

# Optimal Development Environments



## What is an Optimal Development Environment?

A game setting that allows players to develop holistically.

## What are the requirements?

- Competitive score-lines: 4 or more goal separation in the final result reflects an inappropriate matchup.
- Both teams clearly attempting to execute soccer-specific player actions and US Soccer's Key Qualities of a player.
- Opportunities to overcome adversity.
  - Ex: Goals conceded & when the referee makes mistakes
- Balanced combination of support, demand, and teaching from coaches.
- Appropriate support and encouragement from parents, guardians, and spectators.
- Collaborative effort between opposing coaches to solve non-competitive matchups.
  - **Competition Safeguarding**