



Information Sheet for Coaches – 2016

Philosophy

We stress participation and good sportsmanship from the players, coaches and parents. Our objective is not to be a competitive league with a primary focus on winning, but a recreational, learning league where kids can play hard, develop knowledge of the game and have fun! We are an “in-house” league, meaning we play all of our games within our own league and geographic area; we do not travel to other area leagues.

Schedule for 2016

1. You MUST contact your team before June 3rd with location and time of the first practice.
2. Practices and games will be held on Monday and Wednesday evenings only. No exceptions {for insurance reasons}. All practices and games are held on the High School/Middle School/Central Baptist grounds.
 - Practice: Practice for ALL leagues will be Monday June 6th and Wednesday June 8th – this is set for PRACTICE/DRILLS purposes only. This time is intended for you to “get to know” your team, not scrimmage. Simple drills, ball control etc.
 - Games will begin Monday June 13th and the season will end on Wednesday July 20th.
 - NO games the week of July 4th.
 - A league games will start at 6:00pm and 7:00pm, B league games will start at 6:00, 6:50 and 7:40pm. For the C league, games will start at 5:30, 6:30 and 7:30pm.
3. The First Practice {June 1st}:
 - Each team will be assigned a field for a specific time slot for practice nights, which your coach will tell you when they call. You will receive a full-season schedule from the coach at the first practice.

Game Atmosphere

1. Each player plays at least half of the game.
2. Use **positive** reinforcement at all times. Please **encourage your** children, not yell at or criticize.
3. Please do not allow players to question the call of the referee. It is the coach's responsibility to discuss interpretation of calls. **REMEMBER that this is intended to be FUN, so SAFETY is really the only issue that SHOULD be an issue... PLEASE be a role model for the kids and DO NOT become belligerent with the referees. |**
4. NO overtime will be played. Tie games remain a tie.
5. At the end of the game, **ALL** players will line up at midfield to shake hands.
6. Please take with you what you brought: bottles, garbage and especially kids.
7. Please know where your kids are at all times, including those not playing. Parents are responsible for their children if the child leaves the practice area or game area.
8. Please let your coach know in advance if your child will not attend a game.

Structure of Games

A League:

- **6 vs 6**
- NO GOALIE!! No player should stand in front of the goal!
- **SMALL** nets!
- At the quarter, switch players out.
- Keep all players on a blanket, while not in play, they should be in a confined area.

B League:

- **7 vs 7**

C League:

- **9 vs 9**

Rainouts/Lightning

The games will be cancelled if the weather becomes dangerous {ie. lightning, hail, etc}. They **will** be played in the rain. If the game has not begun, your coach should call you to let you know of cancellations. If the game is in progress, both coaches and the referees must agree to stop the game.

Safety

Shin guards are **mandatory** for practices and games. Also, players are not allowed to wear jewelry or hats during the game.

