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# Franklin Youth Soccer and Bellingham Youth Soccer

Academy Spring Soccer Meeting

March 20, 2014



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# Agenda

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- Introductions / President's Remarks
  - Academy Philosophy
  - Administrative Items
  - Training (FSS)
  - Refs and Code of Conduct
  - Revs Update
  - Game Day Reminders / Cancellations
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# Academy Philosophy



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- Emphasis on technical development
  - Kids play to win – we coach to have them learn
  - Emphasis is on the individual, not the team
- Encourage creative and deceptive play
- Professional training
- Training groups
- Small rosters & small fields = more touches



# Communicating to Parents

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- Offer them the 1 page introduction
  - Consider including it as an email attachment
- Refer parents to our Web site
  - Click on “Academy” under Divisions
- In your weekly email to parents, share the theme of the week
  - “Parents, this week during the game our focus will be on shooting”



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# Administrative Items



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# Rosters and Game Schedules

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- If you haven't received your roster by now, you'll have it by tomorrow
- Game schedules will be developed over the weekend



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# When Will Be Able to Play?

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- Short answer.....we are not sure
- There is a 99% chance our fields will not be open by April 5<sup>th</sup>
- We are considering alternatives for April 5
- We can be pretty confident that practices won't begin until after the 5<sup>th</sup>





# General Reminders

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- 10 week game schedule
  - Games **will not** be played on Memorial Day
  - Players should arrive 15 minutes beforehand to warm up
  - Parents should stay on the spectator side of the field (3 feet back)
  - Proper equipment and uniforms is critical (tight fitting clothes, hat, etc.. under uniform)



# Pre-Season Reminders

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- CORI check for new coaches
- Field set-up day is March 29<sup>th</sup> at 9AM
  - Line painters needed for season
- Concussion Training
  - <http://www.cdc.gov/concussion/HeadsUp/Training/index.html>
- Consider getting your F License on Sunday, April 6th
- Get your equipment bag and shirts



# Training Groups

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- Training groups & times sent via email
  - Location is Dacey
  - Posted training times are exact
    - Get parents to arrive 10 minutes early
  - **Prepare** each week by reading the FSS Plan
    - New direct link to training plans via Web
  - Advanced goalkeeping sessions will be offered
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# Training

## Kevin Sayward, FSS



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# Refs and Code of Conduct



# Referees

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- Zero tolerance policy
    - Ref decisions are final- no disputing calls
    - No remarks or criticism of the ref at all
  - Academy refs are generally young (12-15)
    - Still working on whistle blowing, hand signals, etc..
  - Referee mentor on field during all games
  - You are welcome to send me ref feedback
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# Code of Conduct

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<http://www.franklinyouthsoccer.org/resources/conduct>



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# Revs Update

## Jeff Jerrier

(June 8<sup>th</sup> at 5PM – Franklin Night at the Revs!!)





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# Game Day Reminders and Cancellation Procedures



# Game Day Reminders

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- Get your goalkeeper ready in advance
    - Give the ref advance notice
    - Have two goalie pennies and two sets of gloves
  - Avoid line drills or shooting on the goalie during game day warm-ups
  - Work with your fellow coaches at midfield
  - Move away from players for sensitive discussions
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# Coach Reminders

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- Limit over-coaching on the field...Use stuff like:
  - Where is space?
  - How is our shape?
  - Stay on your toes
  - Let's see fakes
  - What are your options?
  - Everyone attacks and defends



# Final Notes

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- Visiting player policy in effect if needed
- Please check to make sure sandbags are on your nets prior to the start of each game
- Last two weeks – Junior Tournament
- End of season player evaluations for travel
  - We will need coach support



# Cancellations

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- On FSS practice days, cancellation notices will come from Kevin Sayward / FSS
  - On non FSS practice days AND game days, cancellation notices will come from Matt O'Keefe. On game days, notices will be posted to the FYSA Web site as well
  - Coaches are responsible for notifying parents
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Thank you!

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# Appendix

## Game Day Rules



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- Modified BAYS rules
- 2 halves of 25 minutes for juniors
- 2 halves of 30 minutes for senior / masters
- 5 v 5 for juniors
- 6 v 6 for seniors and masters
- Throw-in do-overs permitted for 1<sup>st</sup> half of season (juniors only)





# Game Day Rules

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- No offside for juniors. Offside for seniors
  - On goal kicks or keeper throw-outs / punts, ball must touch ground or player before passing midfield
  - Withdraw to mid-field on a goal kick if you are not in possession (NEW BAYS RULE)
  - Both teams may sub prior to goal kicks. No subs on corner kicks. Subs go to midfield
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# Game Day Rules

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- When a game has a 5 goal differential, the trailing team may add a player.
- After an 8 goal differential, the teams must trade players
- Players must have proper uniforms / attire
  - No earrings
- Encourage kids to ask refs questions