

PATHWAY TO SUCCESS

DEVELOPMENT PATH

COMPETITIVE PATH

U15/19 SELECT 1/2 SEASON

Players will continue to enhance their technical skill, learn positions and perhaps even solidify positions within the team. At this age the willingness to win should be evident from players and coaches. New players can join, to make new friendships, have fun in a competitive environment

U13/14 SELECT

Players will continue to enhance their technical skill, learn positions and perhaps even solidify positions within the team. Greater emphasis is placed on tactical awareness but not losing sight of the technical foundations in the earlier years.

U11/12 SELECT

Players move away from the no/low pressure situations into full pressure to ensure a challenging environment. Emphasis is still on individual skill and beating opposition players 1v1 but decision-making comes into play (when and where to dribble and when to pass).

U9/10 SELECT

Training focuses on player development. This approach does not allow for our teachers to "joystick" players around the field in a game environment or dictate decision-making as a priority. Players are encouraged to dribble and not be told to pass is very much a delayed gratification process where it is ok to fail.

BEES ACADEMY

Bees can expect a warm and welcoming environment with sessions geared towards meeting new friends, working well with others, and getting a first look at hand, foot, eye coordination. Players will work on their motor skills without the ball, foot skills with the ball and enjoy many different games to maximize fun and enhance confidence!

U14/18 MRL

The new US Youth Soccer National Leagues Program will commence in the Fall of 2018 and will feature a network of Conferences (formerly known as Regional Leagues) that are geographically focused, under one leadership and management structure, and linked into the highly successful National League and National Championship Series

U13/18 PREMIER

High level league and Cup competition, against some of the best teams in Michigan. The first fall season at U13 will determine what level premier league each team plays in for the following spring season. After each season, teams have the opportunity to gain promotion to the next premier bracket or to MRL.

U12 ELITE

For our advanced level players graduating from U11. League games through GVSA league. Teams from the Grand Rapids area added. Higher level tournaments could be implemented to balance challenge and success.

It is important to note that at any stage in this developmental pathway, players can make the transition to the competitive pathway based on growth performance and evaluation

Travel Time Commitment:

Select/Elite: Drive approximately ONE hour to a league away games in Southwest Michigan

Premier: Drive typically TWO hours to league away games.

MRL: Drive to surround tri-state area for multiple games in league away games

