

SUMMER SOCCER Coach GUIDELINES

*****Games are cancelled only because of thunder and/or lightning. Reading United Soccer Club follows the Town of Reading's Lightning Policy which states, "The FIRST sign of lightning or thunder will suspend any games/practices from continuing at that moment". Please refer to the Town of Reading Lightning Policy that you have been given. Since the referee is the only one who cancels games, PLEASE DON'T CALL THE COORDINATORS! We cannot reschedule cancelled games due to lack of field space.*****

- PLEASE CALL THE PLAYERS ON YOUR ROSTER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. All players have been notified of their team assignments and have a copy of the roster with player and coach names and phone/email info. Give them an idea of where you will meet the first time. Let them know how to identify you. Tell them how you would like them to address you i.e. Coach Smith, Coach John, Mr. Smith, etc.
- All players have been given a GAME schedule with their player assignment notifications.
- It would be helpful if you could make a handout for the kids with pertinent information and helpful hints, for example: time to meet for games and practices, what to bring to each game, and important information such as no jewelry.
- All players must wear shin guards and bring their own water. Sneakers or SOCCER shoes are to be worn (no metal baseball or softball cleats). Jewelry and barrettes are NOT allowed for safety reasons. This includes pierced earrings – NO EXCEPTIONS.
- Since there may not be bathrooms at the field, please stress the need to go before leaving home.
- Players should arrive at the field about 15 mins. before games so that games can start promptly.
- All players should receive equal playing time!!! This is a recreational league, and no statistics are kept. Winning is not everything. We are trying to encourage enjoyment of the game.
- If you run out of medical supplies or other equipment, call Mike Sheedy at 781-315-3144.
- Do not argue with the referees. Many of them are new to the job and they, as well as we, will appreciate your patience. If you have a problem with the way a game was refereed, write a report and submit it to the Referee Coordinator. If a referee does not cover a game, please report it to Jack Zorabedian, Referee Coordinator, 781-771-2312
- Good sportsmanship is expected of all players, coaches, and spectators. Let the parents know that negativism from the sidelines is not acceptable. So, relax, have fun and encourage each child to do his/her best.
- Check the internet for a variety of sites that discuss the rules of soccer and coaching tips. In particular, www.mayouthsoccer.org; www.fifa.com, and watch for updates to our own site, www.rusc.org.
- Following your last team meeting, Bring your equipment to the storage bin at Parker.
- Regarding trophies: Please refrain from "awarding" trophies at the end of the season. It can create a lot of hurt feelings if one team or sibling gets a trophy and another does not.
- Only water is allowed on the turf fields. No food, Gatorade, juice, gum, popsicles, etc. may be consumed on the turf field. Spectators and lawn chairs are not allowed on the turf field. Pets are not allowed on any playing field. Please stress that parents read Turf Field Guidelines sent to them.
- DO NOT SWITCH or ADD ANY TEAM PLAYERS WITHOUT NOTIFYING THE SUMMER SOCCER COORDINATOR!!!! Summersoccer@rusc.org

HAVE FUN !