



Long Term Player Development

Heavens Eleven FC embraces Ontario Soccer's Long Term Player Development (LTPD).

(LTPD) Stage Appropriate Principles

Introduction

Heavens Eleven FC (HEFC) embraces the Long-Term Player Development (LTPD) model as a cornerstone of our programming to ensure that our young athletes receive the highest quality soccer education tailored to their stage of development. The LTPD research and guidelines are provided by the Ontario Soccer Association and is aligned with our mission to foster a lifelong passion for the sport of soccer.

LTPD Commitment

Heavens Eleven FC (HEFC) commits to the full integration of the LTPD model within our club, ensuring that the physical, psychological, and tactical training provided is appropriate for the age and developmental stage of each player. By prioritizing the needs of the players, we aim to facilitate their progress and enjoyment within the sport, allowing everyone to reach their potential.

Values & Benefits of the LTPD Model at Heavens Eleven FC (HEFC)

Child-Centered Play

Allowing young players to enjoy the game in a manner consistent with their age and capabilities.

Appropriate Scaling

Utilizing fields, team sizes, and equipment that are suitable for the various developmental stages.

Increased Engagement

Ensuring more individual ball time and decision-making opportunities for each player.

Educated Coaches

We cater to the developmental needs of young athletes through education and decades of experience.

Development Pathways

Creating clear and progressive pathways that grow with the player.

Holistic Growth

Viewing player development as a journey that encompasses more than just athletic skill.

Implementation Strategies

Cultural Shift

Addressing the “win at all costs” mentality by emphasizing development and performance over short-term victories.

Equitable Play

Ensuring fair game time distribution for all players who have earned this by committing to training.

Supportive Feedback

Providing individualized coaching and feedback to support player development.

Community Engagement

Hosting fun days, festivals, and educational sessions for parents and members of the Academy.

Expert Insight

Utilization of professional European Youth Club relationships and coaching education.

Parental and Community Education

Heavens Eleven FC (HEFC) recognizes the crucial role parents and the community play in the successful implementation of the LTPD model. We will provide education and resources to ensure they are well-informed advocates and supporters of this development-first approach.

Review and Improvement

This policy will be subject to periodic review and adjustment to reflect the latest in developmental science and soccer education, ensuring that Heavens Eleven FC (HEFC) remains at the forefront of youth soccer development.

For additional information, please visit the following pages

Ontario Soccer's LTPD: <https://www.ontariosoccer.net/player-ltpd>

Canada Soccer "Grassroots Standards": <https://canadasoccer.com/wp-content/uploads/resources/grassroots/2024-CS-GrassrootsStandards-EN.pdf>

Talented Pathway – Provincial, Territorial and National:
<https://www.ontariosoccer.net/player-talented-pathway>