



Recreational Coaches Meeting

U9-U12

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AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Fingerprinting and Registration
3. TeamSnap
4. Team Clinics @ Prince
5. Jamboree/ City Cup
6. Rules Review
7. Health and Safety (Covid-19 and Smoke days)
8. Draft
9. Equipment Distribution

Coach Registration & Background: All coaches and assistant coaches must be registered. The Coach registration link will be emailed to you and posted on petalumasoccer.org/registration when it is available. Coaches will be subject to a background check by CalNorth soccer. All new coaches will need to have a livescan completed prior to the season beginning. (New live scans are not required for returning coaches). This can be done on your own, or at the developmental coaches meeting on July 24, 2024 at the Petaluma Community Center.



PYSL uses TeamSnap as a league management platform. All teams will be rostered in TeamSnap and game schedules will be posted in TeamSnap. TeamSnap allows coaches to manage communications and track availability for games and practices. To get the most out of TeamSnap, coaches should download and install the app.

Team Trainings @ Prince Park: PYSL is excited to offer team trainings at Prince Park for our recreational teams (U9-U10). Each team will participate in four team clinics at the beginning of the season which will be staffed with trained coaches. These coaches will review

age-appropriate drills that coaches may choose to utilize during the season and discuss developmental goals for your particular age group. The clinics will be held two times a week during the weeks of July 15th and 22nd at Prince Park. **PLEASE BRING YOUR GEAR BAG TO TRAININGS**

Jamboree and City Cup: At the end of the season, PYSL will offer two special events for all Recc. Teams:

Jamboree (U9-U10): October 5, 2024

Teams will have a playdate where they play a series of shortened games against multiple opponents during the span of one day. Teams will be grouped together based on performance during the season to ensure a competitive level of play for all.

City Cup (U12): October 7- 19th

Teams will have the opportunity to participate in a postseason Cup tournament played here in Petaluma.

All Coaches will be asked to attend a meeting on the above events on September 24 at the Elks. This meeting will be held along with our Volunteer Appreciation Event (food and drink provided). There will be no games this night in order to make attendance easier.

Rules Review: Game rules can be located at petalumasoccer.org.

No Blowout Rule: Any team at the U9-U12 level who is up by a score of more than 4 goals against the other team SHALL remove a player until the other team scores. (Ie: after the 5th goal). Any team who finishes a game with an eight-goal advantage shall be deemed to have lost the game.

Build Out Line (BOL): All U9-U10 teams Shall play with a BOL. This line will be the off-side line (as opposed to the half line). **No punting or drop kicking is allowed by the goalkeeper.**

When the goalkeeper has the ball, either during play (from the opponent) or from a goal kick, the opposing team must move behind the BOL. If the goalkeeper distributes a pass to a teammate, it is only live when the teammate receives and touches the ball, or if the ball crosses the BOL. The opposing team may cross the BOL to challenge for the ball only after the ball is live. *"The first pass is free"*



Health & Safety:

COVID-19: PYSL's COVID-19 protocols can be found at petalumasoccer.org. Coaches are expected to have reviewed PYSL's COVID-19 protocols and are responsible for ensuring that players and parents are following the guidelines.

Smoke days: In the event of a fire event, PYSL will monitor the AQI and announce cancellations of games via TeamSnap by 12 noon on the day of the event. Please note: the safety of our players are paramount. If at any time you do not feel that the conditions are safe for recreational soccer (due to excessive heat, smoke or other condition), please take the initiative to cancel your team event and contact your director ASAP.

Sportsmanship:

Referees: PYSL will have zero tolerance for any abusive or disrespectful conduct toward our referees from parents or coaches. PYSL works diligently to recruit/ train and retain referees in order to ensure a better soccer experience for all. Many of our referees are youth referees who are (like our players) learning. THEY WILL MAKE MISTAKES. If you have feedback about a referee, please contact our head referee RAFAtheassignor@outlook.com with the date of the game, the KO time and field # along with any feedback and it will be addressed.

Parents: Parents should be discouraged from coaching from the sidelines. We have plenty of coaching positions open, and if they are on the sidelines, it is because they didn't want one of them. Cheering is appropriate, but coaching from the sidelines is not and should be addressed by the coach. It really does ruin the game for the kids.

Playing time and Positions: Coaches SHALL do their best to ensure equal playing time for EVERY player and should do their best to allow players to play all positions.

Important Dates for 2024 Recreational Season

June 24- Draft night/ Team meeting

Week of July 6- Team meetings & First Practices

Weeks of July 15 & 22- U9 & U10 Team Clinics at Prince

August 17- Games begin

August 24- SoccerFest and Photoday

NO GAMES LABOR DAY WEEKEND

September 24- Jamboree/City Cup meeting & Coach Appreciation Night

October 5- U9/U10 Jamboree

October 7- City Cup Starts

October 19- City Cup Finals & U9/U10 Allstars

October 25- U12 Allstars

Thank you for coaching. We couldn't do this without you!