



## **DEVELOPMENTAL “BRIDGE” TEAM / DBT**

### **BRIDGING THE GAP BETWEEN DEVELOPMENTAL AND COMPETITIVE**

**The Developmental Bridge Program is an evaluation-based program** used to identify those players in each age who meet the highest skills standards amongst their peers, as well as have the personal motivation to absorb instruction & apply those skills in game settings. This does not mean, just the top players. A lot of the mid-level players that really want to improve their skills and become one of the top players are the best candidates for this program as well. They have to be willing to not only be there for the trainings but have a good attitude and be able to concentrate and not distract other players.

Players identified in the evaluation process, will be offered to participate in an additional Advanced Training once a week along with other players in their age of similar ability. There will be a \$115 charge to cover the costs of the additional trainings, jersey and participation in the program.

The additional training is designed to challenge those players who are able & personally seeking instruction versus other top-level players in their age. The Player must demonstrate this proactive interest, ability to absorb instruction, and capability to apply the new skills learned.

When selected to a Development Bridge Team (DBT) for their age, in addition to a once a week high ability group training, the program will seek to play a competitive game or tournament with the goal of introducing them to the competitive atmosphere. We are there to use the skills they have been working on in a game setting.

#### **What is Developmental Bridge Program (DBT)?**

DBT Program is an additional training program for selected recreational developmental players, who demonstrate the desire to see the bigger game of soccer and have the intention to eventually become competitive players. We encourage all developmental players to participate in this program as long as possible.

### **How are the players going to be selected?**

Players will be selected during the Days of Discovery evaluations. Selections will be made with recommendation by the Coerver Coaching Staff along with SOSC upper level coaches within our club.

### **What Qualities are we looking for when selecting players?**

#### Skill Ability

Proactive attitude and drive to become a better player

Ability to focus at training (very important)

Ability to absorb & apply the material

Player parent's commitment to the program's training and game/tournament.

### **What age groups and how many players are going to be selected?**

DBT is available to boys and girls 2006 - 2013 (subject to number of qualified candidates). There are a limited amount of DBT training spots available. 2014 players can participate in DBT if they are invited by Coerver Coaching of Florida only. The younger ages will not be eligible for the competitive games, but will participate in the internal friendlies.

### **When will DBT practice and how many games are they going to play per season?**

DBT will train once a week for 8-10 weeks on Friday evenings. Coerver Coaching will provide training structure and guidance. DBT will have opportunities to play a couple of games together that will not conflict with any training or games with their development team.

### **Can a player be only part of the DBT and not practice with their developmental team?**

No. DBT players will have to practice with their developmental team in addition to Friday DBT training. Players that are not training and playing with their developmental team, will not be able to practice with DBT team. The purpose of involving the young players in this program is to give them that 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> training per week that is critical for their development. Participating with their Development SOSC team, they can practice their skills against players where they will experience frequent success. The DBT practice then gives them the opportunity to train with others of similar ability and challenge their new skills with more resistance.

### **What if a child does not make the DBT team and improves during the season? Will they have a chance to become a DBT member?**

Yes. If the child does not make the team, and they work hard to improve their skills, attitude or focus (whatever the case may be) toward soccer, then they are more than welcome to be evaluated again.

### **If my child made a team in the fall season, does that automatically mean he or she will be on the DBT in the spring?**

Yes, the child will make the team for the entire year (both Fall and Spring) soccer season, as long as he/she continues to abide by the other DBT requirements.

**How are the DBT coaches selected?**

DBT coaches are professional trained Coerver Staff as well as selected volunteer club coaches that demonstrate a commitment to “coaching for development versus results” and to the Coerver Methodology of Player Development. Coerver Coaching Staff will work closely with these volunteer coaches to establish the proper training for each DBT. Coerver Staff will be directly working with the teams instructing on a weekly basis.

**What are the additional costs for participation in the DBT program?**

There is a \$115 per season training charge that covers the costs of running the weekly program. Tournament fees (if applicable) will apply and may vary. There is no cost to try out at our Days of Discovery.

**If you believe your player could meet these qualifications and you are willing to support this program, we would love to see you at the DBT Evaluations called Days of Discovery**

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