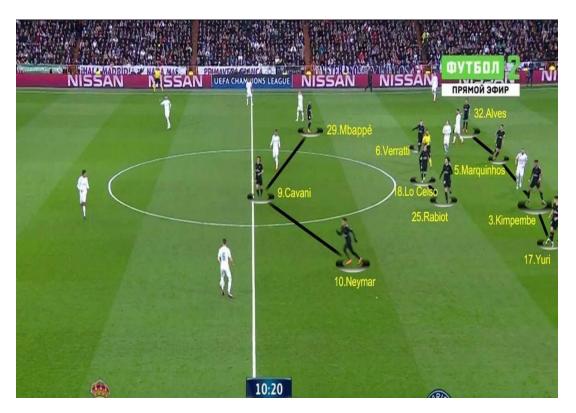
### High Block (Space in Behind)





#### Compactness

#### Play around not through



#### Play In front not in behind



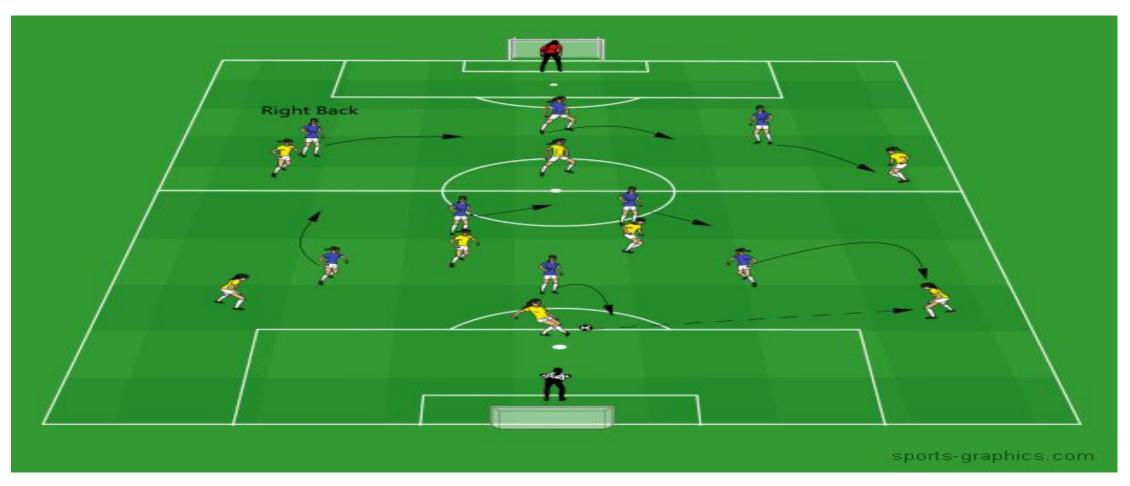


### 9v9 Teaching Positions





#### 9v9 RB "Move as the Ball is Traveling"



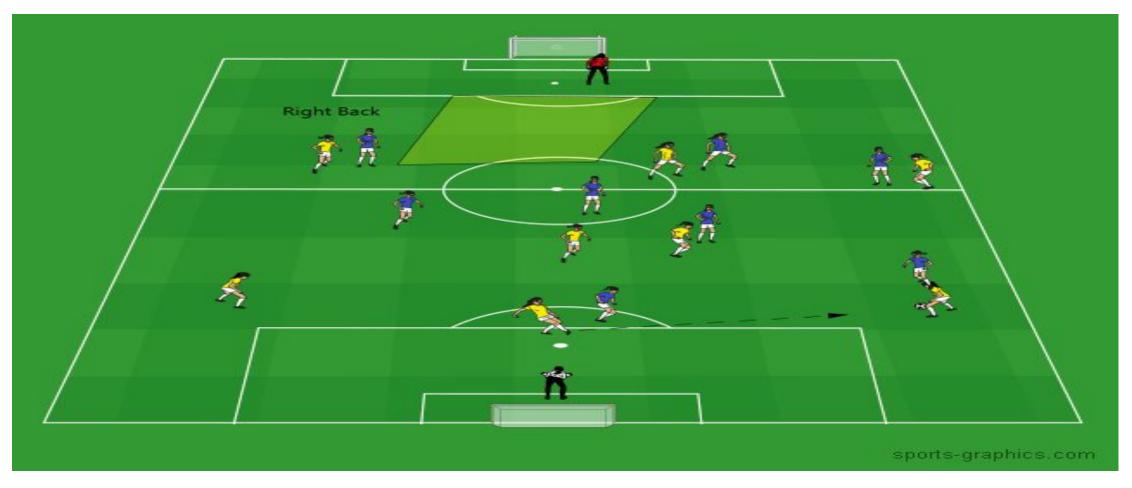


#### 9v9 RB or CB?



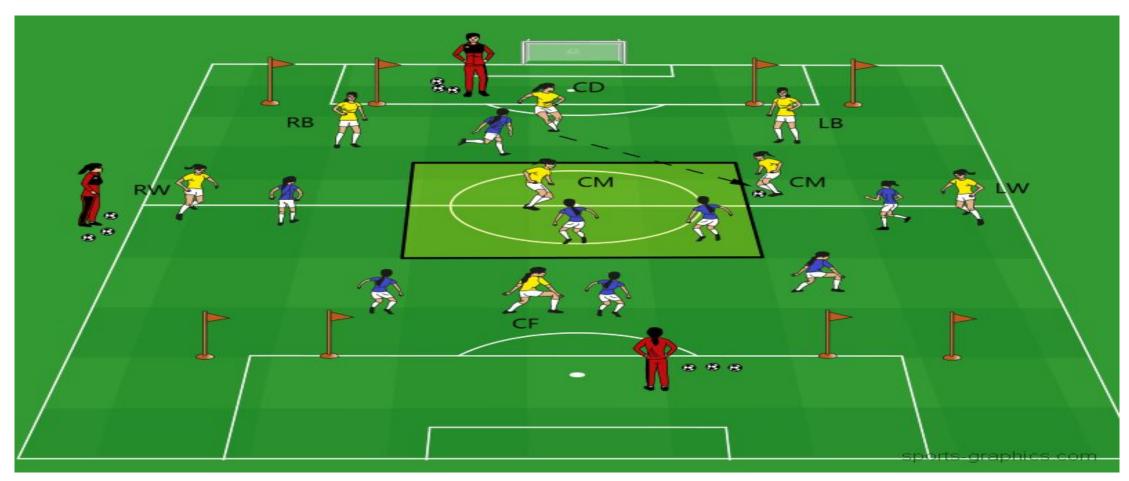


#### 9v9 RB Common Mistake!



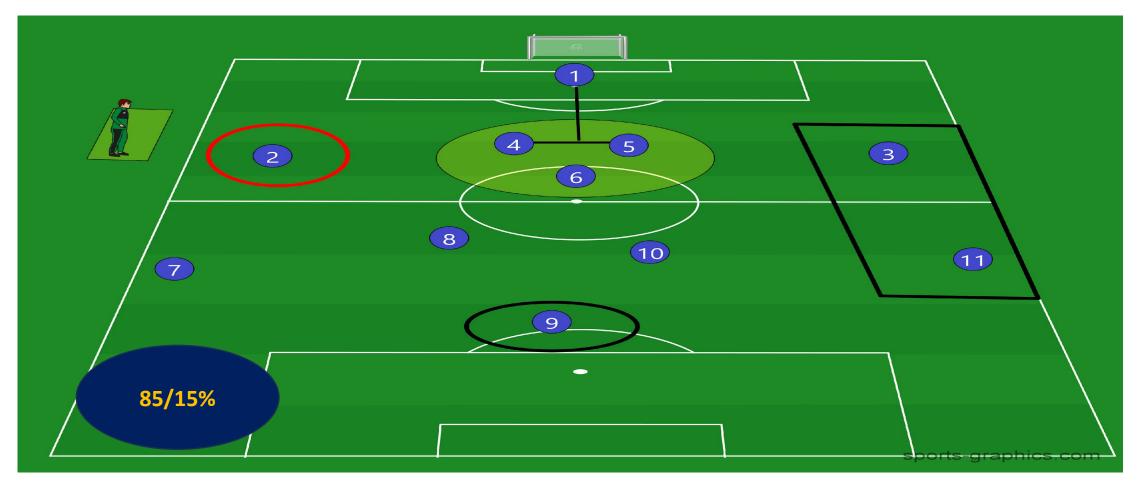


### Teaching Spacing





### Key Spots to Observe



## Enjoy the Journey

#### **Thank You**



Developing lifelong soccer players among Lexington youth