



# Parent Meeting



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## GET STARTED THE RIGHT WAY

With the soccer season almost under way it is a good idea to get together with your parents. A parents' meeting can take place outside of practice or one evening at the conclusion while the players are playing.

The parents' meeting is a time for you as a soccer coach to discuss your coaching philosophy as well as expectations for the parents and players. It is essential for parents to understand how to act on the sidelines at games and even important things to say or not say to the players. Whether you are a new or veteran coach it is a good idea to think about your philosophy and what you are hoping to do with the players this soccer season.

At the parents' meeting you can also address the practice and game schedule, gather parents' cell numbers/contact information, and even assign snack and other responsibilities. This would be a perfect time to assign a volunteer to be the team manager. Meeting with the parents early in the season lays the framework that alleviates many of the problems that can arise later and ensures a smooth season for players, parents, and coaches.

## YOUR SEASON IS RAPIDLY APPROACHING AND THE FOLLOWING ARE JUST A FEW REMINDERS ON ITEMS THAT YOU NEED TO DISCUSS WITH YOUR PLAYERS AS WELL AS THE PARENTS:

- ✓ Explain your coaching philosophy.
- ✓ Discuss your approach to player development and how you will meet these objectives this season.
- ✓ What are your team objectives for the upcoming season?
- ✓ What days you will practice as well as when are your games?
- ✓ What are the parent's responsibilities, i.e. supportive to ALL players, coaches, and referees?
- ✓ What are the player's responsibilities, i.e. attending all practice & games, commitment to the team, calling the coach if they are unable to attend and to try their best each & every time that they step onto the field.

We hope that this will help you in your pre-season meetings and have a GREAT OSC SOCCER SEASON!

