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SOCCER OLE' ADV REC LEAGUE INFORMATION

Description

- General aim of developing soccer skills, knowledge and appreciation of the game, team play and good sportsmanship.
- Our goal is to have players (and parents) learning the game and having fun.
- We also want players to be able to match their interest and abilities with the level of challenge and competition for their level of development.
- League emphasizes learning soccer skills and the rules of the game, working with a team, and building social, physical, and emotional readiness for the game.
- League's final objective: develop a core set of values including teamwork, challenging one's abilities and knowledge, and the enjoyment of participating in an active and demanding sport.

Organization

- The idea is to have an in-house league with invited guest programs.
- League in which we can have total control of the rules, competition level and game schedules.
- No scores are kept and posted.
- Games are treated and considered "friendly scrimmages" allowing coaches and referees to "instruct" and "educate" players during play time.
- Keep it affordable with a reasonable cost-benefit program.
- Match teams to compete at their appropriate level of competition. Teams may play an age division up or down.
- Guest players within the same organization may be used to play at the same age division or up but, not down.
- Competitive players registered with other organizations or even with Soccer Ole' classified as: Select, Elite or Level III **are not allowed** to play in the Adv Rec league.

Results

- Promote an enjoyment of the game while instructing and teaching the game of soccer.
- Organized and instructional league
- Proper level of competition



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Parent and Fan Code of Sportsmanship

Sportsmanship in its simplest terms means following the golden rule, “Do unto others as you would have them do to you.” It means being positive and showing respect.

Sportsmanship is:

- 1. Learning and respecting the rules of the game**
- 2. Applauding all players and coaches when they are introduced**
- 3. Using positive cheers for your team**
- 4. Realizing that an athletic event is a team effort directed by the coaches**

Sportsmanship refrains from:

- 1. Cheering negatively against an opponent**
- 2. Making fun of an opponent or spectator**
- 3. Making negative comments about players, coaches, officials or schools**



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Parental Expectations and Guidelines

- Let the coaches coach. No matter the method, the coach is a professional. Let him/her coach the game. Do not coach your child from the sidelines. Having more than one “coach” confuses players.
- Do not bribe or offer incentives. Leave motivation to the coach. Offering money for scoring goals, for example, distracts your child from concentrating properly in training and games.
- Support your child unconditionally. Do not withdraw love when your child performs poorly.
- Support and be positive about the program and all players on the team. Do not bad mouth the program, team or other players on the sideline. If you have a concern, contact the coach.
- Do not yell at the referees, coaches or any players at any time. Your yelling and screaming does nothing positive for the situation and does not set a good example for the children. You also become a distraction for players trying to focus on the game.
- Do not confront your coach concerning an issue until 24 hours have passed after the game/tournament/practice. Do not communicate issues to coaches during training or games. After 24 hours and when the coach is not coaching, you may then feel free to contact the coach and resolve the issue.
- Encourage your child to talk to the coach. “Taking responsibility” as a player – whether about missing a game or training session - is a huge part of soccer and life.
- Help your child keep priorities straight. A youngster needs help balancing schoolwork, friendships and other commitments besides soccer. But having made a commitment to soccer, he/she also needs help fulfilling her obligation to the team.
- Pass the reality test. If your child’s team loses but played his best and is learning the game of soccer, help him see this as a win. Focus on the process, not the final score. Fun and satisfaction comes from “striving to win”.
- The game should not be larger than your life. If your child’s performance produces strong emotions in you, suppress them. Keep your own goals and needs separate from your child’s. Your relationship with your child and the people around you is more important and will last longer than the game your child just played.