**Winter Indoor Soccer Options**

Many players want to continue playing soccer after the fall Recreational season is finished. For the past several years Mercer Island FC has offered the outstanding Fall Technical Director’s (TD) Academy and the Technical Director’s Winter Sharpness Skills training programs for players who want to continue working on their individual skills. But there is nothing quite like the fun of competition. This article outlines some of the options for players and families for winter soccer.

**Mercer Island Boys & Girls Club Futsal** – Futsal is soccer on a flat surface. This is a fast paced, action packed, FUN alternative to outdoor soccer. Out-of-bounds lines and small fields and goals improve ball control, foot coordination, and agility, all of which are crucial for development in a possession system. The program utilizes professional trainers and a player development curriculum. Games are on Saturdays from November 5th – December 17th (no games November 26)

U6-7 Registration - <https://register.kidtrax.com/MemberPortal/ActivityDetail.aspx?activityId=468587>

U8-10 Registration - <https://register.kidtrax.com/MemberPortal/ActivityDetail.aspx?activityId=468588>

**Arena Sports Issaquah Indoor Soccer** – Arena Sports offers Youth Leagues that are well-organized and fun for kids ages eight (U9) through high school. Teams are organized by gender, age and skill level – offering a high-quality soccer experience for both recreational and competitive players. The fast-paced games increase touches on the ball and goal scoring opportunities. Referees focus on fun, growth, and sportsmanship while protecting and educating players. Register today! Bring your fall Recreational team, gather up a few kids and put together a team, or join one of our House Teams. Get ready for some great fun and competition - <http://www.arenasports.net/soccer/youth-leagues/>

**Starfire Sports Renton** - Starfire Sports delivers the ultimate indoor soccer experience for all Seattle area youth. Encourage multiple touches on the ball and promote quick decision-making and even quicker reaction times. For years, Mercer Island FC teams have used Starfire’s indoor season to stay sharp, get some exercise and have fun. Check out their programs and schedule - <http://www.starfiresports.com/youth/indoor-leagues/youth-indoor-soccer/#Winter>

**Other Fall and Winter options** –

**International Academy of Soccer (IAS)** – hosts a Thanksgiving weekend 6v6 tournament, Holiday Soccer Camps and individual player training with soccer Professionals - <http://www.iassoccer.com/home.html>

**CTR Coaching** – Camps led by Mercer Island High School Boys program coach Colin Rigby, a 3-day camp Thanksgiving week (Monday-Wednesday) and a week-long camp during the holiday break at the end of December. For more information, keep an eye on the MIFC website (<http://www.mercerislandfc.org/home>) or email Coach Colin directly at crigby3@gmail.com