



# Developmental Coaches Meeting

## K-2nd

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### AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Fingerprinting & Background
3. TeamSnap
4. Coach Training
5. Rules Review
6. Health and Safety
7. Equipment Distribution

**Coach Registration & Background:** All coaches and assistant coaches must be registered with GotSport prior to taking the field. To register, coaches will need to create a free GotSport account. Coaches can register here: [GotSport](#). PYSL covers all costs associated with coach registration. Please follow [this coach registration guide](#) for important information and discount codes.



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.

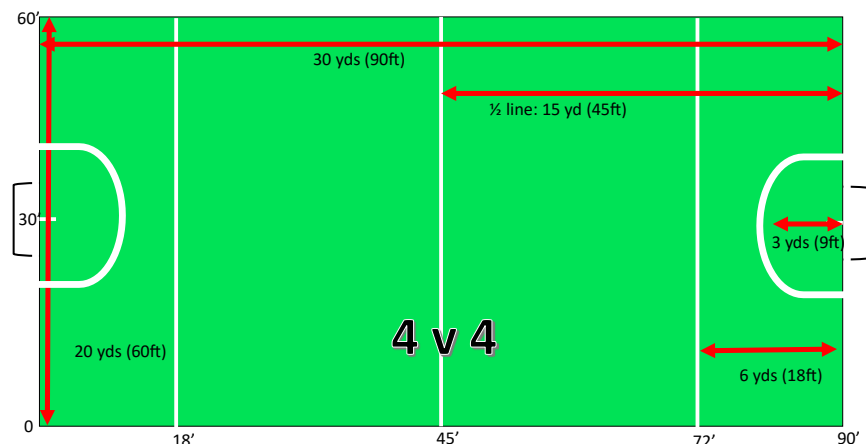
Need ideas for practice? Check out the PYSL coaches' pack! When logged into your team, click on the "explore button" on the bottom right and it will allow you to access sample training ideas and videos.

### Coach Training @ Prince Park

(Monday 7/28 @ 5:30pm)

PYSL is excited to offer a training for Developmental Coaches Monday, July 28th. The training will go over the basic and age appropriate drills that you can use for your team trainings. Come out and take some pressure off your first practice!

## Developmental Field Size



### Rules Review:

A complete list of game rules can be located at [petalumasoccer.org](http://petalumasoccer.org).

- Hard stop for subs every 5 mins. Restart ASAP (not breaktime).
- No Blowouts
- No Puppy guarding
- MANDATORY: Offense drop back to half line on goal kicks
- Difference between K & 1<sup>st</sup> vs 2nd. (Corners and Throw ins)
  - Throw ins should not be retaken if incorrect-just play on!

**\*\*At this age the focus is on “Play play play”. It is ok to let the game continue if the ball goes out a little bit. DO NOT stop play for fouls. (unless someone is hurt-then quickly sub and resume)\*\***

### First Time Coach Tips

- Email your team early
- Have a training plan - Focus on fun and movement!
- Introduce yourself to the other coach before EACH game and go over the rules to avoid misunderstandings. BE flexible- this is about fun. There is no 1<sup>st</sup> place team..
- Make kids sit on “team blanket” when not on field during games. Avoid letting them sit w/ mom and dad. (This will make subs easier). Find a parent who can “Manage your bench” while you coach/ referee the game.
- Count down for Kickins/throwins “3-2-1...Kick!” to keep the game going.

### **Sportsmanship:**

**Parents:** Parents are not permitted to be coaching from the sidelines. 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. **If you have spoken to a parent about their conduct, and it continues- then contact your Director and we will attend your next game to have a more direct conversation with the parent.**

**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.

**Remember, all coaches are volunteers out there. While it may be fun for YOUR parents to watch your team/ star player score goal after goal- put yourself in the other coach's shoes. Maybe they haven't won a game and they have to work even harder to provide a positive experience for their players.**

### **Health & Safety:**

**Smoke/ excessive heat days:** In the event of a fire event or excessive heat, PYSL will announce cancellations of games via TeamSnap by 12 noon on the day of the event. Please note: the safety of our players is paramount. If at any time you (as the coach) feel that the conditions are unsafe for recreational soccer please take the initiative to cancel your team event and contact your director ASAP.

### **Important Dates for 2025 Developmental Season**

**July 22nd- Coaches meeting and Roster**

**July 28th- Coach Training @ Prince 5:30pm (COACHES ONLY)**

**August 16th- Games begin**

**August 23rd- SoccerFest and Photoday**

**LABOR DAY WEEKEND- NO GAMES**

**September 23rd Coach Appreciation Night (ELKS LODGE)**

**October 4<sup>th</sup>- Gear return at Prince Park**

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