

## Edmonton Drillers Youth Soccer Club: Renewed Philosophy – Indoor 2021/22



In looking ahead to the Indoor 2021/22 season, the Edmonton Youth Drillers Soccer Club has created a revised set of club values that correspond with our new upcoming technical program re-structuring. These are not just focused around soccer, but also personal development and growth of our players & coaches. The expectation is that all of our players, coaches, technical staff, team officials and board members adopt these values in their words and actions. We will not be measuring our club's success solely on soccer metrics or skills, i.e. wins, losses, goals for, goals against, number of juggles or consecutive passes. Sport has a fair amount of unpredictability in results; a bad bounce here, and a lucky break there. However, at the Drillers we believe that there is a predictability and expectation in how we can conduct and commit ourselves. We control our own development on the field in player skills and team-work, and off the field in understanding and growing through important life-lessons found within sport, which will stay with our members beyond just one season. Welcome to our Drillers family.

### Values

→Community: When you join the Drillers, you are joining more than just a soccer club team. You are joining a family that runs from Grassroots to Adult. Every Driller should take pride in being part of this and use that as motivation to discover and improve their skills and character, while making their personal contribution to the overall growth and success of our family. Our club expectation is that our family looks after the area that our club resides in North/West Edmonton. Whether it be the actual soccer fields, gymnasiums, turf centres, but more importantly the staff members who oversee these facilities and give us the opportunity to play, we hold all of these aspects at the highest level of respect. Our family will take care of the community, and in turn the community will take care of our family. We will provide our older-aged players coaching opportunities (with appropriate support and training), so that they may give back to our family, the community and the game of soccer, by teaching the up-and-coming generation of younger Drillers. Our family also supports the life endeavors of our members, whether it be post-secondary education or career opportunities outside of the game of soccer.

"Once a Driller, Always a Driller."

→Accountability: There will not be any pressure on your child or their coaches to achieve a certain amount of wins or personal statistics, however there will be an expectation that they are accountable to themselves and their teammates, by dedicating themselves to giving their full effort every time they step on a soccer field.

→Growth: The Drillers will provide an impactful environment for players to grow from their early U-4 Grassroots years all the way through to Adult level. It is a priority for our club to encourage and provide positive opportunities (technical training support/player mentorship) for development not only on the field, but off the field as they learn through their experiences. Every child develops at a different rate. Some are earlier developers and others take longer to achieve their potential, so growth is measured by the individual development, not just through results or statistics. The goal is that every season players will develop one year from where they started. This includes learning through both success and adversity, to not only become a better soccer player, but member of society.

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→Commitment: When you accept a position with the Drillers, for that season you are making an important commitment to your parents, teammates and coaches, and most importantly yourself. You will commit yourself to attending training sessions and games with a dedicated focus, an effort to develop your skills, and committing to maintaining a positive attitude while building relationships with your team members – be proud to be a Driller, and committing yourself to a “No Excuses” mentality.

→Respect: When you are a Driller, you respect that the logo on the front means more than the number on the back. Above all, you, respect your parents, coaches and teammates as without them there is no journey. You respect the beautiful game of soccer through using your enthusiasm to express yourself in a positive manner. You will treat your opponents and game officials with respect, because when you are wearing the Driller colors, the expectation is to represent the logo with a high standard of dignity and integrity.

### Club Mission Statement & Vision

The Drillers aim is to provide opportunities for youth soccer players to develop and excel in their individual/team soccer skills, with a primary focus of **empowering** young players to commit and growth themselves in a positive learning environment where they can express themselves. We also believe in using the players’ enthusiasm for the sport of soccer to provide pathways for off-field growth, while learning the importance of commitment, work ethic, perseverance and team-work.

Our club maintains a reputation in modelling the National Club License (EIYSA FC), with an expanded Grassroots program (U4-U8), and successful developmental and competitive youth streams of Tier 1-3 programs (U9-U19), all the way to Adult (EDSA/AMSL) playing opportunities, in a journey as a “Driller For Life”. The Drillers are committed to keeping our coaches and players accountable to a high standard, while providing extensive technical support and developmental resources to all of our teams.

**We define success as peace of mind which is a direct result of self-satisfaction in knowing you did your best to become the best that you are capable of becoming.**

**(John Wooden, UCLA Bruins)**

On behalf of the Drillers Board of Directors, thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you on the field!

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