



Frequently Asked Questions

Who Are The Coaches? Academy Director - Paris Waller and MI Thunder staff coaches

What Days & Times Are Scrimmages/Games? Saturday Mornings 9am-9:45am Little Bolts, 10am-11am or 11am-12noon Thunder Striker Games. Dependent on the team you are assigned.

Do I Have The Same Coach For Training And Games? No – You will have the same coach for all of your training sessions, but on weekends for your games you could have a different coach.

What Size Ball Do I Need? For the youngest ages (3 – 7 year olds) a size 3 ball is recommended. For The middle to older ages (8-10 year olds) a size 4 ball is appropriate.

What Do I Need To Bring? Make sure that at every Training session and Scrimmages/Games you bring; Soccer Ball, Water/Water Bottle

What Kit Should I Wear? Make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather. If it is cold ensure the players have; hats, gloves, coats, sweats on if needed. If it is hot ensure the players are in; Shorts, t-shirt, bug spray and have sunscreen. And if provided a club training t-shirt please wear this to ALL games and training sessions.

Where Can I Sit and Watch My Kid Train? All parents are welcome to stay and watch their kids play. All we ask as a program and as a club is that you are on the perimeters of the field and sit off the field by about 5 yards. This is so the players have space to play and we preserve the field as much as possible.

Where Can I Sit On Game Days? On game days there will be designated side line for the players and coaches. The other side line will be for the parents, we do ask that you do not sit behind the goals either as we don't want the kids to be too distracted either.

Do I Need Shin guards And Cleats? YES if possible. We understand both Shin guards and Cleats (especially cleats) are not cheap. For the youngest ages (3 – 5 year olds) it isn't as important. But we do recommend at least shin guards for safety. If you do not have or have no access to cleats, trainers/tennis shoes are acceptable. As long as they can get them dirty and easily run in them, all is good.

How Do I Know What Team Am I On? You will find out what team you have been assigned to soon after registration has been closed down. You will NEED to remember your team name for every weekend so we know what field to send you to for your game. Your team name will ONLY apply to games, not training.

Can I Be On The Same Team As My Friend? YES. We try to accommodate friendships, as we want the kids to have the best and most fun experience possible. Please understand we can't always make it happen, but we try our best. If you want family or friends together please make sure you send it in an email as a request, to Academy Director – Paris Waller parisjasonwaller@gmail.com

How Are The Age Groups & Teams Selected? We place players based on Ability. It is not gender based and we only use the age as a guideline. We like to make sure the children are in groups that will challenge them but ensure they can find success also. Please take this into considerations when

making requests for friends to be together (similar ability is important). With such high turnover in players in the program though, player start in their appropriate age group divided into Birth year i.e. (2011, 2010, 2009 etc.). Then once we get to know players and see their ability we can then move players at a later date, as the program goes on.