

Marshfield Youth Soccer
Junior Division Tactical Skills

- All of these skills should be practiced under some amount of pressure and movement with changes in speed.
- There should not be any drills where players are waiting in a long line to perform.

Tactical Skills	Tykes U6	U8	U10
Sense of team	Team as friends	Begin to see soccer as a game of teamwork	Relying on team members to play their positions
Components of the game	Learning to control the ball, basic object of the game is to put the ball in the other team's net	Our team has the ball, our team doesn't have the ball, the ball is in transition	Communicate positively with teammates, playing away from pressure, opening the field, improving timing when attacking and defending, understanding positional play
Offense	Try to win the ball and shoot the ball in the other team's net	Begin to protect the ball during possession, look for teammates to help away from pressure	Learning off-sides, supporting the player with the ball, checking off markers, give and go, recognize pressure, aggressive shooting, begin learning transition strategies
Defense	Try to take the ball away from the other team	Aggressive about individual defending, pressure the player with the ball, protect your goal	Marking opponents tightly, cutting off route to goal, aggressive individual defending, begin learning transition strategies
In Practice	Practice is fun and playful, positive coaching and comments, small sided games	Nothing without the ball, no specializing in positions, "the game is the greatest teacher," minimize coaching comments, maximize small sided duels and games	Nothing without the ball, teach both tactical and technical skills, small sided duels and games