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Junior Academy Newsletter

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Sportsmanship above All

A beautiful fall Saturday in Colorado can only be made better when you are sitting on a lawn chair, sipping your coffee and watching your player give their all during their soccer game.

Here are some things you can do to encourage and promote good sportsmanship during your game.

Cheer for all the children, even those on the other team. It makes a huge difference on the sidelines when parents cheer for good effort no matter who makes it.

Think of being a cheerleader applauding the players.

Talk to the parents of the other team. They are there to enjoy the game as well.

Be a parent, not a coach. Leave the coaching to the coach; this includes feeling the urge to motivate, to psyche your child up for a game, or most importantly after the game telling the player what they did wrong.

Thank the facilitators and the coaches for all their efforts during the game.

Keep soccer in its proper perspective. Soccer should be one component of your player's life. Don't make it bigger than it is!

And most importantly, remember to have fun!



Samba Make up Sessions

We have extended the Samba season and will add two make-up dates on Friday, October 17th and October 24th.

Training will be at the same time (5pm-6pm) at the same location (Lowry Open Space).

Positive Coaching Alliance Workshop

Thank you to all of those who participated in the Positive Coaching Alliance Workshop held on September 14, 2008. Over 100 coaches, administrators and board members participated in this very worthwhile event. To see a complete list of the attendees go to our website and link to the PCA site.

To learn more about the Positive Coaching Alliance please visit the PCA website at www.positivecoach.org.



Parking Concerns

We would like to remind all parents and friends of our soccer players that parking legally and safely is one of the most important things you can do on game day.

Crestmoor Park has become a real concern as spectators are parking in driveways, next to fire hydrants, too close to street corners and creating an unsafe environment for soccer players as well as the neighborhood.

We would suggest you all to take a few extra minutes to park safely and legally. The Denver Police Department is aware of the situation and will take the necessary steps to prevent this unsafe situation from occurring in the future.

Calendar of Events

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| Oct 1 | Free Age Group Training U7 Denver Players
5 to 6 pm at Lowry Sports Park (Turf #2) |
| Oct 8 | Free Age Group Training U8 Denver Players
5 to 6 pm at Lowry Sports Park (Turf #2) |
| Oct 25 | Last Scheduled games for Junior Academy |

ALL EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

COACHES' CORNER

Game Facilitators

The Junior Academy use game facilitators to manage the games. Each team should provide a facilitator for each half of the game. We recommend that coaches are not the game facilitator; rather a parent or older sibling should be used.

In the event you must facilitate, please do not coach your team during the game. This causes confusion for the players and spectators.

The primary responsibilities of the game facilitator include

- Player safety
- Education about the laws of the game
- Game management and time keeping

Facilitators should

- Explain the rules to the players when necessary
- Use the whistle as little as possible
- Avoid any coaching
- Be impartial to both teams
- Assist all players on the field, not just the players on your team.

A complete set of rules for all Junior Academy teams can be found on our website on the Junior Academy page. Facilitators should familiarize themselves with the rules prior to start of the game.



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Game Etiquette

As you all can tell, our fields are being used to their capacity. We have games beginning at 9 am running until 4 pm. In order to keep the schedule on time, it is important to start and stop your games on time. The entire schedule can be thrown off very easily by just one time slot starting late or running behind.

There are some simple things you can do as a coach:

- Instruct your team to arrive 20 minutes before game time, ready to play.
- Use the open space around the game fields to conduct your warm-up. This way if the game before you is running behind, you can quickly start your game once the other teams clear the field.
- If you have time to warm-up on the field, you can use the goals for your warm-up.
- If the previous game before you was late, you are encouraged to start your game as quickly as possible. This means your team may not have time to kick on goal.
- If your game starts late do your best to end it on time, even if it requires "shaving" a bit of time at the between the quarters and at halftime.

PLAYERS' CORNER

Denver University Soccer

It is important in player development to watch high level soccer when you can. In Colorado, there are many opportunities to watch soccer including the Rapids, and many local colleges.

This Friday and Saturday, DU men begin conference play. On Friday, October 3, DU plays New Mexico at 4:00pm and on Sunday, October 5; they play UNLV at 2:00pm.

This Friday and Saturday, the DU women play as well. On Friday, October 3, DU plays Florida International at 1:30pm and on Sunday, October 5; they play Florida Atlantic at 11:30 am.

All games are at Pioneer Field at DU and admission is free!!