



Coach Notes for Outdoor Soccer 2015

Please review the following information. It will help to make your coaching experience a positive one.

EMAIL:

Please make sure that the email address and phone number for you and any other team coaching or managerial staff is accurate and on file with the district. Email should be checked daily, and shortly before departing for a game, as updates will be communicated via email **ONLY** unless it is something urgent that pertains to a game and it is less than 4 hours prior to kick-off. A phone call will be made in that case.

RULES AND GUIDELINES:

This information is emailed out in a separate document. It is recommended that you keep a copy of this with you at all practices and games. It is up to you and your coaching staff to be aware of the rules and guidelines.

PLAYER ROSTER:

All teams have a WYSA approved roster and a copy of that must be accompany a team for all games and must be presented to a referee upon request. A team may run the risk of a forfeit if this document is requested and not produced by the end of the second half. Each district is responsible for providing this to the coaching staff.

COACHING CARD:

All coaching personnel on a team roster are required to have a current, stamped coach card. Only coach's on a team roster and with a card may be on the team bench unless prior arrangements have been made with the **hosting** district's director. FCNW contact information is provided at the end of these notes. Each **home** district is responsible for providing a coaching card to the coaching staff.

DISCIPLINE ISSUES:

Any questions or concerns can be directed to the district director. Contact information is provided at the end of these notes. Please provide a detailed account of the incident along with the name and age group of the teams involved and the field location along with date and time of the incident.

FIELD LOCATIONS AND ISSUES:

All field locations will be listed on the FCNW website under the recreational tab. Any questions or concerns regarding field conditions can be directed to the district director. Contact information is provided at the end of these notes. Please provide the field location with the specific concern (no lines, gopher holes, etc.) as well as the name and age group of the teams affected along with the day and time of the game that was to be played or was played on the field.

GAME CANCELLATIONS AND WEATHER:

All attempts will be made to post a game cancellation due to weather; however, FCNW does follow the guidelines provide by WYSA. WYSA will post game cancellations on the home page of the WYSA website by 5PM as well as announce game cancellations on CJOB at 4:25 and 5:25PM. Unless notified via email or via the WYSA and/or FCNW websites, please report to your game as scheduled. If the weather is in question prior to or during a game then the referee will make the decision to call the game. In either of these cases an attempt will be made to reschedule the game based on field availability and open game times. If a team does not show to a game that was not called in advance then the game is recorded as a default for that team and it will not be rescheduled.

GAME PROCEDURES:

The referee should be at the field at least 15 minutes prior to kick-off. If for some reason a referee is not present that it is the responsibility of each team's coaching staff to get the teams organized and start the game ON TIME.

If a referee does not show-up by game or for the duration of the game time then it is the responsibility of each team's coaching staff to get the game started and played in its entirety. Each team must agree to provide an official for one half of the game each. Teams cannot agree to cancel a game because there is no referee. Games will not be rescheduled because there was no referee.

Teams must play a scheduled league game as long as there are at least 5 players present for U9 and 10 age groups and at least 7 players present for U11 and U12 age groups. Teams cannot agree to cancel a game because there are not enough players. Games will not be rescheduled because there were not enough players. Teams who cannot field a minimum of 5 players for U9 and U10 teams or 7 players for U11 and U12 teams will forfeit the game. If teams are playing short, then referees will make time for water breaks; however these are upon request and at the referee's discretion.

Teams can call upon guest players. Please see the guest player guidelines below.

DEFAULTS:

Defaults result in a 5 point deduction for the default team and 3-0 win for the opposing team.

GUEST PLAYERS:

A team may use up to three (3) guest players per game as long as the total number of added guest players do not exceed the total number of players on the team roster. Guest players must be from a lower age group and/or division. Guest players must be recorded on the game sheet and marked with a "GP" beside their name.

FAIR PLAY:

All players should expect to play 50% of each game. It will be accepted that under certain disciplinary circumstances that on field playing time cannot be guaranteed. It is the responsibility of the coaching staff to clearly communicate any disciplinary actions to the player and the parent(s).

GAME SHEETS:

Please fill out game sheets completely and clearly. Team names must match the team roster and schedule. Although scores may be recorded on the game sheet they are not being tabulated. Game sheets are used for information purposes only. The winning team, or home team in case of a tie, will receive a white copy of the game sheet. This must be dropped off to the FCNW office or scanned and emailed and then kept on file with the team until the season is over. Contact information is provided at the end of these notes.

REFEREE LIAISON:

Please make sure a Referee Liaison (RL) is marked on each game sheet. A referee reserves the right to delay the start of a match if an RL is not indicated on the game sheet. An RL information sheet will be given to you for more information and it is suggested that this be passed on to your parent group as well.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:

Practice sessions – practice sessions are recommended at least once per week and should be held for no less than one hour and no more than two hours per session. Practice locations are arranged with the hosting team's community club.

Player Information Sheets:

Each team should collect a player information sheet for each player on the team. These are to be used for emergency purposes during a practice or game where a parent is not present. These can be emailed out to you upon your request and should be shredded at the end of each season.

WEBSITE INFORMATION:

FCNW – www.fcnorthwest.com

WYSA – www.winnipeg-youthsoccer.com

DISTRICT CONTACT INFORMATION:

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