



# EDEN PRAIRIE SOCCER CLUB

## PASSION • RESPECT • EXCELLENCE

- This is a guideline for ideas and flow to be personalized by each individual coach.
- All players and at minimum one parent representative for each player must attend.
- Your speaking part should last 20 to 30 minutes maximum.
- Discuss any handouts you will be distributing before, during, or after you talk. For example - Do you have an email, parent name & contact number sheet ?

### **General Outline - Parent & Player Meeting Agenda-**

**Welcome** – Thank parents and players for attending, whoever set up meeting, and host

**About You** – Where are you from, what is your playing history, coaching experience, coaching and playing philosophy? For example: Coaching philosophy - what are your larger goals as a coach – the players learning the game, having fun, and building self-esteem? What is your playing philosophy – players get equal time over a period of games and each player will know how to play multiple positions by the end of the year?

#### **Expectations:**

#### **Parents – Suggested topics:**

- Drop off and pick up times – how do you want these to go ? Cover both practices and games.
- Comments from the sideline – provide clear instruction to what you expect you parents to say or not say and why?
- Referees – What is your expected behavior towards refs?
- Who do you want parents to communicate with if they have a question or concern? Set age appropriate expectations as to whether a parent or player should be communicating a type of message. For example, questions about playing time or an absence – How do you want that communicated, and by and to whom?
- Best timeframe and method of communication with you. Emails – can you answer or view during the day? Phone – are there better times to call than others? Should a parent approach you right before a practice or game with a concern about playing time or should they set up a time for a conversation?
- What is your expectation regarding attendance for practices and games?
- Absences – Who do you want to be notified and when? What kind of absence is ok, what kind is not? What impact will an absence have on a player if any?
- Vacation, camps, or other extended absences – When do you want to be made aware of these?
- What is your inclement weather plan for games and practices?
- How do you want a parent to respond if their son or daughter is injured during a game? When is it ok if they come over to your sideline or onto the field?

**Players: - Suggested Topics – Depending on player age some of these may fall Under “Parents”.**

- Uniform – What uniform should players expect to wear? Should they have all parts of both with them at all times for games and tournaments? Is there a uniform or training gear or color required for practices?
- When do you want your players to be ready for training sessions and games? How far ahead of training or game time?
  
- What should a player bring with them? For example ; A ball that is completely inflated, water, and appropriate gear for the weather at every practice and game.
- What is appropriate training and game behavior for your players? Do you expect intense competition? Can they discuss events of the day with each other? If so, when? Is there an expectation for how the players should greet you or each other?
- Do you have a policy regarding electronics – cell phone, PDA's, etc. ?
- Are there attendance expectations? Are there repercussions for not meeting those expectations? For example – Will missing practices or games impact playing time? (OK to cover this twice – once in parent and once in player)
- Are there off-season training expectations? How do you feel about players playing multiple sports? What are your desires for how the players prioritize multiple sports or other activities in season and out of season? For example: Academic Decathlon, or basketball, or school play, or church retreat, in January or in July. How would you like to see these commitment conflicts handled by your player?

**General Info: Suggested Topics**

Do you have a contract to distribute or review?

What are your team goals?

When are:

Game nights

Typical practice days and times

The tournaments

League, district, and state tournament games

Any suggested times for short or long vacations for the players & parents

Announce when you will distribute this information if unavailable at this time? Are there indoor practices or leagues the team will be participating in? What are their time frames?

**Provide time for parents and players to ask questions.**

