

OAKVILLE SOCCER CLUB

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Why Does Oakville Soccer Club Exist?

We are a soccer club serving the community of Oakville enabling every player regardless of age or ability to be the best they can be by creating a Positive Soccer Experience for all.

What are We Teaching?

Through the use of a year long curriculum from U8-U21 and a holistic approach to Player Development, OSC strives to develop all players to ensure they are ready to compete at all levels of the game. Coaches will teach a style of play that is relative to the age and stage of the player. For example, at U13-U14 a 1-4-3-3 is preferred but as the player reaches the Training to Compete and Training to Win stages coaches must be able to adapt to the game and opponent.

Oakville Soccer Club Style of Play

- Playing a technical possession game / ball on the ground
- Tactical understanding and awareness
- Physical and mental toughness
- Attacking - Players who are brave enough to play Forward and Attack the game
- Responsible risk taking
- Thorough knowledge of the Principles of Play
- Attacking Possession Style of Play with quick ball movement
- Playing a High Pressing Game – Style of pressing demands high level of fitness from entire team

How Do We Define Winning?

OSC believes winning is when an individual player or team has set goals which have been achieved. Each coach must set achievable and realistic goals for their team.

How Do We Define Losing?

Each player must understand that losing is part of the game and it is how you present yourself in the moment of losing. Coaches will teach their players the importance of dealing with adversity and how to bounce back.

What are the Characteristics of the Ideal Player?

- Good tactical awareness
- Understanding the game (Soccer IQ)
- Skill and composure under pressure
- Clear understanding and ability to make the correct decision
- Competitive nature
- Athletic – speed and stamina
- Great team mate
- Strong mental qualities
- Positive attitude and lead by example
- Humble as a player and person
- Respectful to team mates, opponents and match officials
- Focused
- Demanding of yourself and team

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The Ideal Coach

- Great attitude
- Understands the Game (Soccer IQ)
- Organized and strong communicator
- Open minded with a willingness to learn
- Competitive and encouraging
- Hard working
- Role model – teacher, Leader and Counselor
- Fair, Honest and Empathetic
- Be able to inspire and motivate
- Fun and engaging
- Supportive (team/parents/coaching staff)

The Ideal Parent

- Educated and knowledgeable about the club's philosophy, programs and long-term goals. Taught by OSC staff.
- Patient and respectful
- Supportive of the club's direction

What Does OSC Want for Our Players?

To provide every player an opportunity to develop in a safe, fun and competitive environment where all players can be challenged and thrive while learning the game of soccer.

Opportunities can include but are not limited to player movement (league levels), Provincial Screening, TFC (male) REX (female) Post Secondary Education.

How Do We Have Fun at OSC?

In following the OSC Philosophy/DNA coaches must create an environment that focuses on hard work, team work, common goals and healthy competition. Recognizing each player's development stage and long-term goals may differ.