

Sample U6 Parent Meeting Agenda

Team Goals: Our primary goal as a team is to have fun. We will help the players improve their balance and coordination and give them endless opportunities to dribble a soccer ball while playing childhood games that may not seem like soccer to adults at times. We want to use their imagination and insure that they all enjoy the game. Although it may not look like soccer, the activities we use will help socialization, coordination, encourage the players to solve problems and at times make them laugh. Winning will not be a priority or even a goal for our team. We will be making fun our priority.

Style of Play: I will be encouraging the players to try new things and to be creative. We will focus on developing dribbling skills, but will not spend time on passing, receiving, and shooting skills as U6 players are not typically physically and mentally ready to do this. Also it is best for them to develop dribbling skills before trying to do anything else. It is my hope that players have the confidence to show their skills in the game and practice. The game may look like a swarm of bees at times and that is OK. We will not be coaching positions. In reality, even if the game is 3 vs. 3, in our player's minds it is really 1 vs. 5. That is fine and we will let the players have fun at this age without forcing adult concepts upon them.

Attendance: I will be at every practice and game, foregoing any unforeseen emergencies. Please make every attempt to have your child at every practice and game (on time) as well as it is part of learning the responsibility of being on a team. Given our hectic lives, I do understand that players may have conflicts here and there. Please let me know before the first game of any conflicts you might have for the season so I can prepare my practices accordingly and we can make sure our team has enough players at every game. Please have your children at the field 15 minutes before the game starts and please pick up your children promptly after every practice and game.

Discipline: I have been told that I run a tight ship and will continue to do so. If players are acting out I will ask them two times to fix their behavior. If they fail to do so after these warnings, I will sit them down at practice or during a game. If the behavior continues we will need to talk about it to find a way to help resolve the behavior best without it detracting from the rest of the players' experiences on the team. The more we communicate, the more I can assure the practice environment is fun and safe for everyone.

Communication: I am typically a difficult person to reach by phone. The best way to get a hold of me is via email at soccercoach@sampleclub.com. Should you wish to talk by phone my office number is 1-800-852-6666 and the best time to reach me is between 12pm and 3pm. If these times do not work, let's schedule a time that works for both of us. Please, if you have a concern, do not talk to me during a practice or game or when your child or other people can hear. I do encourage open communication and questions as we all hope to make this a great experience for the children.

Sideline Behavior: Please be supportive and enthusiastic on the sideline during games. The players and I will truly appreciate your applause and encouragement. However, if everyone is coaching, this will only confuse the players. Please do not coach from the sideline. The players need to make their own decisions and we need to support them and educate them at practice. Remember you are a role model on the sideline for the players. Please set a good example.

Overall: I am excited for a great year and I hope you and your child are as well. Let's all have fun and enjoy the game. If you have any questions, please, let's keep open communication. ☺