



SANDWICH SPARKS ACADEMY

The SSC Sparks Academy is designed to create a stepping stone for our youngest soccer players by introducing them to skill fundamentals and offering a unique opportunity to learn in a small-sided, fun game atmosphere.

For whom is the SSC Sparks Academy?

U6 and U7 players (Kindergarten and 1st Graders) new to the game or who have a beginner's interest and enthusiasm.

Our "Sparks Academy" Philosophy:

SSC, in partnership with UK Elite Soccer, will provide the stepping stones into the game of soccer by giving young boys and girls the fundamental skills to enjoy and begin to develop in the sport. All coaches, group leaders, parents, and participants will adopt the understanding that this program will be run in a **fun-based, non-competitive learning** environment.

Curriculum

All lesson plans will incorporate technical activities in combination with theme-based games to increase each player's confidence with the ball.

Week 1: Movement and Ball Mastery

Week 2: Balance and Passing

Week 3: Dribbling and Turns

Week 4: Change of Pace, Coordination and Shooting

Week 5: Dribbling and Scoring

Program Overview: UK Elite Soccer has developed the Sparks Academy content for Sandwich SC. SSC volunteer coaches will run all sessions. SSC intends for there to be a 10:1 player to coach ratio or better for each session.

Session Breakdown:

0-15min: Warm Up: Emphasis on Balance, Motor-Coordination and Comfort with Ball
15-25min: Introduction to "**Sparks Skill of the Week**"
35-55min: Fun Games that Review the "**Sparks Skill of the Week**"
55-60min: Session Review with Instructor

Date/Times/Sign up information:

Dates: Saturday May 9, May 16, May 30, June 6, and June 13 (No Sparks on Memorial Day Weekend)

Times: **U6/U7 Boys** 8:00 - 9:00 AM **U6/U7 Girls** 9:15 - 10:15 AM

Location: Water District Fields in Sandwich (aka Bob's Fields - 146 Farmersville Road)

Cost: \$40 per player for 5 week session - includes a "**SSC Sparks**" t-shirt

Please go to www.sandwichsoccer.org and download a sign-up form. Any questions please email the SSC VP of Player & Coach Development, **Mike Ball**, at dmichael13k@gmail.com (or call 978.434.1228)

JOIN Sandwich Soccer Club and PTUSA in making this an exciting and fun way to introduce your young player to the great game of SOCCER! We look forward to meeting you and your player.



Sandwich Soccer Club *SPARKS Academy*

Player Name: _____ GIRL__ BOY__

Player Birth Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone #: _____ Cell # _____

Email address: _____

Do you have other children in the club? Yes___ No___

Cost: \$40 (includes t-shirt)

T-shirt Size: (100 % Cotton, Navy with Sparks and SSC Logo)

Youth Small: _____

Youth Medium: _____

Please mail form and Payment to:

PLEASE BRING FORM TO FIELD OR
SCAN AND EMAIL TO MIKE BALL

If you have any questions please email:

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