



## GENERAL SOCCER COACH INFORMATION

Thank you for volunteering your time to coach our youth in soccer. Your coaching position may be new to you and you'll find out quickly that both you and your players will be rewarded in many ways. We hope the following information helps you get off to a good start and answer's most of your questions you might have. Please consult our website or contact your sports director for additional information.

### Key Dates:

- The season begins September 7<sup>th</sup> and consists of 8 games in each division. 1st-8th grade teams can participate in our optional end of season tournament at no extra cost.
- Coaches meeting: August 21st at the Richardson YMCA.  
Returning coaches; come and go roster, equipment pick up between 6:30-7:15pm.  
New coaches: 7:30pm.  
Make-up date: August 24th @ 12pm at the Richardson YMCA
- Coaching clinic: August 24th @ 9:00am. Instructed by Mike Uremovich.
- Picture day: TBD
- Fall Soccer Shootout Tournament: November 9<sup>th</sup>.
- TEAM conflicts are due August 26th No exceptions. \*

### Coach Support:

In addition to the coach's clinic, we can meet with you and/or your team individually for additional support anytime before and/or during the season.

### Team Information:

Team Uniform: Shorts, sock, jersey or t-shirt with the appropriate YMCA logo & player number on the front or back of t-shirt or jersey. For safety reasons the players name is not allowed on jerseys or shorts. Sponsor's name may be displayed on uniforms but must be appropriate for a youth sports organization. The Y logo can be placed on uniforms at Game On.

Team Formation: Teams are formed based on grade, closest school, player and coach request. All requests are honored when possible. **Placement is based on availability. We cannot guarantee placement on a team by location or school, but we try our best.** Rosters are not to exceed maximum numbers. More detailed formation guidelines can be found in the soccer rules.

Team Practice: Practice dates, times and place are decided by the coach. Reserved practice space is provided for teams if needed. Contact your players as soon as possible with team/practice information. Sample practice designs and drills can be found on our soccer webpage. Practices are reserved on [Sign Up Genius](#).

Team Name: Please provide your team name once decided so schedules can be updated.

Schedules, Standings and Field Conditions: Are posted on [TeamSideline](#).

Team Schedule Conflicts: An event in which the majority of the players will attend will be honored if advised by the deadline. Example, adventure guides campout, **school functions**. If you coach a school team please check your school calendar for any possible Thursday evening conflicts. Conflicts do not include birthday parties, sleepovers, recitals, coach travel, other sport schedule conflict, etc. Because multiple team conflicts cause sporadic schedules for other teams in the same division a maximum of 1 conflict per team, no exceptions. **Game schedule conflicts** for HEAD coaches of multiple teams are priority however we encourage all teams to have more than one coach in the event a conflict cannot be resolved.

Not all submitted conflicts are guaranteed and conflicts are ONLY for the team and not individual players or coaches. We cannot accept conflicts after the schedules are released, no exceptions.

League Rules: Can be found on our soccer webpage.

Trophies: Pre-K -1<sup>st</sup> receive participation medals. 2<sup>nd</sup> & up will receive 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> placement medals or participation medals. Small fry will receive trophies.

Rosters: Players are not permitted to play in a game or practice with a team until registration has been complete. (Registration form and payment both received). Any team found to have a player suited up and ready to play, but not on the official team roster games that player played will be forfeited and coach suspended for games TBD. This is to prevent the recruiting of any "ringers" for key games or potential tournaments. Please note: if a player is added to your team after the coaches meeting an updated roster will be submitted to you by your sports director. Only players on your roster are permitted to play.

### **Coach Information:**

All coaches are required to complete volunteer application on [Volunteer Matters](#).

EVERY PLAYER MUST PLAY A MINIMUM OF 50% OF EACH GAME. Equal playing time for all should be the goal.

DO NOT RUN UP THE SCORE – if you find that your team is winning too easily (by more than 5 points), make adjustments to your line-up through substitutions, moving players to different positions, only allowing certain players to shoot, requiring a certain # of consecutive passes before a shot is allowed, allowing opposing team to add an extra player, etc. We are not asking for teams not to score, only to make adjustments. No one benefits from, or enjoys a game when scoring is out of control.

Game forfeits: in fairness to the opposing team and officials, please advise your sports director if your team is unexpectedly below minimum player number for a game. If your team is short players and the opposing team agrees, utilize the "borrow a player" rule. Forfeited games will not be rescheduled. All rain out games will be rescheduled unless time/field space prevent us from doing so.

All coaches are required to sign the Coach Code of Conduct agreement.

### **Field Information:**

Small fry-1<sup>st</sup> grade play on the Richardson YMCA fields at 821 Custer Rd. OR at FUMCR fields located on Custer rd. ½ mile south of the YMCA.

2<sup>nd</sup>-High School play at Lookout, Heights or Huffhines Parks.

Heights: Floyd and Twilight St. Richardson

Lookout Park: 2698 Owens Blvd. Richardson

FUMCR: 515 Custer Rd. Richardson

Berkner Park: 1800 E. Spring Valley Rd. Richardson

Huffhines Park: 200 N. Plano Rd. Richardson

Woodlands Park: 1248 Woodland Way. Richardson  
Custer Park: 701 Renner Rd. Richardson

Teams sit on opposite sides of the field during games.

Rainout information - is posted on [TeamSideline](#) as soon as information is available. If games are canceled or postponed because of weather, Teamsideline will be updated and notification sent to coaches and once a final decision is made, but no later than 7:30am on Saturday's or 4:30pm Thursday'. If games start and weather conditions change which necessitates the cancellation of later games, the website will be updated as soon as possible. We strongly encourage each coach check the website 30 minutes prior to game time for updates. If the website doesn't indicate any adverse weather conditions, postponements, or cancellation then everyone should assume that games are being played as scheduled.

Games are canceled for the following reasons:

- 1) It has rained for several days prior to the scheduled game and the fields are wet to the point where playing the game will destroy the playing surface.
- 2) The presence of thunderstorms and lightning.
- 3) It is raining at the time of the scheduled game and the temperature is low enough (38 degrees) to make conditions unbearable for the children.

Rained out games will be rescheduled if possible however it sometimes becomes impossible to reschedule due to multiple rainouts, time constraints and remaining field availability. The presence of rain does not mean that games will be cancelled. We attempt to play all games when possible. The Sports Director, Head Referee or on location Game Officials are the only ones permitted to call off games. Coaches are not to call off games without authorization. If this occurs that game will not be rescheduled.

**Vender Information** (if needed):

Game On Uniforms: 12215 Forestgate Dr, Dallas 75243. 214-340-1592 [gameonuniforms@yahoo.com](mailto:gameonuniforms@yahoo.com)

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Score Sports: [scoresports.com](http://scoresports.com) 800-626-7774

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