

SSGSL U/5 & U/6 Parent information for 2010 Fall Season

SSGSL is the only all girls soccer league and all of the commissioners, recreational coaches and field mentors are volunteers - not paid employees of the league.

As a commissioner of youth sports, my goal is to educate parents and coaches the rules of the small-sided game. Please know that at this age it is all about volunteers.

In order to meet this goal, **parents need to volunteer**, be a coach or an assistant coach, a team parent or continue being a positive role model by encouraging good sportsmanship, including youth officials on and off the field. Remember to pick up water bottles and trash after the game.

After registration, my job as a volunteer commissioner is to place the kids on teams according to schools they attend and/or zip codes to keep them close to their neighborhood as much as possible unless someone has requested a team they prefer or if I need to complete a team.

Coaches schedule the times, days, and location they practice. This is explained when a coach calls you regarding the first practice. Due to vacations and other summer distractions do not worry if you do not hear from a coach until late August.

Games are tentatively scheduled to start the Saturday after Labor Day. The game day schedules are done by the SSGSL league scheduler and will not be ready until a week before game day. Your coach will let you know soon after he/she receives the schedule or you can check the ssgslnv.com webpage.

- Remember this is “youth soccer”. After a game, ask questions about “fun”, “skill improvement”, “learning experiences” and having a good time with friends.
- Fun is pivotal - If it is not fun, young people won't play the sport.
- Skill development is a crucial aspect of fun. It is more important than winning, even among the best athletes.
- See yourself as part of the team and supportive of the coach; avoid setting up conflict in your child's mind between parents and coaches. If you want to influence coaching, volunteer to help.

U/5 & U/6 Commissioner
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