



Sacramento Youth Soccer League

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Dear Coach,

Welcome to the 2009–2010 Soccer season!

This is your Team Kit. In it you will find several helpful and useful items. Please take the time to look over and read these items very carefully. Hopefully we have answered some questions you may have before you need to ask them.

Player Passes

The most important thing are your Player Passes. Please check them very carefully and report immediately any errors on any of the passes; are missing any passes; or have any player pass of a child that is not on your team. If there are any problems report them to your Club Registrar or Club Manager to have them corrected immediately. **DO NOT TRADE or EXCHANGE** any of the players passes with any other Coach. Any Changes to be made **must** go through the Registrar.

Remember No player may be played in any game without presenting their Player Pass to the Referee before participating! You need to know where your passes are at all times. These passes need to be given to your players (or the Referee) before the start of each game, and collected back from the Referee at the end of the game. Or you may have a responsible parent take care of the passes for you and make sure these passes are at all the games.

Each Coach and Assistant Coach will also be issued a pass. They are to be given to the Referee before the start of each game and collected back with the rest of the passes. For SYSL League games **and** with the approval of your Club Manager, a responsible adult may take over as Coach for that game only if any of the assigned coaches cannot be present at a game. The *substitute* Coach must sign the game card prior to the game. They must include their phone number and driver license number. **NO** person may act as a Coach without placing this information on the game card. If your team is in the Metro or CPL league, **you WILL NOT be able to COACH without a Coach's pass.**

In the event of a RED CARD (send off) of one of your players (or Coach), the Referee will keep those pass(es) and you will have them returned by the PAD Chairperson after the disposition of the Hearing.

GAME CARDS

You should have been given 6 game cards. These are to be used for your Home games. You must complete both sides and give to the Referee about 15 minutes before the start of your game so that the Referee may give it to the opposing team to have them complete their portion of the card. The Home Team needs to fill in the game information portion (date/age group/time/field) and the players' names and jersey numbers. The Visiting Team only needs to complete their players' names and jersey numbers. Both teams need to put in their full club & team name, and a note next to a player that is not playing or won't be playing at least half of the game with the reason why (i.e., ill; injured; absent; etc.)

After the game ends it is the Home Team's responsibility to then send the completed game card, to the 1st Vice President, Sarah Najarro, to the address on the back of the card.

REPORTING GAME SCORES

Each week, during the season, it is every team's responsibility to call in their scores to their club Standings Reps within 24 hours after the end of their game. As Coach, you may give this responsibility to a parent (or other adult) to do it for you. Calling in your scores must be done each week that you have a game scheduled as your club will be fined for each team that hasn't reported their scores. If your team happens to have a BYE one week, you still need to call your Standings Rep to inform them that your team had a BYE that week. Any Red Card (send offs) issued during your game must also be reported at the time you call in your score. This also applies if you plan to file a Protest regarding the game that week.

*******Please Note*******

As we do not keep Standings for U-6 teams, there is no need to call in those scores. The Metro teams or the teams that are playing in the District 6's CPL league have a different method (or phone number) to call to report their scores.

24 Hour Send Off (RED CARD) Report

If you are the Home Team at a game, and a Referee ejects a player or coach of either team, they need to complete a 24 Hour Send Off Report for that incident. If the Referee does not have the form, you will need to provide the Referee with a copy of the form. You can obtain Send Off Report Forms from you Club Manager or from the website (www.sysl.com) under Forms. It is a good idea to keep a couple of copies of the form with you at your games.

There will be no problems if parents and friends understand that the players need encouragement, understanding and support, not criticism. And the same applies to the Referees, who, in most cases, are volunteers just like you! We know that it can be very frustrating if the Referee does not interpret the laws of the game the way you think they should be, but remember, the Referee may not see what you saw as they were at a different angle and would have seen it differently. Any type of abuse directed at the Referee serves no useful purpose other than make it harder every year to get more Referees. So please, be tolerant and patient during all your games.

If you have any questions, or problems, during the season, make every attempt to resolve them at the Club level first. Please contact your Club Manager before coming to the League level. If they do not have an answer for you they know the proper people to contact to get the information. We are a large group who want to make your job, as a Coach, as pleasant and fulfilling as possible.

Soccer is a *team sport* which is one of it's most wonderful attributes. We have a chance to make every child feel like they are important to the team effort no matter if they are the star or may only kick the ball once or twice in a game. Remember, you must play every player at least 1/2 the game. You need to notify the Referee before the start of a game of any player that will not play, or will not play at least 1/2 the game. Also, make a notation on the game card.

Thank you for your dedication and support. Without volunteers like you we could not function. We hope this is a positive experience for you as well as for your team. If we can offer any suggestions or explanations to help you we would be more than happy to do so.

The Executive Board, Sacramento Youth Soccer League