

Liverpool Youth Soccer League Player and Parent Guide

Coaching Philosophy

1. I want to develop an appreciation and love for soccer in the players so all activities will be designed for maximum fun value.
2. At this age, practice and games are about teaching soccer fundamentals, teamwork, and sportsmanship.

Team Motto

PLAY HARD, PLAY FAIR, HAVE FUN

Equipment

Shin guards, soccer ball, and a plastic water bottle for practices. Uniform and other equipment mentioned above for games. No jewelry can be worn during practice or games.

Practice

Attendance is very important. We cannot play well as a team unless we practice as a team. Your child's coach will inform you of the weekly practice time and location. If it is raining and practice is cancelled, you will be notified by a player's parent or the coach.

Games

Please refer to the roster for the game times and location. Players should report to the field 15 minutes prior to the start of the game with their equipment. During the game, players' shirts must remain tucked in and their shin guards covered by their socks. If it is cold outside, please have your child wear a black long sleeve t-shirt under their jersey and black sweatpants or running pants.

Expected Behavior

By Parents

1. Positive encouragement is good; negative comments are not allowed on the field.
2. Cheering is good, but do not yell at your child or anyone else's child during the game. It can be distracting to the player and what you tell them may be different from what the coach is saying.
3. Be a good role model and a good sport.
4. Do not yell at the referees (they are learning too) or make negative comments about the other team's players or coaches.

By Players

1. Listen carefully and follow all directions given by the coach.
2. Hustle and do your best (try, try, try, and you will get better).
3. Be a good sport whether we score a lot or a few goals.
4. Be cooperative and respectful toward everyone.

Discipline Policy

In order to ensure practices and games are fun and safe, the players need to make good choices regarding their behavior. If they choose not to comply with the expectations, I will take the following action:

1st I will explain to the player what the behavior is, why it is not appropriate, and ask them to stop it.

2nd If they persist, I will walk them over to the side to speak to them privately in an attempt to find out why they are choosing not to comply with the request and explain to them how their choices are disrupting practice or a game.

3rd If they still persist, I will ask them to sit on the sideline until their parent(s) arrive at which time I will talk to the parent(s).

Volunteers

There are plenty of opportunities for you to help with the team. We need a lines person at every game, someone to bring snacks to each game, and parents to call players/parents when games or practices are cancelled.