



Webb City Soccer Club COACH GUIDELINES

A. Expectations:

1. Make sure your parents have your name and phone number so they can call you if needed.
2. If you have a player drop off of your team, please make sure a WCSC Board member is aware of it.
3. Arrive Early - Make sure you are at least 10 minutes early for practices and 15 minutes for games. Many kids arrive early and it is good to get the kids warmed up before game time.
4. Do not leave until all children are picked up.
5. There should **NEVER** be any children (your players or their siblings) hanging on the nets or goal posts.

B. Equipment - You will be provided with a bag of equipment and are responsible for the care and return of the equipment

1. All players are required to have age and size appropriate shin guards- make sure parents know this, referees will be instructed to check.
2. Have players bring their own water to practices and games.
3. Have players bring their own soccer balls to practice to promote higher ball to player ratio.

C. Practices

1. You will have one scheduled practice a week; other practices are your decision and responsibility.
2. If the weather is questionable, please call the parents so they know if there is a practice.
3. No Lines, Laps, or Lectures, observe, then correct don't constantly talk.
4. It is ok for practices to be organized chaos; create fun activities and decision making/problem solving that includes everyone.

D. Good Coaching

1. A coach should **NOT** run up the score in a game they are easily winning.
 - a. Options - Place your better players on defense, play with fewer players, place a player in goal who may not be your typical goalie.
2. Play time - Do not play favorites. Give players equal attention and playing time. Every player should play a minimum of 50% of total playing time.
3. The tone of voice is informative, positive and not critical or negative. Be enthusiastic it will directly enhance player motivation.
4. This league is about the kids having fun and learning soccer, keep this in mind when making all decisions.