

COACHES – FIRST PRACTICE OR PRE-SEASON CONVERSATION

1 This is usually done by email	Introduce yourself – Hello Everyone – my name is: my experience is: I expect to be at the field by: If I am unable to make any practice/game I will: Best way to contact me is: text or email
2	At every game and practice I expect the kids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (U8 and up) to be on the other side of the field from their parents to ensure your child is always ready to get back onto the field. • (U4, U6) If parents are on the side of the kids, the child needs to be sitting on the side line (or on the designated blanket) when we are playing otherwise they will not be considered to be put on the field. • To NOT be wearing hats, except toques • To have NO jewellery especially earrings, necklaces, watches/bands • Not to be wearing hoodies unless under the uniform • To wear their socks OVER the shin pads, not under • To wear their designated uniforms • No metal clips, only material hair bands or elastics to keep hair out of eyes.
3	All - Parents can or may be asked to come and be with their child if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The child is hurt • They are acting out where they are yelling, screaming and/or being a negative distraction • there is a learning sensitivity we need to know about, but the parent needs to help with (Coaches have been emailed with information left during registration) • Your child is needing special medications that only you can administer
4	All - No pets allowed on/at the practices and games – they become a distraction and there are fines that can be issued.
5	U4 – U10 - If a parent wants to help and run/assist with the lines, please come forward at the beginning of the practice/game (you will not be asked each time, we will only assume you are helping for that particular day)
6	U4 to U10 - Every child will be encouraged to play in all positions to expose them to different ways to play the game, make their own game plan, see the field and how everyone’s job is important. Positions are usually more apparent and fostered in U12.
7	A game at this level is: U4 3 v 3 (no keeper) U6 5 v 5 U8/U10 7 v 7 (with goalie) U12/U15 11 v 11 (with goalie)
8	All - Cancellations: Show up unless you really don’t want your child out to play. We do play in rain, wind, snow and only shut down for severe weather. (Please read the SEVERE WEATHER POLICY under the “DSA Policy” Tab on the DSA website.)
9	All - Important – Please remind the kids to NOT SIT ON THE BALLS 😊 – all levels
10	All - Needles for the balls – check pumps
11	U10 - How to set up nets from Shed – retractable on top (push button) – net gets thrown over the top to put in – bag of pegs are black and on the side.
12	All - VOLUNTEERS ARE VERY IMPORTANT AT THE TOURNAMENTS... PLEASE HELP IF YOU CAN!!! DSA USUALLY ONLY NEEDS ONE HOUR OF YOUR TIME and WORKS AROUND YOUR CHILD’S SCHEDULE IF REQUIRED. YOU DON’T HAVE TO HAVE KIDS IN SOCCER TO VOLUNTEER (i.e. ask Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles, Cousins etc 😊).
13	Any person who is feeling that they are being talked to inappropriately need to contact Tammy, Sarah, or Brian immediately. There is no tolerance for verbal negativity. We have to respect our volunteer coaches, and the children we have in our care.
14	HAVE FUN!!!! Nothing is set in stone!!! Improvise, change where you see fit!