

Allen Youth Soccer Coaches Information

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Monday-Friday 9am-5pm

Saturdays 8am-12pm

Volunteering to Coach:

Steps:

Returning Coaches and New Coaches, must Register online to volunteer as a coach, assistant coach or team manager. <http://www.allensports.org/default.aspx>

You must use your own username and password, not your child's. You will remain "UNASSIGNED" until your background check is complete/ ASA verifies your background check is complete.

Coaches must complete the North Texas State Soccer Association (NTSSA) background check. Returning coaches must complete this every Fall Season, not just new coaches.

You may use your

Team Formation

Team formation will take place once registration closes. Rosters will be completed within a week. You will be able to view your roster if you completed the steps before. Once you are able to view your roster. Please contact the parents immediately, they will be anxious to hear from a coach.

To view your roster or your status, you will be able to go through sports pilot.

www.sportspilot.com

Badges

Soccer Badge is good for the Fall-Spring Seasons. Each coach, assistant coach, manager must have a badge. Please note there are only 3 coaches per team(1 Head Coach, 2 assistant coaches or 1 Head Coach, 1 assistant coach, 1 manager). You may come by the ASA office to get your badge once rosters are released. You must wear your badge at practices and games. This allows parents, referees to know you have completed your background check and coaching process.

Team Name

Decide on a team name as soon as possible. The name must be appropriate for our family audience and we do not allow duplicate names. Names are assigned on a first come first serve basis. Please contact Shawn Lung at the ASA office to reserve your team name.

League Directors

Use your league director when you need help. U9 and above report scores to their league directors for the standings in the Fall Season. The contact information can be found on the Allen Sports Association website:

<http://www.allensports.org/Soccer/Information/Board.aspx>

Coaching Education

Rules

The rules for each age group are modified to fit the abilities of the players the rules can be found on the website. <http://www.allensports.org/ASA%20Rules/Forms/Soccer.aspx> You may contact your league director if you need further clarification of any rules or guidelines.

Coaches Meeting

There will be a coaches meeting prior to each season. This will take place after team formation, and before the season begins. Please check the website for the exact date and location.

Conflict Forms

Soccer Game conflict form is posted on the ASA website. This form is pro-active. The scheduler will do the best in order to work around your team's conflict. As a coach, get with your parents and find out: when PTA mtgs are, open houses, Boy Scout, Girl Scouts, Baseball games ECT... If you have several kids missing on a certain date, please put it on the form. This is not a guarantee, but again, we will do our best. You will not be given a bye for any Saturday. *The schedule will not be changed once posted, so this is your chance to speak up.* The deadline for conflict forms will be shortly after teams are formed and posted on the ASA website.

Game Swaps

We will not reschedule games, unless cancelled by weather. If you have a conflict with a scheduled game, your team must do complete a "game swap." You as a coach must contact your opponent and the coaches of the game you want to swap with. All 4 coaches involved must inform the league director that you have agreed to the swap. The league director will then notify the scheduler.

Practices

Practice at local parks...

As the head coach you set the practice schedule.

The fields at Celebration Park and Bolin Park are available for reservation. Each team is granted ½ a field for one hour each week. There are no exceptions even if the complex is empty. The City of Allen reserves the right to rent or otherwise use any unused fields.

Practice Sign Ups will take place at the ASA office after teams are formed. This date will be posted on the website. When you sign up, you will get that particular field for the entire season. You can not reserve and entire practice field for your team. You can have a parent or assistant coach sign up for your spot, if you are unable to attend the sign ups.

Sometimes there will be games scheduled on practice fields (i.e... odd number of teams, or to cover rainouts). A scheduled game always takes precedence over a scheduled practice.

Each week you can check the calendar to see what fields have games on them. If there is a game, you will need to make alternate arrangements for your practice.

Teams using game field for practices are required to vacate the field at least 15 minutes prior to the beginning of a scheduled game. This allows teams to warm up prior to their scheduled game.

Game Schedules

Game Schedules will be posted online. Please check the schedule each week to make sure there have not been any changes to your schedule. We do our best to notify everyone, the website always shows the correct schedule.

Field Conditions

The field condition hotline is (214)509-4809. This hotline is updated by the City of Allen Parks and Recreation Department, by 7:00am on Saturday and 4:00pm Weekdays.

Please stay off the fields if they are closed even if you disagree with the decision to close the fields. The City of Allen Parks and Recreation Department makes the final decision. Using the fields for practice is a privilege. Failure to obey the field usage guidelines could lead to revocation of our privilege.

It is up to the coach to check the website each week for rainout reschedules. When games are rained out, they are usually updated within a few days on the website.

Uniforms

Keep it simple. There is no reason to spend a lot of money on uniforms players will outgrow. There are many options available. Below is a local retailer. of each team to supply uniforms. ASA does not provide them. names or nickname on jerseys.

Equipment

A game ball is provided to each new coach for U4-U19.
(Not provided below)

Cones- disc or orange pointed cones both work well.

Bibs- Bibs or scrimmage vest are very useful during scrimmages for delineate teams. They can also be used by the home team to resolve color conflict.

Pump- Always have a pump on hand so players are working properly with soccer balls.

Extra Soccer Balls- From time to time a player or two will forget their ball. It is extremely important for the younger players to have their own ball to work with.

Resources

Game Day

Games are played at local facilities in Allen. The complexes we have used in the past are Celebration Park and Bolin Twin Creeks Park. We try to schedule all games on Saturdays;

occasionally there will be games during the week. Each team is required to present the referee a game report. This report can be printed in sports pilot.

It is responsibility of the teams that play the first game on the field to put up the soccer nets. It is the responsibility of the teams that play the last game on a field to take down the nets.

U9 and above must email the score to the league director after the game.

Pictures

Each Season ASA contracts with a photographer for a picture package. ASA is currently using TSS Sports Section. There will be a Saturday scheduled for pictures. Coaches will be notified when the photo schedule is ready and posted on the website. TSS will have an alternate weeknight for make ups. You will need to contact them for any reschedules 972-712-3489 or email CPeters@tssphotography.com

Trophies

Participation Trophies are awarded each season to U4-U12. U9-U12 will also earn placement trophies for 1st-3rd place in the Fall Season. Players will receive a participation or placement trophy not both. The trophies will be ordered and available for pick up at the end of the season at MB&B Trophy awards. An email will be sent out when they are ready to be picked up.