

## To The Parents...

The Season: Fall 2008

1. My primary focus for the season will be to teach your child ball handling, dribbling and techniques; We will strive to learn how to play together and focus on HAVING FUN!

2. Please cheer for your child, but refrain from yelling at them. During games, please realize I will be 'instructing' them, so please don't compete with me for their attention. Please be encouraging and cheer for both teams, but don't yell 'instructions'. That's my job. Thanks

3. Everybody plays a minimum of ½ of each game. The kids that play more are the ones that are at practice regularly, are in shape to do so and are attentive. I will begin analyzing each kid and placing them in appropriate positions where I feel they will have success. Every kid will play at least two positions during the season, however, during the first two weeks of practice I will place them primarily in one position, introducing the skills of other positions as the season transpires.

4. Please don't yell at the referee's. Again, that's my job. They are often kids too. At this age, I am not as concerned with the outcome of the game as I am them learning the rules and having fun.

5. If you have a problem with me, another parent, the ref, anybody; please talk to me first. Otherwise, please contact *Director of Coaching Michael Goodman* @ 206-1421 or email him @ [anav95@aol.com](mailto:anav95@aol.com)

6. All players should practice what they learned at each practice; especially in the beginning is it important that they master ball handling and control.

7. It is very helpful at this age if you will repeat new words I teach them and reinforce the skills taught at practice. In other words, spend time with your player repeating the skills taught at every practice. Repetition is a necessity to learn and fine tuning the skills they are taught!

8. Key Dates. First Games are **<Insert Date>**. Picture Day is **<Not yet published>**. Last Game is **<Not Yet Published>**. If you know you will miss a game or multiple practices, please mark it on the calendar attached to my clipboard or drop me an email. Thanks.

9. We will have rainouts. Please DO NOT call the Soccer Association. They cannot handle the volume of calls. They will call me as soon as the rainout occurs and let me know. I or an assistant will then call you. For this purpose text messaging to your cell phone is recommended, but I will send out an email as well.

10. I am always open for suggestions, and I am far from perfect. If you have anything on your mind that I could improve, feel free to contact me either at the games, over the phone or by email.

Equipment: See list at the end. Please bring your equipment to every practice.

**All games and practices are "Drug-Free" Zones. No smoking or chewing at games or practices.**

There are no pets allowed on the grounds. Please leave them at home.

**Please arrive 15 minutes early to all games to allow some warm-up time.**

Let's have some fun!

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**Equipment Instructions:**

All players MUST bring

- Shin guards
- Uniforms (Practice Only)
- Water (Plenty for an hour)
- Ball (Size 3 (for practice only))

Do NOT bring

- Jewelry (incl. earrings)
- Tobacco (all sorts)
- Alcohol

Unless it's a hurricane or torrential downpour we will be practicing and playing games. If it looks like it might drizzle a bit, please bring a blanket for your kid so that they do not get cold when driving home from the game. Wet clothes and Air conditioning is a bad combination.