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INTRODUCTION

Hello Coaches,

We are no half-way through the season, time to start thinking about your evaluations for your players. You probably already have some notion of skill sets by now but start thinking of offensive skill set, defensive skill set and Keeper ability (if applicable). You'll need to have your evaluations completed before you can get your trophies and awards.

Information on tournaments for U12 and above and an important rule clarification so please check things out below.

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NEWS

Regional Tournaments - U12B/G and U14B/G

Please communicate to your parents that the regional tournaments are scheduled for November 18th. This is when teams from these divisions will play against each other to determine who goes to the Area tournaments. You'll want to make sure your parents have this marked on their Calendar.

Area Tournaments - U12B/G and U14B/G

Communicate to your parents that if you win your Regional Tournament then your team can compete in the Area Tournaments scheduled for December 2nd and 3rd. I don't have any more information other than that. Usually at the Trophies and Awards meeting more detailed information is handed out by the Tournament Volunteer. I'll let you know the date for the Trophies and Awards Coaches Meeting as soon as I have that information.

Free Kicks - Direct or Indirect

A team taking a free kick can take it immediately and does not have to wait for the defending team to get ready to form a wall. If the team taking the free kick asks the referee to have the defenders yield the 10 yards the referee will then indicate a ceremonial free kick is going to take place and nobody should kick the ball until the referee blows the whistle.

Typically if a team wants to form a wall they deliberately stand close to the ball and force the kicking team to ask for a ceremonial kick.

It's important to understand this so that misunderstandings don't arise or calls of unsportsmanship.

General Membership Meeting (Trophies and Awards)

This is scheduled for November 1st, Wednesday from 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM. Your Evaluations need to be completed by October 31st to be able to pickup the Trophies and Awards for your team. Assistant Coaches should also complete evaluations. When doing the evaluations, only the Division Coordinators will read these. The children will not see them so don't feel like you have to protect your players. This is a key component to balancing teams. Please use the "comments" area to identify difficult to Coach children or anything you need to add that might be useful. You don't need to justify your evaluations here but identifying issues can help Division Coordinators spread cases like these across teams (I think we can all agree we can handle one of those types but get 2 or 3 and it can sure make your job difficult and we'd like to avoid that).

We need at least one Coach from each team to be represented. If neither can't make the meeting, please find a volunteer parent from your team.

Picture Makeup Day

There will be a picture makeup day for individual shots. A makeup day hasn't been scheduled yet but when I get that information I will let you know. You can schedule a team makeup day if you want but for parents that missed the team photo, the makeup session is for individual shots.

Overly Loud Parents

Continue to remind your parents that all manner of cheering and clapping is encouraged (for both teams!) but parents should not be shouting instructions to the players for any of the age divisions.

CALENDAR

Date	Time	Location	Event
November 1st	7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Ponderosa School	General Membership (AKA - Trophies and Awards)
November 18th		U12/U14 Fields	Regional Tournaments for U12/U14 Divisions
December 2 nd /3 rd		TBD	Area Tournaments for U12/U14 Divisions
TBD	TBD	Ortega Park	Picture Makeup Day
			

Division Updates

U6:

- Coaches should now move to the sideline as much as possible
- Only switch sides after the half if both Coaches think their players are ready

U8:

- Please send in your scores for your games if you did not have an AYSO referee. If one was there for your game, no need to send.

U10 and U12:

- I'm seeing great balancing of the Keeper position for nearly all the teams in these divisions. Thanks to everyone for keeping the playing time fair and the time spent as a Keeper spread out to all of your players. The very few that haven't quite grasped the concept are being contacted to correct this.

Coaching Links

I got several comments on the links, so keeping them in another week. If you didn't have a chance to check these out, might be worth a look. Some good information.

Parents that don't understand an Offside call but want to complain anyway, try sending them this (or if you are a new Coach and don't quite get the Offside call yourself - and it's Offside not Offsides - offsides is for American Football):

<http://www.dynamic-thought.com/OffsideClickette.html>

Some basic information about soccer:

<http://www.dynamic-thought.com/TheSoccerField.swf>

Some drills in PDF form from another AYSO site (also has other useful information for Coaches):

<http://www.5cities-ayso.com/coach/drills.htm>

More Free Information

<http://www.footy4kids.co.uk/>