

At Under 14 & older, our children are adolescents who are now playing the full-sided 11 v 11 game on a large field. The large field dictates the way the game is played, and we train the players primarily in team tactics using their individual technical skills.

Team shape relative to the ball while all of the players move up and down the field, and small group play within the shape are key tactics. The field is so large that nearly all of the players are either in a third (attacking, middle, or defensive) or just beyond the active section. The large field makes control of, and transition through, the middle third critical to success over the course of the game.

The large field also makes communication among the players critical. Now, the game is truly player-centric. The field is so large that coaching and spectator cheers become ambient background sounds in the far-off distance while the players focus on the game at hand.

With more players per team, and thus fewer teams, we are able to assign teams to our most experienced volunteer coaches. Many of these coaches have club, college or semi-professional playing experience, and most of them have coached in SABR for several seasons.

This season, we have engaged Brazilian-based coaches to work with our players and volunteer coaches in our Under 14 divisions. On alternative weeks for the U14 Boys & Girls age groups, trainers from Bfut - Instituto Brasileiro de Futebol guide the practice sessions to provide a vision of the adult game and how to play it.

Our Boys Under 16 and Under 19, and Girls Under 18 Divisions, thrive as a true playing experience. At these ages, many of the players have to balance their love of the camaraderie and games around school, homework, and part-time jobs. Players cannot always attend every practice, so the weeknight sessions are designed with a lot of scrimmaging to combine players. Our volunteer coaches work with all the players on the field while they are playing giving pointers as situations occur.

Your children - who play in our oldest age groups - are almost all long-time SABR players. Like you, we take tremendous pride in them because through them we've succeeded meeting the Number One reason children play games - to have FUN. Over the course of their seasons, we've seen them grow in their skills and character, and we thank you for sharing them with us.