



Fall 2005 Newsletter

Dear Players and Parents

As fall season approaches we are looking forward to fun and excitement for players of all ages. It is important to remember that first and foremost soccer is a game. We want soccer to be a fun experience for all the players and for parents as well. And of course coaches and parents will be enthusiastic fans.

Unfortunately there are occasions when a coach or a parent gets caught up in the excitement of the game. Be aware that unruly behavior on your sideline will result in discipline of your coach, and repeat offenses will result in expulsion. The most common trigger for unruliness is disagreement with a referee's call. If you are seriously interested in the nuances of a referee's calls, read the soccer laws and take a referee class. Then you will understand the difficulty of the job and will have a greater appreciation of the game. An entry level clinic is being offered beginning September 30. See www.grjsa.org for details. We always have need for trained referees.

For the rest of you, trust that your referee is doing their job well. Cheer for the players and watch them grow. Enjoy the season!

Wyatt Lofftus
President

What's Available from GRJSA

GRJSA strives to provide a full range of high quality recreational and competitive youth soccer in the Renton, Tukwila and Newcastle area. Coaching and administration is provided by volunteers.

Player fees, which are kept low, are used to pay for referees, fields, coach and referee training, web and newsletters, and other administrative costs.

Teams are organized through the 4 clubs. Teams for ages 10 and under compete between the 4 clubs with both a fall and spring season available. The recreational and competitive teams ages 11 and older play in the fall against other teams within District 3 (south King County and Pierce County). Competitive teams typically also participate in tournaments and have additional costs beyond club registration fees.



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Parent's Role

1. Provide transportation to and from all practices and games ensuring that the player is prompt not only in arriving but also his departure.
2. Stay and watch practices as well a games and lend the young players your support in a positive manner. Do not point out their mistakes, leave that up to the coach, and be sure to compliment on their accomplishments as well as their effect.
3. If unable to attend the practice or game encourage your child not to talk with or leave practices or games with strangers.
4. Ensure that your child brings equipment to and from all soccer games and practices when appropriate.
5. Be available to kick the ball around with your child when you are invited to do so.
6. Avoid material awards. Build an attitude of "the rewards lie in the fun of being able to play"
7. Be a good listener. Make them feel important and let them know that they are contributing to a team effort.
8. Be positive. Never criticize. Suggest an alternate way if they are not performing correctly... "Hey, that is pretty good, but why don't you try it this way."
9. ALLOW YOUR CHILD TO BE A CHILD.



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Guidelines to Soccer Parenthood

1. In competition someone always loses. If you win do it gracefully, not boastfully. If you lose, do not allow your child to become negative.
2. Too much competition, too soon, can slow down a child's progress in skill development.
3. Make fun and technique development your first priority.
4. Your child's coach will need all the support and help you can offer. Please make yourself available and volunteer all the time you can spare.
5. Disagreements with the coach or officials do not belong on the public soccer field. Questions, input and positive suggestions should be voiced to the coach and/or club in an adult atmosphere. (The youth player should not be present.)
6. The overall purpose is to enjoy the game and the opportunity to be with your child on the field of play.



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Player's Rights

1. The right to decide when to participate in soccer.
2. The right to play in every game. At younger ages, every child should have an opportunity to play at least 50% of every game. No child should have to stand and watch at practice.
3. The right to participate at a level that corresponds to each child's maturity and ability.
4. The right to be taught the fundamentals of soccer.
5. The right to participate in a safe and healthy environment.
6. The right to play as a child and enjoy participation in the sport.