

Parents,

This season, on Saturdays in the FYSA Academy, games will look a little different than the fall for the girls on some teams. Because the registration numbers are lower than the fall and we want the players to be challenged and have fun, we have an opportunity to give them a higher-level playing experience. We will implement a “Dutch Tournament” format for the Girls’ East bracket.

The “Dutch Tournament” is a format used at the Club Soccer level with FSC during their winter training and is also used at the high school for tryouts. It’s fun, keeps the players from getting bored playing against the same players each week, and it also allows the players to see how they stack up against their teammates/opponents.

What’s different? The general concept is to play “many short games” vs one long game. After each game, the players are shuffled to create two new teams and a new game begins. Each game has a new mix of players and scores are kept for each player. After many games, those players who “affect the game” the most will have the greater number of points. The more games that are played, the more accurate the scoring becomes as the element of “luck of the draw” starts to wane.

Weekday training will remain the same as in the Fall. Franklin Soccer School (FSS), along-side volunteer coaches will still conduct training on Mondays and volunteer coaches will conduct the training on Wednesdays. Only the Saturday game days will look a little different. Multiple shorter games with teammates changing after each game. Referees will be there and game rules are the same.

We hope the girls enjoy the tournament! Let us know if you have questions or concerns.