



COACH FAQ

Q: How do I utilize the Life Skills Program?

A: The league has assigned a Life Skill for each week of the season. Before practice, quickly review the weekly skill. After mid-practice water break, lead a 5-minute discussion about the Life Skill and its importance. Make it a conversation with your players. Each week, choose one player to receive the Character Award bag tag for most improvement or achievement. You may need to present an award at a practice and game to be sure each player is recognized during the season. This program should be utilized by all divisions throughout the season.

Weekly Life Skills and curriculum can be accessed at <http://hseports.wix.com/soccer>

Q: What is the Player of the Month initiative?

A: This program applies to grades 3 and higher. Each team coach will choose a player of the month for once (Spring) or twice (Fall) during the season. The coach may decide method for nomination (ie: personal decision or team/family vote) based on Leadership, Respect, and Team Support. The program will award one player from each team a Player of the Month branded t-shirt, water bottle provided by Dick's Sporting Goods, and website recognition.

[Click to submit your nomination by the assigned due date.](#)

Q: Who do I contact if I need a different size uniform for a player?

A: While we carry limited inventory, the league will do its best to meet size needs for each division. If the uniform absolutely does not fit a player, [click to contact Alicia Packwood](#) to inquire about available size options.

Q: How long should my practice last?

A: Fields are reserved 6p-7:30p. Most practices for any age should last an hour. Practice length may vary slightly depending on age. Teams may only practice on fields reserved, during the assigned time slot. During the league-wide Saturday practice, teams should practice no longer than one (1) hour.

Q: A player on the field got injured. What do I do?

A: Practice or game play should be stopped to attend to injured player. Calmly obtain information about the injury. A parent or spectator may only enter the field if called upon by the coach or referee. If possible concussion, follow steps learned in concussion training course. If injury is of serious nature, the head coach must complete an online [Accident Report](#) and should advise the player seek medical help.

Q: There was a heated dispute on the field today. What should I do?

A: If the dispute may put anyone at risk of injury or involves violent behavior, do not hesitate to call the police. If the dispute is abusive in any way or against the league code of conduct, please complete an [Incident Report](#). You may also contact the League President or Director of Coaching if you feel the dispute requires attention or investigation by the league.

Q: What if I see lightning or hear thunder on the field?

A: In the case of inclement weather, S.Y.S. reserves the right to cancel a practice and/or game. If a practice or game is not canceled by the league and lightning is present within 10 miles of the playing area, participants should immediately find shelter in their vehicles. Participants will be given 30 minutes wait time for weather to pass at which point the practice and/or game will resume or be canceled if lightning is still present or if S.Y.S. cancels the match. Practices and/or games may also be canceled by S.Y.S. in compliance with City of Fishers mandated field closures. [Click for full weather policy.](#)



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Q: It's pouring rain – do we still have practice or the game?

A: Cancellation and field closure information will be available by 5:00 pm during weekdays and by 7:30 am on weekends. This information will be accessible through S.Y.S. social media postings and via the City of Fishers twitter live map link. [Click to access field closure link.](#)

In the event S.Y.S. does not cancel practices due to weather or closed field/facilities, coaches reserve the right to cancel for their team. Practice canceled by the team coach will not be rescheduled for makeup.

Q: Will our canceled practice or game be rescheduled?

A: Practices and/or games canceled by S.Y.S. due to inclement weather will be rescheduled in coordination with field/facility availability. S.Y.S. canceled practices will be scheduled as a makeup on the Friday of missed practice week between 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm. Canceled practices will be rescheduled on first come-first serve basis during the week, allowing two makeup practices per week, per location.

S.Y.S. canceled games will be rescheduled for the Sunday of the following week of canceled game (8 days post) unless it is a holiday. Games that complete the first half of play before a weather-related cancellation will not be rescheduled and results will be considered final. All rescheduling will be submitted by the S.Y.S. League Scheduler and must be approved by City of Fishers and local High School Facilities management. Once the makeup schedule is finalized, it will be available via online schedule and mobile app. No changes may be made once the schedule is finalized and posted. Teams with makeup game conflicts should attempt to have equal numbered players on the field and can reduce or borrow players from opposing team as coordinated between team coaches.

Q: I checked my goals for anchors, but they aren't in place. What do I do?

A: Access the brown, metal Jobox on site using the provided access code and following [these video instructions](#). If no anchors are available in the Jobox to secure the goal, [click to contact Fields Supervisor, Chip Bradway](#).

Q: I want to coach, but don't know much about soccer. Can you help?

A: The league has several resources to help with training.
[Click to access Practice Plans on our website.](#)
[Click for drills and practice plans available on the Life Skills website.](#)

Q: How does the tournament work?

A: The league end-of-season tournament is only hosted during the Fall season. It consists of a two-day, round robin style tournament for grades 3rd through 8th. The top two teams in each division will be awarded as champion or runner-up.

Q: How do I get more involved?

A: If you are interested in helping the league, serving as a commissioner, or want to volunteer more, we would love to hear from you. [Click to contact the league president](#) for more information.