



## SSGSL U/5 & U/6 Parent information for 2010 Spring 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 on the rules of the small sided game. In order to meet this goal, I am encouraging parents to volunteer, be a coach or an assistant coach, a team parent or continue being a positive role model by encouraging good sportsmanship and keeping the fields clean after the game.

I encourage everyone to respect each other including youth officials on and off the field.

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 sometime in late February or early March.

Games are tentatively scheduled to start April 10<sup>th</sup>. The game day schedules are done by the SSGSL scheduler and will not be ready until late March or early April. Your coach will let you know soon after he/she receives the schedule.

- 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  
Debbie Allen**