



Recreational COACH'S GUIDE TO A SUCCESSFUL SEASON

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- ⚽ Please suggest that all your players join MLCFC on Facebook (those who have FB). The link is www.facebook.com/MLCFC we will update the Facebook page and our website in cases were the fields are closed, etc.
- ⚽ Double check your equipment bag to ensure all uniforms, balls, etc. are present **before** handing them out to your team
- ⚽ Do not allow any players to join your team after the season has started, without first being approved by the MLCFC Executive. If they are not on your roster or do not tell you that they have cleared it with us please ask them to check with us. We will be at the park the first week.
- ⚽ Hand out all player uniforms at least a ½ hour before the first game at the field you are scheduled on. This will help eliminate mass confusion by meeting on your scheduled field, as opposed to setting up somewhere else within the park
- ⚽ Photo packages and camp brochures are included in your equipment bag. Hand these out to all parents and make them aware of your scheduled photo times
- ⚽ Have a parent arrange a snack schedule for half time of your games and make other parents aware of their scheduled nights (Please note the Healthy Soccer Snack information posted on www.mlcfc.com > recreational > resources)
- ⚽ You can refer to the resource section of the website to review any rules in the Simple Soccer booklet, as well as several practice drills as well
- ⚽ Please try to arrive at the field well before your games start time and be ready to play at the designated start time. Some coaches organize mini team practices on the side lines ½ hour before game time – it's your team – have fun!
- ⚽ All players are to receive equal playing time throughout the season. This is probably the number one complaint we hear through the season. Please ensure that you do everything possible to make it as fair as possible for all players
- ⚽ No scores or statistics are to be kept
- ⚽ Recreational referees are often first year refs. They might not always make the right call but they are trying/learning. Please respect the referees and their calls and ask your parents to do the same
- ⚽ Coaches are allowed on the field in the U4 and U6 divisions
- ⚽ Encourage all players to remain with their team when not on the field. Some coaches in the younger age groups find it helpful to bring a blanket for the players to sit on while they wait for their turn
- ⚽ Hopefully you will never need it but if you do – there is ice available for injuries at the snack bar
- ⚽ Every team needs to supply one volunteer to help at the end of the year pizza party – please arrange this with your parents
- ⚽ Have fun and enjoy the experience!

MLCFC would like to thank you for volunteering to coach in our recreational program and we appreciate your dedication and commitment to making our program a huge success season after season. Without each and every one of our coaches, we would not be able to do what we do. It is a testament to you that our numbers continue to grow year after year!