Fusion Recreational Information

Players

\*Coaches- Please contact all your players no later than the weekend before the 1st week of practice

\*If a player has a legitimate issue and can not play on your team/practice time, please have them contact *me-ASAP*, I will have to see if I have an opening elsewhere, but most teams are totally full. To the best of my ability, with what we have available, I have placed all players on teams that are the closest match to their requests as I could regarding days, times, buddies, coaches, car pool, siblings, etc.

\*If you acquire an assistant coach, please make sure they are registered on-line and let me know their information however the t-shirt order has already been placed, so an XL will be ordered for any coaches’ positions that are not filled by the coaches meeting.

Equipment

All players need to purchase *cleats or rubber soled shoes, shin guards* (please ensure they are worn appropriately under socks), *black shorts and a #3 soccer ball*. Please label all balls with the child’s name and phone number

\*T-shirts are ordered the day after the coaches meeting and I will contact you via email when they come in if we set up for delivery or pick up before the 1st game, but usually assume delivery to your first practice unless you hear otherwise (bring your printed roster with the size ordered by each player- they are not handed out by number choice-but by size on registration- unless added later)

Practices

\*During practice/games, at all schools, you can not enter the school building since they have after school programs. There are no bathroom facilities available for our use at the schools. We do not want to lose the ability to use of the Elementary schools, so please let your players know if they break this rule, they will be released from the program

\*Practices are 1 hour each week at the same place and same location

\*Keep players well hydrated and I understand that that conflicts with the above restrictions that have been placed on us by the school-but it is what it is - we all have to just do our best to work with it and get them to go before they come out to the fields

Website

\*Please access our website www.fusionsoccer.org and select recreational programs. The recreational website will have the practice schedule, game schedule, lost and found, coaches’ corner, maps, picture order forms and a snack schedule template. Our photo studio is Kreative Photography and they are very excited to host our picture day the 3rd game into the season-coaches you will be contacted to schedule time slots directly by Kreative Studios.

\*You should also be able to access your rosters and send emails to all your players through our registration company Sport Ngin they do not have a “login” link –if you don’t log out when you register then if you click the registration link again the next time you want to go on it will take you right in to your account. If you have questions on this, they have a “support” division and have told me you can email them directly if you have issues at: help@sportngin.com, their support team continues email support until 8:00pm (CST), or call (888) 255-7840 (Select option #3 once you get to the automated operator) and there is a coaches’ help within the coaches login/registration which also provides you an awesome step by step instruction section with pictures on how to access your rosters to email your team or if you have difficulty, I will also be sending all coaches an email with an attached Excel roster as well

Games

\*The game schedule will be posted on the website by the first week of practice

\*We will be scheduling all games at Greatwood-Dickinson and as needed at Campbell, rain out/make-up games are coordinated directly between coaches for one of their practice slots during the week

\*At Dickinson, please be sure not to sit by the back fence during practice or games. We need to respect the neighbor’s privacy. If a ball is kicked over the fence, you can’t climb the fence, you need to go around and ask for the ball back

\*Please ensure you assign a parent/player each week to collect all garbage at the end of the games/practices or please make a team effort to not leave a mess behind

\*Game slots are every 1 hour 15 minutes---15 minutes is to get on and off the field/warm-up- Please stay on time within your time slot. The first games start at 8:30am. 9:45am and then 11:00am

\*U4’s and U5’s have 8 minute (4) quarters with a half time

\*U6-U8 have 10 minute (4) quarters with a shorter half time

Coaches may implement a few minutes between quarters to have a drink and sub out - its whatever works best for both teams as long as there are 4 quarters and each should match the age grouping above and either be 8 or 10 minutes in length with a half time and quarter breaks included which do not exceed the one hour total game time slot

\*U4’s normally play 3v3 \*U5-U6 normally play 4v4 \*U7/U8 normally play 5v5

(However, all teams in all age groups may need/want to play 5v5 due to team sizes and/or coaches preference/limitations)

\*Score is not kept, there are no goalies, and the coaches are the refs. Ensure the play is always kept MOVING. You can have defenders, but they can not stand directly in front of the goal, they need to remain outside the circle/arc and move with the flow of the ball. Please keep reminding your players not to just stand in front of the goal. We want all/the other team to have an opportunity to score and standing like a wall waiting on the ball to come to the player/goal is discouraged-

\*All players should receive equal playing time during games with a fair rotation and different starters each week

\*Be sure to match up players evenly with the other team’s coach prior to kick-off as to avoid unfair size or skill advantage

\*U4’s and U5’s at the end of the game can do penalty goals (always kindly work together with the other team’s coaches)

\*All games should end with the kids going through the tunnel and a team cheer!

Rainout

\*Rainout number is #713-866-4036 (this is an informational line only-no leaving messages)

\*If there is a rain day and you want to make up your practice, just pick one of the times that say FUSION and you can set up a make-up game.

Important Dates

\*PLEASE MAKE SURE TO LOOK AT THE TITLE TO CONFIRM IT IS THE CURRENT SEASON - THE FORMER SEASON STAYS UP UNTIL THE NEW ONE REPLACES IT

\*Posted to the website: http://www.fusionsoccer.org/calendar.html

\*PLEASE visit the “Coaches Corner” here: http://www.fusionsoccer.org/coaches-corner.html

\*Practice Schedule here: <http://www.fusionsoccer.org/practice-schedules.html>

\*Game Schedule here: <http://www.fusionsoccer.org/game-scheduler.html>

Call Director-Jennifer Cutler at #832-877-8164 with any questions

Thank you for your support! Hope you all have an awesome season!!!