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Coach Information

WELCOME!

Thank you for volunteering your time to coach our youth in soccer. Your coaching position will require a lot of effort on your part, but you'll find out quickly that both you and your players will be rewarded in many ways. We hope the following information helps you get off to a good start and answer's most of your questions you might have. Please consult the website for additional information. The MSA board members are here to help, so please feel free to contact any of us with additional questions or suggestions. See the website for a list of board members and email contacts.

McKinney Soccer Association Mission

Please keep the MSA Mission in mind as you conduct yourself and coach your players. The mission of the Association, as stated in Section 3 of our Constitution is:

1. To advance and promote the game of soccer
2. To provide the opportunity of fun and recreation through the development of leadership, courage, and fair play through team competition
3. To develop the highest levels of ideals, sportsmanship, and fellowship
4. To provide competent leadership for the attainment of a successful soccer program
5. To ensure that all children who wish to participate may do so without regard to sex, race, religion, or any other social label and in recreational leagues, without regard to playing ability.

Fall 2009 Season Information:

The spring season will begin on Sept.12th and will end Nov.14th.. Most games will be played on Saturdays with an occasional weekday evening game. There will be an optional tournament at the end of the season (date TBD). Make-up games may be played on Sundays or weeknights. Check the MSA website for rainout information.

Trophies - U8 & below will all receive participation trophies.

U9 & up, place trophies for top three teams will be awarded.

Season Preparation

Coaches ID Cards: It is REQUIRED by NTSSA (North Texas State Soccer Assn) that all coaches in our association have a background check. We issue a Coach ID to certify this has been done ONCE PER SOCCER YEAR (every fall season for returning coaches). The online background check - VMS (Volunteer Management System) must be completed, and a copy of your driver's license needs to be turned in to the MSA office. The VMS link can be found on the coach's page of the MSA website.

Coaching License - Per North Texas Soccer Association, all MSA coaches must obtain a coaching license. Clinic dates and times are posted on the coach's information page of the MSA website. Most clinics are free to MSA coaches.

Team Meeting: Once you receive your roster, please contact all your players ASAP. It is a great idea to coordinate a meeting with the players and parents, so they can meet each other and discuss plans for the team, such as team name, uniforms, and practice schedule. This would also be a great time to give all parents a team roster, have parents read and sign the Code of Conduct and Medical Release Waiver and ask the parents if they would like to volunteer to asst. coach or be a team manager. Encourage all parents to read the MSA Playing Rules and Constitution & Bylaws on our web site, as well as the NTSSA rules on the North Texas website www.ntxsoccer.org.

Team Name: The team name is chosen by the head coach. **YOU MUST CHECK WITH THE MSA OFFICE BEFORE FINALIZING YOUR TEAM NAME, SO WE CAN ENSURE THERE ARE NO DUPLICATES WITHIN THE SAME AGE GROUP.**

Uniforms: Teams are responsible for ordering their uniforms. (With the exception of the U5 teams, which MSA provides.) On the last page of this booklet is a list of vendors you can contact. You might want to ask a parent volunteer to coordinate the uniforms for you - and please keep in mind that some families may have difficulty paying for expensive uniforms (most packages average from \$20-\$35 for jersey, shorts & socks). Do NOT place player's names on uniforms. Also remember that shinguards ARE REQUIRED for all practices and games; cleats are optional, but MUST NOT have a center toe cleat as on baseball cleats.

Additional Equipment: Following is a list of equipment that coaches need. You might want to purchase the basics when the uniforms are ordered and split the cost with all the parents. Cones - tall or flat; at least 8-16; to use at practices for drills, field boundaries, goals, etc

Practice Balls - ask all players to bring their own ball & water to every practice

Pinnies - (pullover scrimmage vests) enough for every player; use at practices for scrimmages. On game day, Home team is REQUIRED to change colors or wear pinnies in case of color-conflict

Goalie shirt - (and optionally gloves) - only needed for U9 and above

Flags - can be used instead of cones to mark goals for practice

Team Practices: The head coach determines where and when practices will be. Most teams practice at the local elementary schools or parks. They are first come first serve. Please read the MSA Rules concerning practices below...

* Only registered players that have been placed on a roster by the MSA registrar can practice with a team.

* Practices are not allowed at the Craig Ranch fields. Violation of this rule will result in the coach being suspended for a minimum of one (1) game.

* No coach can practice their team more than the following time allowed for their age group:

U5 & U6	Two hours per week
U07 - U11	Three hours per week
U12 - U19	Four hours per week

Game Day Field Information

All games (U5 - U14) will play their games at the Craig Ranch Soccer Complex located at Stacy Rd and Hwy 121 in McKinney. Directions and field layout can be found on the MSA website "field information" tab.

U16 & U19 teams play their games in Plano and at the Craig Ranch Soccer Complex.

Traffic & Parking: Traffic congestion on game days can be a problem. Tell your parents to always park in the parking lot. The complex has plenty of parking spaces - arrive early and allow time to walk to your field. Tickets have been issued for parking on the grass or curb areas.

Items Needed For Game Day:

1. **COACHES ID CARDS:** We ask that every team have at least 2 (max 3) coaches on a roster with coach's cards. High school age students can assist coach but must be accompanied by an adult coach. **ON GAME DAY, EVERY TEAM MUST HAVE A COACH PRESENT, WITH THEIR ID CARD, IN ORDER TO PLAY THEIR GAME** - Anyone Coaching must show their ID Card to the referee prior to the start of the game. If no adult is available with an ID card, the team is given 15 minutes to find someone to coach for them (who has a card). We keep a list of coaches who have been issued an ID card at the soccer fields, so we can issue a temporary card for a fee of **\$5**. Replacement cards for lost ID cards are **\$10**.
2. **Game Report/Roster - All U9 & up teams must** give a copy of this to the referee prior to game start. To print the game day roster go to: www.sportspilot.com. Click on member login, (upper right hand corner) Enter your user name and password, click on current season team and from there you can manage and print your roster.
3. Make copies of your game report & bring to every game. If you forget your roster, see the MSA league director on duty for a copy of your roster.
4. **Game Ball & Pinnies:** Home team provides game ball (and pinnies or change of jersey in case of color-conflict)

Important Game Day Rules:

-EVERY PLAYER MUST PLAY A MINIMUM OF 50% OF EACH GAME. Random checks are made to enforce this - please discuss with a field director if you are aware of any violations of this rule. **EQUAL** playing time for all should be the goal.

-DO NOT RUN UP THE SCORE - if you find that your team is winning too easily (by more than 5 points), make adjustments to your line-up through substitutions, moving players to different positions, only allowing certain players to shoot, requiring a certain # of consecutive passes before a shot is allowed, allowing opposing team to add an extra player, etc.

-U5-U8 TEAMS WITHOUT A GOALIE -

U5, U6, U7 & U8 have no goalie - therefore a player **cannot** remain inside the goal box consistently - For 3v3 and 4v4, a player **should not** be forced to stay back in front of goal as defender. One of the purposes of small-sided games is to constantly involve **ALL** players and have **ALL** players' transition from offense to defense.

-GAMES CANCELLED OR FORFEITED BY A COACH - Please contact the MSA office or your league director if you need to forfeit a game. The game will not be made up. Only games officially cancelled by MSA will be rescheduled.

--**COACHES AND PARENTS** should stay off the field during the game until the referee permits them to enter - older age groups should have a painted coaches' box which you must stay in - no coaches or parents should be coaching from outside this area. Parents sit on one side of the field; players & coaches sit on the other side.

-**RESPECT THE REFEREES** - many of them are young children; please treat them as you would want others to treat your children. If a field director feels it is necessary, he can ask a coach or parent to leave the soccer fields, and the game will not resume until that coach/parent is removed. Please discuss any concerns **AFTER** the game **AWAY** from the field, in a respectful manner. If you feel attention needs to be called to your field during the game, send someone to find a field director.

Uniform/Equipment Vendors

For practice equipment such as cones & pinnies, you can check with the vendors listed below or Dicks Sporting Goods, Wal-Mart, etc.

Breakaway Fashions - www.breakawayfashions.com Specializing in girls soccer uniforms.
Locally owned and operated 972/839-0945.

Challenger Teamwear - www.challengerteamwear.com
Representative Collin Smith 972/636-1290
(Order form and brochure on the MSA website, coaches tab, clothing & equipment)

North Texas Sports & Embroidery - www.ntsinc.com 972/562-4774
308 N. Central (Virginia & 75) & 8901 Virginia Pkwy, Ste: 500 (Virginia & Custer)
(Order form and brochure on the MSA website, coaches tab, clothing & equipment)

Score Sports: American Soccer Company, Inc. www.scoresports.com - 800/626-7774
(Order form and brochure on the MSA website, coaches tab, clothing & equipment)

Soccer Post, - www.soccerpost.com - 214/544-8444
3001 S. Central Expressway #300, McKinney (75 & Central, Kohl's plaza)

The Varsity Shop, 972/562-1334
3751 S. Stonebridge Dr., Ste: 400, McKinney 75070

Xara Soccer- www.xarasoccer.com
(Order form and brochure on the MSA website, coaches tab, clothing & equipment)
(Orders are placed through the Varsity Shop/McKinney)

Dicks Sporting Goods: www.dickssportinggoods.com
170 E. Stacy Rd, Allen 972/678-2650
2611 Preston Rd., Frisco 214/618-0920