



★ RECREATIONAL ★ COACHING CURRICULUM

TEAM MANAGEMENT



Parent Meeting

It is very important to recognize that each player comes with a parent(s). Effective communication with these parents will make your role as the coach more enjoyable. Coordinate a meeting prior to your first training session or game. We recommend inviting the parents to attend the first scheduled parent, to meet and then to watch. Communication of the meeting should be done as soon as you receive your contact list / roster.

During the first meeting with the parents it is important to outline what you are going to be like as a coach (philosophy) and what you expect from them. Both these areas, will allow you to control any unrealistic expectations from parents as well as any potential problems from the side line.

Parent Meeting Topics should include:

1. Coach introduction, including any soccer back ground and why you are coaching.
2. What can parents expect from U7 & U8 soccer?
3. What is the structure for practice and games at your club? For instance, how long will each practice be, what is the format of the game on the weekend and what will you be working on?
4. Players Information: Medical Information, previous experience on other teams, family situation, etc
5. Parent Information: Emergency contact info.
6. Players and parents are responsible for appropriate dress, shin guards, ball and water.
7. Snack Schedule! At these ages the snack can mean more to the player than actually playing!
8. Parent guidelines: outline any boundaries you might have for training and games. For instance; what is the protocol when a player is injured, how do you want them to act on the sideline (no coaching), etc