

## LITTLE'S SOCCER PROGRAM



Development Program Pathway - Level 1

The **Little's Soccer Program** is our beginning level program that introduces the game of soccer. Players range from 3 to 5 years old, provided for boys and girls.

#### The Little's Soccer Program is for players that fit the following criteria:

- Entry / Beginning Level Players
- Players are new to the game, or have some experience playing in prior programs

#### **Player Requirements:**

- There are **no player requirements** in order to participate in this level
- Players will learn the basic fundamentals and methods of the game

#### The Little's Program teaches the following:

- Fundamentals
  - Simple touches when dribbling the ball
    - Not just kicking the ball
  - o Controlled touches when stopping the ball
    - Learning how to step on the ball
  - Passing (sharing) the ball with teammates
  - Learning to shoot and score!
- Methods of the game
  - o Introduce the rules and methods of how to play the game
  - o Introducing short-sided games
    - 1 v 1, 2 v 2, 4 v 4
  - Emphasizing on teamwork
- Development in Motor Skills
  - Stretching
  - Running activities
- Development in Social Skills
  - Helping improve with:
    - Communicating and listening
    - Following directions
    - Making new friends
    - Cooperating and sharing with others
    - Being comfortable in a new environment





# **ADVANCING TO LEVEL 2**

### **FUTSAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM – RECREATION LEVEL**

**Development Program Pathway** 

#### **Next Program's Expectations:**

- After players age out of the Little's Soccer Program, we transition all our programs into the game of FUTSAL!
- What is Futsal?
  - Futsal is a short-sided version of soccer. It's a 5 v 5 game, played on a flat surface, using a weighted ball, no walls allowed, and regular indoor soccer shoes are used.
- The Futsal Development Program Recreation Level (Level 2 in our Development Program Pathway), is a beginning level program that helps introduce the game of futsal and continue the player's development.