

Sample Parent Letter/Email

Dear Parents,

I hope everyone has had a great summer and is ready for a fun season of soccer! I will be your child's coach this year and am looking forward to working with them.

To get the season off to a smooth start, there are a few things you'll likely want to know:

There will be two goals for this year's season. First and foremost, we're here to have fun, and we'll want the kids to view soccer as an activity they really enjoy and associate with only fun experiences. To accomplish this we'll play lots of fun games, and I'll keep the "coach-speak" to a minimum. I ask that you help us achieve this goal by encouraging your kids to participate in our activities as much as possible and keep their focus on enjoying themselves. Keep in mind this is only the 1st step in a very long soccer career. Development and fun need to be the focus, not wins and losses.

The second goal of our season is to get the kids to become more and more comfortable with handling the soccer ball. We'll spend lots of time practicing skills such as dribbling, passing, and trapping, and I hope you will spend some time with them at home further developing these abilities. Even if it is only 15 minutes a week on a Sunday afternoon, the more time the kids play soccer the better. But again, always keep the focus on having fun and stay positive, and don't worry too much about how quickly they improve. The worst thing we can do to our kids at this age is to let them become discouraged or frustrated with the sport. If we let that happen they won't want to play again next year.

Practices will run from (Time) every (Day of week) between now and the end of October. Please arrive on time. Games will be on Saturdays starting September 12 through October 31. Picture Day is on September 22 & 23. All practices will be at (Location) at (Time) and games will take place at (Location). Unless you hear otherwise, we will always have practice or games. In case of cancellation, you will be notified by phone as quickly as possible.

Please make sure that your child brings soccer cleats, shin guards, a #(?)-size soccer ball and a water bottle for practice.

Enclosed is a team roster with parents' names and phone numbers. The roster will be my primary source of contact information should I need to reach you for weather cancellations, so please make sure your phone number and email is accurate.

If you have any questions or suggestions, do not hesitate to contact me at any time.

Take care,

Coach _____