

Some thoughts from our DoC...

For those of you who don't know me other than hearing me nervously speak into a microphone at the team meetings once a year, allow me to give you a little insight into who I am, what I stand for, what I believe in.

I believe anyone who gets to work with children has been given a blessed opportunity. I fell in love with this sport as soon as I could walk and follow a ball around. That love has been tested many times, but it has never been broken, and is stronger now than ever. I want every single child that plays for this club to have the opportunity to fall in love with this sport as well.

I believe, unless you are playing for your livelihood, that performances matter tenfold more than results.

I believe that if you continue to do the right thing on the training ground week after week that you will improve and your performances will improve.

I believe to truly improve, a young player must practice skills on their own.

I believe if your performance improves then your chance of winning improves.

I want Penn Legacy teams to win every game they play in, because we have developed confident, skillful, intelligent young players.

I believe that in youth sports every single moment, positive and negative, is a learning opportunity, a chance to grow, to become better.

I believe it is vital to enjoy the moment, to not worry about the destination and to savor the journey.

I think "win at all costs" is a terrible, horrible, no good mentality.

I think "respect" is an incredibly powerful word.

I want to get better at what I do every single day, to seek knowledge and learning opportunities, and I want our coaches to feel the same way.

I want our coaches to think of their players as young people first, and footballers second.

I want our players to improve their skills and understanding of the game.

I believe we have an incredible group of coaches right now who genuinely want the best for the young people in their care.

I want Penn Legacy to be a model club for all others to look at as an example of doing things the right way.

I believe that parents are an incredibly important part of any youth soccer club.

I hope that parents of this club understand what we are trying to do, and help to enhance the environment we are striving to create.

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