



SKILLS DEVELOPMENT CENTRE 2010



INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION BOOKLET

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Draperstown Celtic F.C. Skills Development Centre

Season 4

The importance of developing youth football is key to the future success of Draperstown Celtic and therefore we are pleased to announce the return of the highly successful Draperstown Celtic Skills Development Centre.

The focus of the Skills Development Centre is on developing skilled, confident and creative footballers while making the game fun to practice and play. We will teach the importance of good sportsmanship, respect for all and the value of winning but not at the expense of player character or performance development. The Centre embraces the concept of fun and enjoyment, which is important if children are to develop a lifelong love of football. It is designed for children from P3 – P7 of all abilities, to develop skills, understanding and most importantly make the game FUN and ENJOYABLE.

Last year was our most successful season yet with over 850 children attending the Centre during the season. We had an average of 40 children each Saturday morning learning new skills and enjoying the game of football.

Since its beginnings 3 years ago the Centre has grown in popularity and has given rise to some interesting facts:

- Over 2,000 children have attended
- Received IFA Accreditation
- Hosted an IFA Football Fun week
- Hosted a Mini Soccer Tournament
- Produced players for our Youth team

This booklet will hopefully provide you with answers to any queries you have but if you need any further information do not hesitate to contact me on 07841344253.

Paul McCallion
Skills Development Centre Co-ordinator



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Important Information about the Centre

The Draperstown Celtic Skills Development Centre is an accredited IFA Skills Development Centre and to receive this accreditation we had to adhere to very stringent criteria.

The sessions are delivered by qualified coaches who have completed the IFA Mini Soccer Coaching Award as well as a Safeguarding Children in Football Certificate. We have also produced Codes of Conducts for children, parents and coaches involved in the Skills Development Centre.

What is involved in the Skills Development Centres?

The Centre provides fun and informal coaching for boys and girls of all abilities. Coaching sessions will cover speed, agility and quickness training, skill games and small sided football matches with an emphasis at all times on fun.

Who is the Centre for?

The Draperstown Celtic Development Centre is open to both boys and girls from P3 – P7.

What equipment is required?

The children should wear football boots and shin guards to the sessions.

What is the cost?

It costs £2.00 per week per child.

Where and when does the Development Centre take place?

The Centre takes place at the Draperstown Celtic ground – Cahore Park – every Saturday at 11am.

Draperstown Celtic Skills Development Centre Kits

Following requests, Draperstown Celtic are introducing a Development Centre soccer kit. This kit could be worn for training and attending any tournaments. This kit is not compulsory but if you would be interested in purchasing a kit please speak to the Centre Co-ordinator.



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Code of Conduct for Players

Children / Young Players are expected to:

- Keep within the defined boundary of the playing / coaching area
- Behave and listen to all instructions from the coaches / volunteers
- Refrain from the use of bad language and racial / sectarian references
- Refrain from bullying or persistent use of rough and dangerous play
- Not use violence
- Report inappropriate behaviour
- Play fairly
- Show respect to other players, coaches and parents
- Respect officials and accept decisions
- Respect opponents and not cheat
- Show appropriate loyalty and be gracious in defeat
- Take care of equipment owned by the Centre
- Be responsible for their own kit
- Arrive on time and be collected on time
- Bring their own boots, shin-guards and clothing that is suitable for the weather (sunscreen if appropriate)
- Bring own water bottle / fluids

Children / Young Players have the right to:

- Be safe and listened to.
- Be respected
- Privacy
- Be protected from abuse / inappropriate behaviour by other members or outside sources
- Participate on an equal basis, appropriate to their ability
- Experience competition and the desire to win
- Enjoy football in a protective environment
- Be referred to professional help if needed
- Be believed when asking for help



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Code of Conduct for Coaches

The coaches / volunteers at the Centre will be expected to

- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every child and treat everyone equally
- Promote the positive aspects of football (e.g. fair play)
- Be a good role model - not smoking, drinking alcohol, using foul/racial/sectarian language or taking drugs in the company of children/young people.
- Always put the welfare of each child/young person before winning or achieving goals
- Maintain a safe and appropriate distance with players
- Make football, enjoyable and promoting fair play
- Give enthusiastic and constructive feedback, encouraging achievements rather than using negative criticism
- Never condone rule violations or rough play
- Make football fun.



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Code of Conduct for Parents

Parents of children attending the Centre will be expected to:

- Ensure that children be left at and collected from the Development Centre punctually
- Ensure their children are dressed correctly for the weather conditions.
- Not use abusive language or harass, physically or verbally, players, managers, coaches,
- Show respect for all players, including the opposition.
- Never ridicule or scold a child for making a mistake during a game or losing.
- Condemn the use of violence and verbal abuse.
- Support the coach in his methods and decisions.
- Inform the coach if someone else is collecting your child from the Centre
- Respect the Referee and Assistant Referees' decisions.
- Encourage players to play according to the rules and not to argue with Referees and coaches.
- Encourage the children to enjoy themselves

In return parents/guardians have a right to

- Know their child is safe
- Be informed of any problems or concerns with their child
- Be informed of any accidents or injuries involving their child
- Be informed of any excursions or tournaments and have their consent obtained



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Communication

The Draperstown Celtic Skills Development Centre will use a service called Teamer to keep you informed of Centre events. Teamer is an online team management system that uses text messaging and email to send notifications.

Receiving a message from Teamer is always free. If you respond to a teamer text the cost is no more than the standard rate charged by the phone company, so it's the same price as a text. Teamer adds no additional charge.

As well as Teamer, the Skills Development Centre will also use the local press and the club website (www.dc-fc.net) to keep you informed of any developments within the club.

Other Youth Football at Draperstown Celtic

Due to the success of the Skills Development Centre, Draperstown Celtic was able to establish a new youth structure that has seen the formation of an under 15 team that currently plays in the North West and Coleraine District Youth league.

It is hoped that Draperstown Celtic will have 2 youth teams next season competing in the following age groups:

Under 16 – Born on or after 01/01/1995

Under 14 – Born on or after 01/01/1997

The new youth season will start in September 2010 and if any one in your family is interested in playing for Draperstown Celtic at the above age groups more information can be obtained by contacting the Youth Development Officer, Paul McCallion on 07841344253.



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Registration Form Please complete this form and bring it with you on the first day.

Player's name: _____

Date of birth: _____ Age: _____ Class: P _____

Home address: _____

Home Telephone: _____ Mobile: _____

Additional emergency contact number: _____

Medical information:

Please provide details of any known medical conditions, e.g. asthma, diabetes, epilepsy, allergies, etc. and any medication currently being taken.

Consent

I have read the parent's and child's codes of conduct and I agree to the above named child taking part in the Draperstown Celtic Skills Development Centre.

In case of emergency, I understand that staff will do everything possible to contact the parent/guardian so that they can make the appropriate medical decisions for their child. In extreme circumstances, where medical treatment is required without delay, I authorise the leader in charge to give consent for any medical treatment on my/our behalf.

We may wish to take photographs of those involved in the Skills Development Centre for publicity reasons. Please tick here if you wish your child to be excluded from any such photographs.

Signature parent/guardian: _____ Date: _____