

## Parent Meeting

### Parent Meeting / Meeting & Greeting – 30 Minutes

- Introductions
- Medical Forms & Player Code of Conduct
- Parent Volunteers – Team Parent (Snacks.. Party.. Trophies.. Email Reminders) / Lollypop Coordinator (help keep sidelines fun)
- Players equipment
  - No jewelry
  - Size of ball required (It is good to ask the kids to bring their own soccer balls to practice.. this will make their ball more available at home, thus more likely to be played)
  - Soccer shoes (Note that the club has a shoe exchange program, the shoes will be available at the referee table on game day)
  - Shin guards
  - Weather appropriate clothes warm players are happy players (layers are good)
  - Drink / snack as needed (each player should have a water bottle at all practices and games).
- Season Logistics
  - Practices times ..... (show up on time to practice)
  - First Game 9/10
  - Photo Day 9/24 – schedule TBD
  - World Cup - Sunday 11/6
  - Please let coaches know if you can't make practice or a game.. some of the drills we plan may require a specific # of players
- Games
  - 2 20 minute halves
  - 3 / 4 / 5 players (depending on the age – U6 & U7 have 2 simultaneous games)
  - We don't keep score... this is an instructional league
- Coaching / Parent Participation
  - Our focus is on fun
  - Practice / at home – games that encourage more ball touches are good
  - On game day we discourage “Coaching from the sideline” for both coaches and parents
    - We want to encourage creative play, allowing the players to make their own decisions.
  - Cheering – We want an exciting sideline, full of positive cheers: “Wahoo.... Great job..... All Right!!!!”
    - We do not want parents to shout any directions or instructions to the players... like: Go get it... Kick the ball... pass it... shoot..... (that is the players job to make those decisions).
  - Safety – All players must have an adult pick them up... Players can not be left un-attended
  - The Drive Home – Since our focus is on fun, the main question in the car on the way home should be – Did you have fun today? If the answer is anything but yes, please feel free to call or email the coaches....
- Questions??????