



2010 City of Medford Indoor Soccer League Spring Parent Meeting

1. Introduction

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2. Games

- Played Saturdays at the Santo Center Community Gym.
- Game 1 is Sat., April 24. Six-game season ends June 12. No games Memorial Day weekend (May 29)
- Start at 10 a.m.
- Games last about 45 minutes.
- Trophies, certificates and photos distributed at the last game.
- Game schedules distributed at first practice and posted at www.sportsmedford.com under “Youth Sports”

3. Practices

- Each team practices once a week for 45 minutes (same night, time each week).
- Practices are held at the Santo Community Center Main Hall.
- **MPRD will notify parents of team name, coach name, practice day and time.**
 - **If you do not hear from us by April 12, please call 774-2400.**
 - If your phone number has changed recently, make sure we have your correct contact information in our registration system.

4. Teams

- Each player is randomly assigned to a team. Teams are balanced teams in terms of age and gender.
- We consider special needs/requests on a case-by-case basis. Car-pooling logistics and wanting siblings to play on the same team are valid requests. Wanting friends or classmates to play on the same team is not a valid special request. Register your special request before you leave tonight.
- Coaches' kids will automatically be assigned to their parent's team.

5. Uniforms and Equipment

- Uniform jerseys will be distributed by coaches week of April 19.
- Kids must wear team shirts to games.
- Shin guards are required at practices and games.
- No cleats or other potentially dangerous footwear. Soft-sole gym shoes only.

6. Coach Recruitment

- We need at least volunteer coaches/team organizers
- If you're interested in serving as a coach, please stay after the meeting
- Volunteer coaches must fill out the required City of Medford forms:
 - General contact information
 - Volunteer service form
 - Criminal background screening authorization
- Mandatory coaches' training Fri., April 9, 6 p.m., Santo Community Center

7. Responsibility of Coaches

- Conduct organized practices that conform with City expectations and training.
- Make sure players wear proper safety equipment.
- Teach basic soccer skills in a non-competitive environment.
- Emphasize development of physical coordination and simple ball movement skills.
- Coaches are encouraged to teach on the court during games.
- Recruit parental help to organize sidelines during games.
- Arrive 15 minutes before games to meet and organize your team.
- **Be a positive influence at all times.**
- **Emphasize good sportsmanship and safety.**

8. Team and Individual Photos

- Service provided by Lifetouch as a courtesy to parents – no obligation to buy
- Team and individual photos taken Week 1 (April 24) – report to the gym first
- Photo forms distributed at first practice
- Turn in photo forms to Lifetouch reps on April 24
- Photos will be distributed by Week 5.
- City is not involved with photo payments or processing. Direct photo-related questions to Lifetouch (Duane, 772-4455).

9. Game Rules

- Games consist of four 8-minute periods with a 5-minute halftime.
- The U-5 age group - 5-on-5; older age groups play 4-on-4.
- Goalkeeping or deliberate goal-guarding is not permitted.
- Scores are not kept. This is a developmental league.
- Players are expected to receive equal playing time.
- Unsafe behavior and unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated.
- Safety is of paramount importance.
- Rules will be reviewed by coaches at the first practice

10. Expectations of Parents

- Players are expected to chase the ball. Don't allow your son or daughter to hang back and serve as a goalkeeper, defender or "safety". By keeping the goals open, there is a chance for even the least skilled players to score a goal, even if by luck.
- Always encourage, cheer and congratulate your child, their teammates AND the opposing team.
- Be respectful and set a positive tone of sportsmanship at all times.
- Be enthusiastic, but be conscious of what you say and how you say it.
- Be a problem solver, not a problem.