

Coach Frequently Asked Questions/Important Information

1. What are my first steps now that I have a team to coach?

First, **CALL THE PARENTS** (always make the first point of contact a call, texting can be done following this) within at least 2-3 days of getting your roster. Parents and players are very anxious to know that their child has been placed on a team and who the coach is. Introduce yourself and give them your contact info. Other items to cover in the conversation are:

-items they should bring to games and practices (water bottle, shin guards, soccer ball-with size, cleats, etc)

-tell them schedules will be out generally 10 days before the season starts

-let them know the teams practice day and time

2. What is the best way for the players' parents and me to get important information from the league?

Please instruct your parents to go to www.perryvillesoccer.org for information and the Perryville Soccer Facebook Page, www.facebook.com/perryvillesoccer

Please note the FAQ page on our Website at www.perryvillesoccer.org that answers many of the common questions.

3. How will we be notified of important information like rainouts, etc.?

For notifications about game postponements, field closures etc. please encourage parents to sign up for text messaging. This will save you a lot of trouble. There is a helpful article on our website (www.perryvillesoccer.org) on how they can set up

If the game is postponed or cancelled we HIGHLY encourage you to send a separate text notifying your team.

4. Do you have any ideas on what I should do at practice?

At the first practice it is important to introduce yourself and have all players introduce their selves.

Refer to our website section called Coach Information for a few documents on basic fundamentals to cover at each age level as well as websites to find practice ideas.

A good website to start with is www.coachingsoccer101.com

Items you should have at practice: whistle, cones, extra soccer balls, first aid kit

We recommend setting practices up in this form: 20 minutes of ball skill (find drills on our website), 20 minutes of technical skills (passing, shooting, throw-ins, penalty kicks, etc), and then the last 20 minutes have a small scrimmage to incorporate what they have just learned.



5. Who do I contact if I need assistance?

Please refer to the handout or the website to find the name and number of your division coordinator. This person serves on our board of directors and can assist you.

6. How will the league be contacting me during the season?

When there is information that needs to be distributed to the coaches, email is the common form in which you will see this information come across. Please be sure to read these emails as they generally provide important info on important topics.

7. When will schedules be out and how do I get them?

All schedules will be posted on the website and on Facebook and you will need to refer to either source to check on rainouts and/or game changes. Parents can use the website and the mobile app to see the schedules. We work very hard to reschedule rainouts in a timely manner. This will be automatically updated on your team's schedule on the website. There is a way to print the schedule from the site if you would like to do that to hand out to the parents.

8. Do I have to vote for kids for the All-Star team?

Yes and we ask that coaches take this duty very serious. Coaches should take time to mentally make note of players on the opposing teams and then use the voting form to help make votes throughout the season. The voting form will be required to be turned in prior to the selection meeting so that all vote tallying can be completed and teams formed in an efficient matter that night. Take time to talk with a coach after or before your game if you feel they have shown all-star qualities and deserve a vote. After team draws you will receive an email with the rosters from each team in your division. This will help to have player's names and information of the other coaches.

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