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WE ARE ONE CLUB

ONE CLUB. ONE GOAL. ONE MINDSET.



WHAT IS A “ONE CLUB” MINDSET?

The “ONE CLUB” mindset positions a common goal of working to develop together across all of our coaches, teams, and players under the Olé club name.



ONE CLUB

It is our consistent approach to player and team development in which our club as a whole shares the same vision for player development, philosophy, playing style, and culture. Our teams are not islands, all using different methods and philosophies that simply wear the same jerseys. We are **ONE CLUB**.

Our **ONE CLUB** mindset makes each player's development a responsibility to the whole club and each of our coaches. This not only helps the consistency of development and clarity of purpose for everyone but also increases fluidity as teams move from head and assistant coaches after 2 or 3-year cycles.



MEET THE OLÉ POOL SYSTEM

Positioning Players to Develop and Succeed



WHY A NEW SYSTEM?

In the past, local clubs would evaluate players for a few hours of tryouts and place them on a team, either Top Team or Second Team, etc. As the season would progress, each player would face other teams/players of similar levels, keeping them siloed in their level of play and ranking. The opportunity for a player to face more difficult opponents from which to learn and progress was limited, and the chance for an individual to make enough strides as a player to move up in their own club was nearly impossible because they were unlikely to be regularly, properly challenged and therefore has limited opportunities to develop.



HOW DOES THE POOL SYSTEM WORK?

1. We implement our **ONE CLUB** mindset by selecting players at tryouts to play for an **AGE GROUP** rather than a specific level of team (Top Team vs. Second Team, Third Team, etc).
2. Each age group has a specific set of coaches and assistants, ensuring that all players in that age group get the same learning environment.
3. Every weekend, during the season, rosters will be announced for the upcoming week's games. Coaches will select players for the different teams' rosters based on each player's current skill level, performance during the previous week's training, and the level of competition/opponent.



WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF THE POOL SYSTEM?

- 1.** The “glass ceiling”, created by set teams and different levels of coaches is removed.
- 2.** Players are no longer locked in as A, B, or C-level players with A, B or C-level coaches at tryouts in May/June when play doesn't even start until August.
- 3.** Teams are regularly separated by individual skill level each week rather than 1x a year.
- 4.** It ensures more competition and less complacency, raising everyone's level.
- 5.** The pool system makes it so all players develop at their own rate rather than being selected as a certain level player on an arbitrary date in May/June.



THE POOL SYSTEM ELIMINATES:

- **Waiting until next year's tryouts and hoping you get an opportunity to play at the highest level or get the "best coach."**
- **New players and parents coming to a club hoping that there is an available roster spot on top team.**
- **Teams getting closed off due to politics and better players having to leave a club just to get an opportunity.**



**FREQUENTLY
ASKED
QUESTIONS**



“I UNDERSTAND HOW THIS HELPS THE MAJORITY OF PLAYERS MOVE UP, BUT WHAT DOES IT DO FOR TOP PLAYERS... DO THEY NOW MOVE DOWN?”

- The pool system encourages **MORE COMPETITION** by having players compete for spots each week.
- Within training, coaches will be able to separate players by current skill level in exercises and games, while still making sure everyone gets the same quality training.
- The **ONE CLUB** mindset means that players who need to be challenged more have the possibility to train/play/or fully move up an age group as needed. Players are **NOT LIMITED** by age groups. The **OLÉ Pool System** is also designed to benefit the top and more advanced players without stifling or limiting their development.



"HOW DO THE CHANGING ROSTERS AND WEEKLY SCHEDULES WORK? AND IS IT A GUESSING GAME AS TO WHAT GAME MY CHILD WILL PLAY IN?"

- Training schedules are the same as if they were set teams.
- Game rosters are selected and released each week around Saturday or Sunday as to which team your child will be playing with and which games for that week.
- It normally only takes 2-3 weeks for parents to see where their child (or children) will play for the majority of their games. Rosters tend to be 75-90% of the same players week to week.
- Any movement in the roster or extra games in a week is usually seen as an exciting reward.
- Coaches will gladly communicate with any parents that have schedule conflicts during a week and need to adjust or may need to miss, etc. The pool system makes it easy for players to still get games or training sessions to make up for any random conflicts.



“HOW DO COACHES DEAL WITH GAME CONFLICTS?”

- Head coaches will attend as many games as possible, and in any case of conflicts, head coaches and assistants will simply rotate which game/team they coach for each conflict.
- There is NO FAVORITISM towards one team over another.
- State/Region/Premier/National League games or Finals games in tournaments take precedence, but normally it's a simple rotation with Assistant Coaches covering the conflicting game.



“WILL MY CHILD STILL TRAIN TACTICALLY WITH THE PLAYERS ON THEIR ROSTER FOR GAMES THAT WEEK OR WILL THE TRAINING SESSIONS BE MIXED BETWEEN THE ROSTERS?”

- **Yes, your child will train with their match coach and rostered teammates for the games. This helps to develop team chemistry and tactical plans for the next match, which is very important.**
- **Part of every session will be combined, such as the technical portion, but it will not take over the entire session.**
- **The Head Coach of your child’s age group will have a training plan for the group as a whole, and then for the individual teams in that age group to allow specifically for individual team training.**



“WILL THE POOL SYSTEM CREATE A PROBLEM OF TOO MANY PLAYERS INVOLVED IN TRAINING SESSIONS?”

No, the Pool System will actually improve our training abilities.

First: We will have a beneficial player-to-coach ratio in accordance with the US Soccer Federation recommendations.

Second: Currently, we DO NOT have any team in our club that has a roster large enough for them to play 11v11 or 9v9 in training. This is a common inhibitor of development.

Third: The larger numbers will allow the coaches the ability to create more “real game” moments by playing full-sided matches during training.

The Key Takeaway:

Full-sided training matches will give your child **more realistic game-like experiences** which will increase individual and team development exponentially.



THANK YOU!

WITH YOUR HELP,
WE ARE **ONE CLUB.**

If you have any questions,
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