



Mr. Carlos Campos Lopez, Manager of Melilla Futsal FC

Sports Education Instructors in association with Mr. Carlos Campos Lopez the manager of Melilla Futsal Premier Division Team in Spain are delighted to announce that new Futsal Academy will open in Swindon Play Football, Unit 29 Bramble Road, Kembrey Park, Swindon, SN2 8HB.



The sessions will take place on Wednesdays for 5 years to 7 years old from 4.00 pm until 5.00 pm and for 8 years old to 10 years from 5.00 pm until 6.00 pm.

The sessions will start on the 22nd February - 5th April 2017 and will run for 7 weeks and at a cost of £28 for the 7 week term (£4 per session) it is an inside event and children must wear shin pads and bring a drink and any medical equipment they need to bring if required.

"Futsal is an extremely important way for kids to develop their skills and understanding of the game. My touch and my dribbling have come from playing Futsal."

Ronaldinho, FIFA World Footballer of the Year 2004 & 2005.

"Futsal was important in helping to develop my ball control, quick thinking, passing... also for dribbling, balance, concentration... Futsal was very, very important, no doubt"

Pele, World Cup Winner: 1958, 1962 & 1970.

"As a little boy in Argentina, I played Futsal on the streets and for my club. It was tremendous fun, and it really helped me become who I am today"

Lionel Messi, FIFA World Footballer of the Year 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012.

"During my childhood in Portugal, all we played was Futsal. The small playing area helped me improve my close control, and whenever I played Futsal I felt free. If it wasn't for Futsal, I wouldn't be the player I am today."

Cristiano Ronaldo, 106 games & 43 goals for Portugal.

PLEASE BOOK EARLY AS PLACES ARE LIMITED TO 20 PLAYERS. PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW AND HAND IN DIRECTLY TO YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL. SPORTS EDUCATION INSTRUCTORS WILL COLLECT THEM AND WILL THEN CALL, TEXT OR EMAIL YOU WITH CONFIRMATION OF YOUR CHILD PLACE.

Please email SEI at schools@sportseducationinstructors.co.uk or call us on 0843 2891 573 or 07795 488695 if you have any queries or require any further information.

Please see overleaf...

Child's Name: Address:

Emergency Contact Numbers 1: 2:

Medical Information:

Email: Parents Signature:

Sports Education Instructors cannot be held responsible for any injury during our events or whilst travelling to and from our events. Sports Education Instructors cannot be held responsible for any loss or damage to personal belongings whilst attending our events. Sports Education Instructors reserve the right to the cancel any event that has less than 11 children and full refunds will be issued. Booking is deemed as acceptance to our Terms & Conditions.



Futsal is an exciting, fast-paced small sided football game that originates from South America in the 1930s. It is widely played across the world, and is the small sided football format that is officially recognised by both UEFA and FIFA. The nature of the game places a large emphasis on technical skill and ability in situations of high pressure, and is subsequently an excellent breeding ground for football competencies that can be translated into the 11-a-side format of the game. Many of the top world class footballers played Futsal in their youth and credit it with supporting their footballing development. Players of the calibre of Pele, Zico, Ronaldinho, Kaka, Lionel Messi to name but a few of the South American legends all played and enjoyed Futsal. But Futsal has not just helped produce South American football stars, on the European stage Cristiano Ronaldo, Iniesta, Xavi, Fabregas amongst many others have played Futsal to develop their skills.

Although Futsal is very much a game in its own right, there are also a number of benefits for football by encouraging young people to play Futsal as part of a balanced training programme to improve their overall technical development. The game of Futsal creates an environment that allows young people to simulate and develop many skills and proficiencies that are transferrable to the 11-a-side game. The nature of Futsal with the smaller confines of the pitch that makes it harder to find space, the line markings that prevents easy escape from tight situations (such as in traditional 5-a-side where players can play the ball off the wall), and the smaller heavier ball which supports closer ball control and manipulation supports the technical development of young players in a multitude of ways. Research indicates that individual's playing Futsal receive the ball six times more often than they would do when they are playing 11-a-side football, allowing players to perform more individual techniques such as passes, controls, fakes, feints, dribbles and runs with the ball (Liverpool John Moores University, 2001).

As well as touching the ball more often, players will often receive the ball under pressure from opponents developing their confidence on the ball particularly in pressurised environments. Futsal as a game naturally brings players into regular one-on-one situations with their opponent, encouraging players into quick decision making as to how they overcome these scenarios; this could be through beating the opponent with a skill, or through clever passing to a team-mate. But one of the core attributes Futsal teaches young players is the importance of ball retention due to the threat of an immediate counter-attack. Confidence on the ball, receiving a pass under pressure, decision-making in 1v1 situations, and ball retention are all important fundamental skills that we look to develop in young football players that are practiced regularly within a game environment in Futsal.