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Dear Families of U6 and U7 Soccer Players:

I am excited to announce this year Canfield Soccer Club is continuing and expanding our Soccer Academy. With many of you new to soccer I will explain more of what our Soccer Academy is about.

The Soccer Academy combines sessions of what we call footskills with regular games. Footskills are training exercises which help develop basic techniques for the children. For those familiar with other sports, footskills are our practice drills. Of course for our young children these footskills are kept lively and entertaining to be appropriate for these ages. In our "regular" games too, the rules are modified to allow a fast paced game with many goal scoring opportunities. Most children like the thrill of scoring goals and this soccer experts have found helps foster development of soccer skills too. For our Academy we hire trainers to run the drills and coach the children. The cost of these trainers are covered by your registration fees.

Of added benefit is these trainers are there to train our adult volunteer coaches. Many of us parents never played soccer and initially have no clue as to what to teach or coach. Being able to watch a someone experienced in soccer work with the children is a tremendous start to coaching. I truly wish I would have had this opportunity 10-years ago.

Our hope and a big goal for our Soccer Academy is to give young children the opportunity to learn a little about a wonderful game and a team sport. I can talk about the Soccer Academy and soccer for a long time and if you have questions please contact me and we can discuss further.

Sincerely,

Mark Scheel
Past-President, Canfield Soccer Club