



MESC Juniors Football Philosophy

Mount Eliza Soccer Club prioritizes holistic player development by ensuring fair playing time, encouraging multi-position training and fostering creativity and teamwork in a positive learning environment. Junior development takes precedence over match results, with a focus on building versatile, fearless footballers. Our preferred style of play emphasizes ball possession, attacking strategies, and high physical intensity, supported by strong decision-making. Team culture is built on respect, sportsmanship, inclusivity, and effective communication. Success is pursued through continuous improvement and a competitive spirit, without compromising integrity or core values.

1. Player Development:

- **Fair Playing Time:**

Providing equal opportunities for all players to develop and improve their skills, regardless of their position or age.

- **Multi-Position Training:**

Encouraging players to learn and be comfortable with multiple positions and formations, enhancing their versatility and adaptability.

- **Skill Development:**

Prioritizing the development of individual skills, teamwork, and a positive learning environment. We encourage the development of creative players and fearless footballers.

- **Junior Development instead of results:**

Prioritize junior player development over results. The focus of our junior teams and players should always be about development first and results second.

2. Style of Play:

- **Ball Possession:**

Emphasizing possession of the ball and progressing it strategically through the thirds of the pitch.

- **Attacking Game:**

Focusing on creating chances and scoring goals, with a balanced approach to defending.

- **Physical attributes:**

A high intensity style of play that demands players be physically fit and strong with great decision-making skills.

3. Team Culture:

- **Positive Learning Environment:**

Creating a safe, welcoming, and inclusive environment where players can learn, grow, and enjoy the game.

- **Respect and Sportsmanship:**

Promoting good sportsmanship, respect for the club and other teams, and a positive attitude towards all players, coaches, and officials.

- **Teamwork and Communication:**

Encouraging players to work together, communicate effectively, and support each other on and off the field.

4. Successful mindset:

- **Winning Without Sacrificing Values:**

Instilling a desire to win while maintaining integrity, sportsmanship, and respect for the game.

- **Focus on Improvement:**

Emphasizing continuous improvement and development rather than solely focusing on winning.

- **Positive and Competitive Environment:**

Creating a positive and competitive environment that fosters a desire to excel and strive for success.