

SAA TOPSoccer Parent Manual

Practice Details

******You must stay for the entire practice.******

We have a lot of fun events and activities planned and are very excited to meet you and all of the players. When you arrive at practice please sign in so your child can be assigned a Buddy. Once they are on the field, enjoy watching your athlete. Give the Buddys a chance to try out different strategies with your player but if you see something and you have any suggestions that may help, please get the attention of a Coach or Commissioner so they can relay that to the Buddy. If you notice that your child may be entering a crisis, please let the Coaches or Commissioner know and we will allow you on the field to assist your child and make sure they have a safe space to recover. They are welcome to rejoin the team whenever you are ready.

Practice Structure

We practice as one team with players and buddies working on skills and fun activities together. For a portion of the practice we may break players into ability level for scrimmages if possible. Our practices may not always look like the game of soccer because while we want to teach the game to our players, more importantly, we want everyone to have fun, be active, and build connections with one another by sharing in all types of different activities. Games are intended to be fun and not competitive. Plan on helping us celebrate success by every child.

Equipment

We will provide all soccer equipment. Each player will be given a jersey to wear if they would like. Players should be dressed for the weather. When the weather gets cooler, they may dress in layers or even wear a coat under or over their jersey. Hats and gloves are encouraged. Gym shoes or soccer cleats are required. Players should bring a water. Shin guards are recommended but not required. No jewelry is allowed with the exception of Medical Alert Bracelets. Players may bring communication devices, core boards, etc. to assist them at practice. Please bring any medication your child may need.

Location Information

Practice is from 3pm-4pm at the Atcher Park Soccer Fields. You can find the lots closest to the fields by parking in the lot west of Jane Adams Junior High which is accessed off of Norwell Lane. Practice will be played in the fields closest to the bathrooms and concession stand. We may use the basketball court if field conditions require us to.

Cancellations

Please check your email the day of practice if the weather conditions are not ideal. We will send out a cancellation email as soon as possible if the weather is not cooperating. Unfortunately, we currently may not be able to make up cancellations however we are currently looking into future alternatives if practice is cancelled.

Please let us know if your child will not be coming to practice that week so we can plan accordingly.