

Hello “Mountain” Coaches:

Our first games begin this weekend (8 Sep 07). The Downs is in great shape and we’re looking forward to a great season. The role that you take is very important.

Please talk to your parents & team about the following:

It is important that everyone understands our responsibilities towards the Downs.

1. Parking is allowed in the southwestern lot ONLY.

The ONLY entrance to the infield is through the SW tunnel.

2. NOBODY is allowed in the Grandstand or in the pond areas.
3. Please use the trash cans provided. Keep our facility clean.
4. ABSOLUTELY NO DOGS ALLOWED.

Game Management:

1. Team benches are to be located between Field #1 & Field #2 ... Field#3 & Field #4 ... Field #5 & Field#6

Parents are to be on the opposite sides from the team benches. No one is allowed behind the goals.

2. Games are to begin ON TIME. If a team is short players, coaches may share players until more arrive OR begin the game late and time will be deducted from the half.
3. If both teams are wearing the same color jersey, the Home team should wear the practice bibs given to each team.
4. We’re doing our best to provide a referee for each match. If no referee is present, please ask your parents/fans for a knowledgeable volunteer.

Expected Coach and Fan Behavior:

1. We want to provide a positive experience for our children. Please encourage sportsmanlike behavior towards each other, the opposing team, and the referee.
2. ONLY the coach, assistant coach, and team are allowed in the bench areas during halftime. After the game, ask your parents to remain on their side until you have dismissed the team.
3. Coaches should make their best effort to provide every player on the team with at least 50% playing time.
4. Remind the parents that, if they have a concern regarding their child (*e.g.*, playing time, position, etc.), they should wait to contact you the NEXT day. Children should not be witness to disagreements between parent and coach.

5. No harassment of the referees will be tolerated. Many of our officials are budding youth referees and should be given the courtesy of developing their skills and judgment.

Equipment and Field Maintenance:

1. Many of our goals are new. Please do not allow anyone to hang on the crossbars or on the nets.
2. Use different parts of the field for warm-up. Do not concentrate everything in front of the goal area.
3. Your team is responsible for cleaning up their bench area of all trash, water bottles, etc.

Have a great season! See you at The Downs.

Greg