



Southeastern Stokes Youth Soccer Association Guide for Parents

Dear Parents,

Welcome to a brand-new Soccer Season! SSYSA would like to offer the following guidelines and tips in order to ensure that this season can be great fun for everyone!

- Current updates regarding games, weather cancellations, cancellations, and any other info will be posted on Facebook at www.facebook.com/PLAYSSYSA/ and on the website www.SSYSA.com.

The complete weather policy is posted at the field and can be found on the website.

- SSYSA is a volunteer organization. Without volunteers our association could not function! Please consider joining our board, coaching, running concessions, heading a fundraiser, or just lending a hand. Board meetings are every third Thursday at 6:30 or 7:00 pm in the Walnut Cove Public Library or Firehouse. EVERYONE is welcome! *(Dates/times posted on website)*
- SSYSA keeps first aid supplies at the field in case of minor injuries. This season a medical release form was required with registration. If your child is injured and you are not present to make decisions regarding medical care, this form will be available for association officials to reference.
- If your child is younger than 10, please stay during practices and games. Our coaches are not certified child care providers. If you cannot attend a practice or game, arrangements can be made at the discretion of the coach.
- During games, all players will sit on one side of the field with their coach. Parents and spectators will sit on the opposite side to ensure that everyone can focus on the game.
- Bring chairs! Umbrellas and day shades are welcome to provide shade. Make sure you place day shades back from the field, so they do not pose a danger to the players.
- Players bring water! Parents can coordinate with coaches to provide snacks after the game if desired.
- Remember your sunscreen! Also consider bringing a blanket for players to sit on or huddle under when it gets cold.
- Don't forget to visit concessions!
All proceeds go back to the SSYSA to help upkeep the fields and provide needed equipment.

FIFA (The worlds governing body for soccer) Parents' code:

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- Remember that children play football for their own enjoyment, not for that of their parents.
 - Encourage rather than force or oblige.
 - Encourage children to always respect the rules of the game.
 - Never reprimand a child for a technical error or for losing a match.
 - Remember that children learn from example.
 - Encourage both teams.
 - Congratulate both teams irrespective of the result of the match.
 - Help to eradicate all physical and verbal abuse from football.
 - Respect the decisions of the coaches and referees and teach the children to do the same thing.
 - Support, encourage and help volunteers, coaches, organizer's and officials in their work. Without them, the children would not have the opportunity to play football.
 - Ensure fair play in all circumstances.

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