



Petoskey Youth Soccer Association U10 Soccer Academy

“Winning isn’t everything, development is.”

The Petoskey Youth Soccer Academy believes that development occurs when:

- Players are encouraged to try new skills without fear of failure.
- Players are placed in competitive training and match environments that are not results (winning) oriented.
- Players are grouped with other players of similar ability during training so that all players are challenged at the appropriate level.
- Coaches function in the role of a facilitator by creating positive training environments that foster technical, physical, and cognitive development.
- Players are forced to problem solve on their own as opposed to coaches and spectators trying to problem solve for them.
- Players are given ample opportunity/repetitions to experiment and improvise with the soccer ball in both training and matches.
- Players are praised for creative thoughts and actions during training and matches even if it results in losing the ball.
- Coaches and spectators model sporting behavior by making only positive comments to players and officials during matches.
- Players are required to play all positions on the field including goalkeeper.
- Players play at least 50% of each game.

“I don’t believe skill was, or ever will be, the result of coaches. It is a result of a love affair between the child and the ball” – Manfred Schellscheidt , U.S. u14 Youth National Team

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