



## Goals of The Bagil Bites Indoor League

ISC will NOT keep standings in our U11-U12 league. There are a number of reasons for this, but most simply, we know from many years of youth coaching experience that players will still play and compete without standings and scores posted. The ISC approach to coaching has a long term player development focus. At times, parents struggle with this concept. However, we have an 18 year tradition of developing high level players through our player development focus. Below is a summary of why we believe a player development focus for U11-U12 players is enhanced when the focus of our coaching is on process oriented goals and not outcome based goals:

- Players need to play without fear of making mistakes at the youngest ages. When scores and league standings are always on a player's mind, players don't play or exhibit as much risk taking or creativity.
- A long term player development focus must provide kids with opportunities to play in different parts of the field. When coaches and players are worried about whether the team is first or second in the standings, players are less open to trying new roles, and coaches are less willing to assign kids to different roles within the team.
- Team and player assessment is often outcome based, and judged on wins and losses. When scores and standings become less of the focus, players will actually receive feedback geared toward their own developmental needs.
- New players to the ISC will benefit greatly from an approach that focuses on skill and tactical development, rather than scores and standings only. When new players join ISC, they can feel slightly left behind. Consequently, we want kids to develop and feel like they have a chance to contribute if they work hard, do extra practices, etc. We don't want them feeling like they are costing the team critical points in the standings simply because they joined club soccer a little later than others.