

YOU'RE NEVER TOO YOUNG

MOVEMENT programming for really young youngsters is so hot, registration for Tom Creagh's Pro Soccer Kids program of Long Island and Manhattan is booming.

The 40-minute, indoor/outdoor co-ed sessions are designed for children ages 2 through 12.

"It's a beautiful game. For toddlers, they learn to take instruction and do lots of running. We also try to educate them by using

colored cones and letters of the alphabet while we stretch," says Creagh. "Older kids work on balance, coordination, dribbling skills and scrimmaging. They build self-esteem and begin to treat each other with respect in a way where they can work as a team," he adds.

Having played the sport his entire life, beginning in his native Ireland and later semi-professionally in Australia, Creagh brings a great amount of passion to his program.

"I'm very selective of the coaches. They must be fun, outgoing, kind and caring," he explains. "We treat each kid the same. No one sits down. We're active the full time."

If your child isn't very coordinated, "We'll bring in an extra coach," says Creagh. And if shyness is a factor, "Don't give up," he advises.

"If your child sees the coach having fun with the other kids, he'll likely want to get involved," he says.

■ Pro Soccer Kids prices range from \$160 — \$225 for a 10-week session. For info log on to ProSoccerKids.com
— Erika Prafder



Start 'em right: Kids as young as 2 can get active at Pro Soccer Kids.