



*“The simplicity of giving the beautiful game back to our kids, is the essence of a more natural process of developing futbol players.”*

## What is the Futbol Play Zone Project?

The **Futbol Play Zone Project** represents the idea that the best teacher of "the beautiful game" is the game itself.

The lack of small sided free play is a big reason for the overall inability of many youth players to play with confidence and comfort on the ball. Open (pickup) play is a naturally competitive environment where players can hone their futbol technique and decision-making skills under the pressure of live play.

If the only time youths are playing soccer is in a controlled environment (training and/or league/tournament game), it is difficult to assume that we can develop "complete" soccer players with a High Soccer IQ and superior technical skills.

It is no secret that players who spend hundreds of extra hours each year engaged in small sided pickup play, as well as, ball juggling, working on technical skills and other creative soccer activities, become the players at the highest levels of the game.

When a player becomes the master of the ball with a high Soccer IQ, the beautiful game will open itself up to the player. The player then becomes the "owner of his/her game".

***The Futbol Play Zone is where kids (and adults) will come to play soccer and have fun, no matter the skill level of the players. The FPZ Project is, at its core, a complement to club soccer training and match play.***

The Futbol Play Zone Project is currently offering (4) FPZ programs:

- **OPEN PLAY SESSIONS (3v3, 4v4, 5v5...)**
  - These sessions provide a creative space where players hone their technical and Soccer IQ skills.
- **3v3/5v5 DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**
  - Introduces kids (**5-12 yrs old**) to soccer using the game as a partner with our skills training, while keeping costs low to families.
- **3v3/5v5 LEAGUES**
  - Winter and Summer leagues
- **3v3/4v4/5v5 INVITATIONAL EVENTS**
  - FPZ tournaments bring together youth players from local clubs/programs for fun & challenging small-sided competition.
- These programs are being offered at the **U-Plex Soccer Complex in Summerville, SC** (130 Elliana Way, Summerville, SC 29483)

## [FALL 2018 - FPZ 3v3/5v5 Development Program](#)

## [FALL 2018 - FPZ Open Play Sessions](#)

## [WINTER 2018-19 FPZ Skills/Open Play Clinics](#)

## [WINTER 2018-19 FPZ 3v3/5v5 League](#)

## [CHUCKTOWN HOLIDAY 5V5 INDOOR CUP](#)

### **FPZ SITES**

A typical outdoor FPZ site is the size of half a full field where 3+ small-sided fields are set up for 3v3, 4v4, or 5v5 play. FPZ sites will be located at local club/league soccer fields and in popular youth soccer neighborhoods. There will also be indoor FPZ sites at local indoor soccer facilities.

Registered players for an Open Play session are grouped into pools according to skill level and assigned to a small field. Games are 10-15 minutes in length.

### **FPZ PLAYER RATINGS**

Premise: Play 1 hour in a Futbol Play Zone and improve your game. Imagine if you will, the positive impact on a youth player's Soccer IQ and technical skills by adding hundreds of FPZ hours each year to their training & game regimen during their youth career.

Youth players will earn ranking points for each hour of FPZ activities such as, Open Play, 3v3 Iron Man Competitions, 3v3/5v5 Leagues, and 3v3/5v5 Tournaments. Players will be recognized online and will receive achievement awards annually at official FPZ events.

### **FPZ AP DEVELOPMENT**

The development of a mobile FPZ Ap will provide a platform for parents to register their kids for different FPZ programs on the go. Here are some planned features of the FPZ Ap:

- **PPZ Site Directory**
  - Programs offered @ site (dates, times, ...)
- **Create Parent account** to register kids for FPZ programs and to create a unique Player Profile Page for their player(s)
- **FPZ Player Profile Page (PPP)**
  - Player information (club, DOB, photo, accomplishments)
  - FPZ Player Rating Status (based # of FPZ program hours)
    - Open Play
    - 3v3/5v5 League games
    - 3v3/5v5 Tournament games
    - Access will be provided to designated club directors to review progress of FPZ players within their club
- **Staff Administrative Tools**
  - Check # of players registered for Open Play sessions
    - Helps staff prepare sites for OP sessions
  - Check-in players prior to OP sessions
  - Register players onsite
  - Accept payments onsite
  - Lists of players for Development Program
  - Plus, other administrative functions

***The FPZ Project will be tested and developed in the Charleston, SC area in coordination with local clubs and soccer organizations. It will be a fluid project open to ideas and suggestions from the soccer community.***