



## AUBURN PARKS, ARTS & RECREATION Soccer Parents Meeting Agenda

- ◆ Your Name, \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number(s), Home \_\_\_\_\_  
& Work \_\_\_\_\_ (if you can receive calls at work)
- ◆ Let them know that if they have any concerns or problems to feel free to let you know.
- ◆ If they have any concerns or problem with the program itself to contact Rick Bruya at the Parks & Recreation Department (253) 931-3043 or [rbruya@auburnwa.gov](mailto:rbruya@auburnwa.gov) .
- ◆ Please notify me if you have any questions or concerns.
- ◆ Please be mindful of your comments and actions during games. It is imperative that you are positive with your comments and actions to the players, coaches and referees. Please do not coach the players during the game, that is the coaches' job and can be confusing to the players if you are yelling for them to do something that might be different from what they were taught in practice. The players may not be able to hear the coaches if the parents are too loud. Please keep your comments to positive encouragement toward both teams. Please treat this program like you would your child's classroom at school. This is a learning environment for them, and needs to be respected. Coaches put in many hours of work into preparing and coaching this team please, let them know you appreciate their efforts.

### 2. Specifics on the program

- ◆ All coaches are certified and are required to adhere to the Coaches Code of Ethics (Review with parents) if you see me or any other coach not living up to this code please contact Rick Bruya at (253) 931-3043 or [rbruya@auburnwa.gov](mailto:rbruya@auburnwa.gov). Auburn Parks cannot help solve problems that they are unaware of.
- ◆ Go over the parents' code of ethics. Both parents are required to sign and adhere to the parents' code of ethics. Have them do this prior to giving game schedules. Returned to coach for future reference.
- ◆ Team Rules: Arriving on time for practices and games. If unable to attend practice or game call first.
- ◆ Many Coaches and Parents ask about trophies, we do not supply trophies for soccer we supply balls and participation certificates. All children play minimum of half of each game, we (the coaches) will try our best to be as fair as possible in dividing time evenly in the game. It is easiest for us to make-up line-ups and player rotations prior to game day, so it is very important that you notify one of the coaches if you will not be at a game.
- ◆ Scores are not kept in this league. The main focus of this program is for the children to have fun and learn the basic skills of soccer. We try to do this by de-emphasizing winning and by using only positive comments toward teams, coaches and referees. Sportsmanship will be emphasized. As coaches we will be stressing that the players have fun and are learning and/or improving their skills. If you were unable to attend a game, please try not to have the first words, to your child be, "did you win?" Instead have it be, "did you have fun today?" or something like that.

### 3. Specifics on the Season:

- ◆ Practice will be on \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ and Games will be on (See Schedule).
- ◆ Practices will be at \_\_\_\_\_, Games will be at \_\_\_\_\_ Auburn (see maps).
- ◆ Length and frequency of practice/games. Practices will last 1 hour. Games are four 8 minute periods for K-1<sup>st</sup> and four 10 minute periods for 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> grades, two 25 halves for 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grades and two 30 halves for 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> grades. There is 30 seconds (just enough to time for substitutions) between periods and 5 minutes at half time.
- ◆ Policy on parents attending practices. I would make sure that parents understand that you will not be responsible for their child. If they cannot be present during practice they need to find another parent from the team that will be responsible for their child because if your child is injured your first responsibility is to them and you cannot transport other children.
- ◆ Games will be played rain or shine. 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade soccer will be played on Turf fields, parents must sit in bleachers may not be on turf field (players and coaches only).

### 4. Specifics on Equipment

- ◆ The league provides (shirt and ball players keep). The league provides cones, coach's equipment, etc.
- ◆ What other equipment is needed (shin guards and molded cleats, or tennis shoes).

### 5. Volunteers Needed

- Treat Organizer – organizes who brings treats and drinks for each game and calls to remind people the day before each game.
- **Assistant Coaches** – We can use extra help at practice if you are available to help.

### For the Players

- ◆ Team Rules:
  1. Arrive on time for practices and games. Please plan to arrive 20 minutes prior to each game.
  2. If unable to attend practice or game call first.
  3. Safety is important.
  4. Need to pick a team name, they will ask for this at pictures. (Cougars, Dragons, Blue Angels, etc)

**Soccer Bag** ( It is very important that all of the players have a bag for their soccer gear, listed below will be some of the things you should try to include)

- Water bottle with water only.
- Extra t-shirt
- Sweat suit or sweat pants and sweat shirt
- Change of shoes and socks to change after practice/game (keeps dirty shoes out of car)
- Towel