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Volunteer Coach Season Outline

1. Register to volunteer coach using the CoachSpan website (link can be found on BPRW's volunteer webpage.) You can't lead or help with the Fun Day or any practice or game until your application has been accepted, which includes a required background check screening. City policy requires the check to be done annually, even if you've helped coach in the past.
2. Get Coaches Packet that includes code of conduct, rules, goals and objectives, and Heads Up Concussion fact sheet.
3. Select Practice Time for your team. Please keep this time for the duration of the season.
4. Use alphaSOCCER coaching platform offered through CoachSpan throughout the season. This will include drills/games, teaching points, illustration aids, and a series of weekly coaching packages that have suggestions for skills and drills to focus on for that week.
5. Receive Team Roster from Jen Cotton. Roster will include parent contact information, which you will be expected to use to communicate with parents throughout the season.
 - Team communication with parents is critical; please ensure you are reaching each family. We do our best to have the most updated email/phone number in our system, but at times, we don't, so please double check with parents.
 - ABSOLUTELY NO CHANGES are to be made to the rosters by either coaches or parents. If children have a conflict that prevents them from coming to a practice, he/she will not be penalized for missing practice and will still play in the weekend game and more importantly not play any less due to a missed practice. All players must be placed on a team by Recreation Staff ONLY.
6. Players should not be dropped off for either games or practices and be left alone, prior to staff or coaches arriving.
7. Parents should promptly pick up their children at the end of games and practices. (Kindergarten level requires a parent to be present for games and practices.) Coaches must wait for parents to pick up their players before leaving.
 - Roosevelt Site Teams/Coaches Only: We offer bus transportation to all games, so we ask that one coach ride the bus to and from Roosevelt Park, so players aren't by themselves.
8. Weather Policy:
 - If we cancel games due to inclement weather, we ask that the coaches contact families/players to notify them. Athletic Program Supervisor will notify you by email regarding cancellations.
 - Practices on Rainy Days: Please use your best judgement as to whether you should hold practice on rainy days. If there is standing water on the field, practice should be cancelled.
9. Keep track of all equipment and first aid kit, issued at beginning of the season. (If you need additional supplies, please contact Jen Cotton.) Return equipment at the end of the season.
10. Fill out Certificates and pass out to your team at the end of the season.
11. Take a team picture with game shirts on and email to your team at end of the season.