

TEAM ADMINISTRATION

Parent / Coach Meeting:

Whether you are a new coach or a returning coach it is advisable to hold a parent meeting prior to the start of the season. The meeting should cover the following items:

1. Introductions:
 - Coach / Assistant Coach (i.e., Soccer experience, other coaching experience, etc.)
 - Parents
2. What you hope to accomplish this season:
 - Kids (fun, basic skills, fitness, etc.)
 - Coach (fun, recruiting an assistant, coaching soccer clinics, etc.)
3. Player's responsibilities:
 - Come ready to practice and play (eating dinner or lunch before games or practice, is not advised)
 - Listen to your coach
 - Get along with other kids (be nice)
 - Equipment (**water bottle, pumped ball, shin pads, socks and shoes**)
4. Parent's responsibilities:
 - Get players to practice and games (car pooling) at agreed time
 - Equipment (remind players of equipment needs)
 - Be supportive of their children and the team
 - Do not yell at any player, coach, referee or at any parent from either team
 - De-emphasize winning-losing aspects
 - Have a good attitude towards the game
 - Assistance in getting the child to train on his own at home (basic skills)
 - Assistance with the phone chain for communication (email addresses)
 - Provide refreshment, equipment set up and tear down (ice for refreshments can be used for potential injuries)
 - Assistance in getting medical help
5. Game and training schedules:
 - Coach to set time and location for practice (poll parents)
 - Game schedule (check website: <http://www.cleburnesoccer.com/> or provide hand-out)
 - Arrive early to game and practice (i.e., 15 min prior to games)
 - Changes in practice or game times should be communicated by the coach (give adequate notice)
6. Weather Policy:
 - Practice – Decide what you will do if bad weather (i.e., if it rains, no practice)
 - Games – Check website or hotline for rain-out info: www.cleburnesoccer.com / 817-647-7266
7. First Aid, health and safety - Prevention of injuries are our first concern. The goal is to make sure all children are in good physical condition prior to the beginning of the season and each time they enter the practice or game field. Annual check-ups, proper nutrition and hydration are all needs of the sport. Each team should have a first aid kit, plastic bags or towels and ice available at each game.

Remember, Rest, Ice, Compress and Elevate (RICE)
8. Miscellaneous:
 - Awards (end-of-year team party)
 - Pictures
 - Tournaments
 - Open discussion