

..... from the desk of Eric Alonzo

97 Boys FC Dallas West Notes

Team Notes:

Welcome returning and new players!

I just wanted to say “Welcome back!” and “Welcome” to our returning and new players for this season. Even though we lost three very talented players, I feel we have gained four great players in return that will make our team more competitive in the year to come. In addition to our new players, some of our returning players have improved a great deal and I look forward to their continued improvement.

Practice News:

Areas we will address before our Labor Day tournament are **PASSING** and **INDIVIDUAL DEFENDING**.

I would like for our *passing* level to improve in technique and playing as fast as we can. I want us to “complete our passes” by making our passes arrive at their intended destination without having it intercepted or slowing the game down when we have the ball. I also would like our passes to be stronger out of the back. I also will be working on having the team play quicker so the game does not slow down. Hence, “Play the ball faster and take a look between touches,” is what you will hear at practice.

Defending- I would like for each player to improve in their individual defending. In addition to defending, I would like the team to realize who they are responsible for defending and not allowing that player to touch the ball or make it uncomfortable for that player to have the ball. So, I hope their man-marking will be improved.

Other news:

Individual reports-I had a chance to reflect each player’s abilities with in our team and make an assessment based on our practices and the tournament we recently played. Hopefully, I have identified some areas that can improve over the next few months. Regardless, of each report, the best thing a player can do to improve his technique and tactical skills are playing in small-sided games as much as possible. Whether it is 1 v. 1 to 3 v. 3, the game is the best teacher and the more touches on the ball, the better. These assessments are based on what I have seen and hopefully the player will work to improve this area as much as they can away from team practices.

Scrimmages- We are looking at having scrimmages on Saturdays, so as soon as we confirm teams, sites and times you will be made aware of them, Please plan on attending and if you have conflicts please let me know as soon as possible so that we can plan accordingly.

Thank you and see you on the field,
COACH ERIC