



Joe Dumars Fieldhouse's **Lil' Kickers Program** is a non-competitive, introductory soccer and movement skills program for boys and girls ages **18 months - 9 years**. In Lil' Kickers, we don't just teach soccer to kids, but also use soccer as a tool to teach kids about life.

Enroll your child today, and find out why Lil' Kickers is nationally renowned as well as the highest quality child development program in the Midwest.

Bunnies (18 - 24 Months) - Parent & Child Classes

Bunnies classes are a fun introduction to the Lil' Kickers program. Toddlers and parents explore basic soccer and movement skills together. Classes include parachute activities, bubbles, lots of goal scoring, and the famous cone towers!

- Bunnies classes are 40 minutes long
 - The ratio for Bunnies classes is 15:1 w/parents on the field depending on space available
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Thumpers (2-3 Years) - Parent & Child Classes

Parents and kids, lead by one of our instructors, play organized games together to develop listening skills, balance, ball skills and foot-eye coordination. Thumpers is the ideal next step for Bunnies veterans who are not yet old enough for the Hoppers level, and a perfect introduction to Lil' Kickers for new players who are just barely 3 years old.

- Thumpers classes are 40 minutes long
 - The ratio for Thumpers classes is 12:1 w/parents on the field
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Cottontails (2.5-3.5 Years) - Parent & Child Classes

Cottontails is a class designed for children who are ready for more of a challenge than a Thumpers class, but who are not quite ready to be on the field without their parents or caregiver, as in our Hoppers classes. The Cottontail curriculum is designed to build fundamental skills such as balance, coordination, and ball skills. Cottontails classes also offer another component-helping your child build a sense of independence. As children progress through the session and become ready for more independence, parents can choose to transition to a less active roll in the class, helping prepare them to transition into Hoppers classes.

- Cottontails classes are 50 minutes long
- The ratio for Cottontails is 12:1 w/parents on the field

Hoppers (3 & 4 Years) Beginning

Three and four year-olds get a fast-paced, fun exposure to the most popular sport in the world. Classes focus on foot-eye coordination, dribbling, scoring and balance. Hoppers classes will also introduce the concepts of teamwork and cooperation. Hoppers will not play any competitive soccer games.

- Hoppers classes are 50 minutes long
 - The ratio for Hoppers classes is 7:1
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Jackrabbits (3 & 4 Years) Intermediate

Jackrabbits is a class designed for three and four year-olds who have either taken a session of Hoppers or have other soccer experience. Jackrabbits classes will focus on more complex ball skills (trapping and passing). Some small-sided soccer games will be introduced.

- Jackrabbits classes are 50 minutes long
 - The ratio for Jackrabbits is 7:1
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Big Feet (5 & 6 years) Beginning

Big Feet classes are for five and six year-olds who have not played soccer before. These classes concentrate on giving beginning kids a set of basic soccer skills (dribbling, passing, trapping, scoring) and some confidence on the field of play. Kids will be introduced to the ideas of sportsmanship and team play. Kids will play some small-sided soccer games and be encouraged to progress into Micro Leagues.

- Big Feet classes are 50 minutes long
 - The ratio for Big Feet classes is 12:1
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Micro Leagues (4-9 Years)

Micro Leagues are non-competitive, developmental leagues for kids 4-9 years designed to enhance individual and team skills; with an emphasis on fun and safety. Micro Leagues are for kids who have played soccer before either in Lil' Kickers or another program.

Format

- In 50 minutes of class there will be 15-20 min. of instruction and 20-25 min. of games.
- Teams will field no more than four players at a time
- Everyone gets equal playing time
- There will be no goalies
- We will not keep score or league standings
- Micro League classes are 50 minutes long
- The ratio for Micro League classes is 12:1.