

## Skill Centre Program

<b>Program Name</b>	Skill Centre
<b>About the Program</b>	<p>United DFC's Skill Centre programs are designed to provide the players with a fun, social experience that continues to grow a love for soccer as well as teaching the fundamental and foundational developmental aspects of soccer.</p> <p>Skill Centres are open to all players, including those that have not played soccer before! There is a capacity of 40 players per program based on our current club infrastructure capacity (facility time) and coach ratio.</p> <p>Ages groups:  U8/9 (2016 &amp; 2015)  U10/11 (2014 &amp; 2013)</p>
<b>Coaches</b>	<p>United DFC uses a team approach to coaching which means that a team of great coaches work together under an experienced head coach's guidance to provide players with the best experience possible.</p> <p>Coaches follow a curriculum developed by the Canadian Soccer Association, Soccer NS, United DFC and the head coach. All United DFC Coaches will be properly qualified and on-boarded in order to ensure that we as a club adhere to the standards &amp; principles set by Soccer Nova Scotia &amp; Canada Soccer.</p>
<b>Training &amp; Games</b>	<p>2 sessions per week with 1 at East Coast Varsity Turf and 1 at a local school gymnasium  +1 optional Futsal per week at a local school gym for U10/11 SC  +1 optional Futsal per week at a local school gym for U8/9 SC</p> <p>Games are each second Saturday, played in Festival format</p>
<b>Player Selection Policy</b>	<p>Skills Centers are open to all interested players until the program cap is reached. In rare situations, coaches may recommend alternate pathways for players who may benefit in an alternate environment. United DFCs goal is to place players in the most developmentally appropriate environment.</p>
<b>Cost</b>	<p>\$420.00 - U8/9 (2016 &amp; 2015)  \$460 - U10/11 (2014 &amp; 2013)</p>

<b>Key Dates</b>	<p>September 8th: Program Information released &amp; Coaches application form opens</p> <p>September 11th: Registration opens</p> <p>September 26th: Registration &amp; Coaches application closes (1st payment instalment due)</p> <p>October 16th (week of): Practices begin</p> <p>November: Festivals begin</p> <p>December 24th: Holiday Break begins</p> <p>January 2nd: Holiday Break concludes</p> <p>March 2/3, 2024, 2024: End of season</p>
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