



## **Gainesville Soccer Alliance Coaching Philosophy**

The goal of the Gainesville Soccer Alliance is to teach, correct, implement, and continue to monitor a sound technical base from which our players can grow as soccer players. We develop a technical foundation by creating a practice environment that replicates the realistic demands of the game. The objective is not only to make the players technically sound, but to help them recognize the appropriateness of its game application.

The tactical aspect of the game is taught primarily through the use of small sided games with various and progressive objectives. Small games foster creativity, imagination, flair, and game intelligence. We want our players to learn through game experience, instead of constant prompting from coaches, so that they become decision-makers on the soccer pitch.

The Gainesville Soccer Alliance is an advocate of attractive attacking soccer. The coaches establish a system of play that is unique to the strengths of the specific individuals on the team while focusing on the attack and creativity of the players. We strive to offer numerous training opportunities outside of team scheduled practice times for players to enhance individual skills. This allows us to teach multiple systems as players mature both physically and mentally. The diversity of our coaching staff insures exposure to multiple cultural styles. Our long-term objective is to produce players capable of playing at the high school, collegiate, professional, and international levels. The coaching staff at GSA is aware that development takes time; therefore, we are very diligent in our efforts to implement the prerequisite building blocks for our players to enjoy and play soccer for LIFE!

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