

Spring Travel Coaches Meeting

Schedules

- Team schedules will be posted on SportsManager. Coaches and parent logins will allow viewing of their teams' schedule. Reference the Schedules and Team Info document located in the Forms/Docs/Files section for more information.

Rainouts called by Spencer

- Game postponements due to weather will be called at least 2 hours before game time. When this happens, the home coach should do the following:
 - o Contact the other team coach by phone. While an email will be sent to that coach, a quick follow up call is suggested.
 - o As the home team coach, we need to reschedule the game. Two dates should be offered.
 - It is easiest to try and use one of your normal practice day/times.
 - Contact the other coach and get an agreed upon date and time.
 - Confirm the home field is free for these dates. Recall that a rescheduled game will override the practice schedule.
 - The make-up game must be *rescheduled* within 2 weeks of the original game.
 - The make-up game must be *played* within 4 weeks of the original game.
 - If the other coach cannot agree, let the League Rep know and we will coordinate a time through MAYS.
 - o Use the Reschedule feature of SportsManager to offer the make up dates. This page is available from the Email that was sent to the head coach after the game was cancelled.
 - o Reference the Game Cancellation and Rescheduling document located in the Forms/Docs/Files section for more information.

Rosters

- For each game, 2 approved and printed rosters are needed. These no longer need to be signed by the Town League Rep. Coaches can sign them on game-day.

- o Double check shirt numbers. These can be corrected on the roster.
- o Player write-in's are not allowed.
- o If a player is not on the roster that child cannot play in that game. Rules are strict in this regards (and includes non-waivered players)
 - Fine of \$50 per player (further offenses are \$75).
 - Forfeiture of game can also occur.
- o Lack of rosters will result in a fine and a possible game forfeit.

Passcards

- Passcards are needed for all coaches.
- In the Spring, passcards are needed for players on D1 and D2 teams, U12 and up.
- Pictures need to be posted to SportsManager
- A team needs at least one coach with a valid Passcard in order to play.
 - o Does not have to be a coach from same team or even same town.

Pre-game Suggestions

- Contact opposing coach by Wednesday before game to...
 - o confirm field location and time
 - o check with uniform colors (home team responsible for pinnies if needed).

8 Goal Differential

- An 8 goal score differential of a game is enforced. League will enforce this through warnings, fines and suspensions for any team that scores 8 or more goals than their opponent.
- It is advised to start employing tactics when you are up by 3 or 4 goals.
- The following power point presentation is available for more info:

<http://www.sportsmanager.us/DownloadFile.asp?File=%5CDocuments%5CSpencerYouthSoccer%5C151792033E%2Eppt>

Referee or Opposing Coach Problems

- Do not address these problems directly during the game. There is a zero-tolerance policy and situations will be reported to the league. These issues can lead to seasonal suspensions of the coach(es).
- A referee may be approached during half-time or after the game for any questions or polite feedback.
- For any issues, contact the League Rep with details so the issue can be handled by the league.
- Late referees:
 - o A ref should arrive 15 minutes prior to the start of game.
 - o A ref may arrive up to 15 minutes late after the schedule start of game.
 - o After this time, there are options:
 - The coaches of the two teams can assign an acting referee.
 - If a mutually accepted party cannot be found, then the game will need to be rescheduled.
- Problems with players, parents and spectators are the responsibility of the head coach.

Post Game Reporting

SportsManager now allows the following to be reported after each game played. Participation is encouraged.

- Score - The coach from each team is asked to enter the final score of the game. Any discrepancies will be reviewed.
- Comments about the game can be entered here as well.
- Referee's can be rated and commented on. These are reviewed by the league referee assignor.
- Team standings can be viewed online as well.

For more information reference the [Post Game Reporting](#) document in the Forms/Docs/Files section within SportsManager.

Game Cancellations or Other Issues

- The league policy only allows for game cancellations due to weather or field conditions beyond control (standing water, vandalism, etc).
- If for some reason the coach or any assistant coach will not be able to attend a game please contact the League Rep or President of SSC as soon as possible and we will arrange for another coach to attend that game.
- If it is known that many of your players will not be able to attend a specific game (such as during Easter weekend or April vacation), we can schedule your team around this, but we need this info prior to the schedule being made (typically March 1st).

Playoffs and Tournaments

D1 and D2 teams in U12 and up age groups are eligible to compete for the chance to play in the Mass. Tournament of Champions. Those teams that qualify at the end of the regular season will enter a play-off schedule.

MTOC is held at the end of June for 3 days.

All U12-D3 and U14-D3 teams will be entered in the Gaffney Cup Tournament. The last two games of the Spring season will be played in this tournament. These dates are typically on the schedule with time and locations as TBD. Details will be announced as the dates approach.

Rules and Laws of the Game

Use the following links to access...

- Frequent Laws and Interpretations of the Game:
<http://www.sportsmanager.us/DownloadFile.asp?File=%5CDocuments%5CSpencerYouthSoccer%5C136255B946%2Epdf>
- MAYS League Rules and Bylaws:

http://www.maysl.com/MAYS_Files/constitution.pdf

Miscellaneous

- Drinking before practices or games will not be tolerated.
- Remained players that bullying other players, whether it be team mates or players on other teams will not be tolerated.
- Remind players parents that whether we are winning or losing there should be no heckling of other teams players.

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