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Welcome to OJSC Fall Program:

OJSC Fall Recreation Program has been striving to bring a better soccer program to your children for many years. This season we once again offer a recreational soccer program in our community for youth ages 4  $\frac{1}{2}$  through 19.

We trust that this information will be helpful to you, and we urge you to retain it for handy reference throughout the season.

Coaches will be forming teams mid July, and practices may begin as early as the first week of August. The first game will be held on September 12<sup>th</sup> with the regular season ending November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

We hope that everyone participating in the OJSC Fall Program will enjoy a season of memorable soccer experiences.

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## VOLUNTEERS

**Volunteers are the heart of the OJSC soccer program as it is a FULLY volunteer run organization. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact any board member.**

### UNDER 6 DIVISION

All players (boys and girls) in this division will be assigned to a team by the 2009 OJSC Fall Recreation Committee. Regular practices and games will be scheduled, but scores and standings are not recorded. There are no standings in this division so there are no first, second or third place trophies and no all-star selections. Parent volunteers will act as referees for each U6 game. The primary emphasis in this division is for the players to learn basic soccer skills, rules of the game and sportsmanship. Every player will be scheduled to play at least three quarters of each game unless the player chooses to play less. Players will be contacted by their coach as to when practices start.

### TEAM FORMATION

1. All players are assigned to teams by guidelines established by the Recreational Committee.
2. U6 - U8 players only. Maximum of 2 players may be buddied and requests for a specific coach are not honored. These buddied players will be evenly distributed among all teams; Buddies **must** be mutual.

Once teams have been distributed, players who are registering late are added randomly to the next available teams- no buddy or coach requests will be considered.

### UNDER 7 and Under 8 DIVISIONS

All players (boys and girls) in these divisions will be drafted by a coach. Mutual Buddies will be honored (see Team Formation above). Players will be contacted by their coach- via email- prior to practices starting.

### INTER-CITY LEAGUE FOR PLAYERS U-14 - U-19

The Inter-city league is recreational soccer for all boys and girls U-14 through U-19. It consists of the nine recreation leagues that make up Cal South District 3: Orange, Anaheim, Brea, Whittier, Placentia, Yorba Linda, Fullerton, La Mirada and Laguna Niguel. Each team plays a normal 10 game season. The top teams will advance to Commissioners Cup Tournament. Each team will play five home game and five away games at various fields. U-14 season runs from September through December with playoffs in January. The U-16 and U-19 season is accelerated due to high school and CIF regulations. This season is completely over by Thanksgiving giving any player that wants to play for their High School team that opportunity. Some games will be played on Sundays and there are two games a weekend at times. For further information contact the Al George, Director of Inter city at [Al.George@ojsc.org](mailto:Al.George@ojsc.org).

### COACHES

Don't have time to coach? Me neither. Never played and don't know anything about soccer? Join the club. Think your registration fee covers the cost of a coach who can do it any better than you? Not a chance. Your time and experience aside, your child needs **YOU** to coach! You **CAN** do it and we'll help you! Remember, this is recreational soccer, not the World Cup. All of our coaches are volunteers, giving their time to provide a positive learning experience, teach skills and sportsmanship, and develop our children as people and soccer players. Yes, it is a great responsibility and commitment of time and energy. Yes, it is a challenge to learn new things and lead a team. No, we cannot promise you that your team will win all its game, finish in first place or douse you with Gatorade after the big game. But we can promise that coaching provides fabulous quality time with your child, their friends and some of the best volunteers you'll ever meet. We all know the important impact that a coach can have on a young life. We need **YOU** to help us make that impact the best it can be. You'll be glad you did. All League Administrators, coaches and team managers are required to complete a background check (Risk Management) and a valid Coaches License. For more information, email Todd Hanson, Director of Coaches at [Todd.Hanson@ojsc.org](mailto:Todd.Hanson@ojsc.org).

## PRACTICES

Practice times vary for each coach, and are at the discretion of each coach, but weekday practices earlier than 4:00 p.m. are not common. Most teams practice once or twice a week. Prior to the start of regular league play, coaches may schedule a few scrimmage games. Players are expected to attend all team practices. It is understood, however, that there are times when a player is unable to attend. When a player will miss a practice, the parents or the player should advise the coach before practice. Attire for practices follows the same guidelines as what players wear for games and safety is a key concern. Shin guards are mandatory and must be completely covered by their socks. Shorts and shirts must not have any metal (including zippers) or hard plastic. Players will not carry anything in their pockets during practice.

## GAMES

Regular season games are scheduled each Saturday starting on September 12th through November 22<sup>nd</sup>. The post season League Cup for U9, U10 & U12 could run through January.

## LATE REGISTRATION FEES

A \$25 late registration fee will also be assessed after the last registration date of July 4th. If a child is registered after July 4th, they may be wait-listed if teams are full. Every effort will be made to place the player on a team, but there are no guarantees. If this player is not placed, a full refund will be given.

## PLAYER SAFETY

All players are required to wear shin guards (worn under their socks) and molded soccer cleats. No chewing gum will be allowed on the field. No jewelry, especially earrings (or any body piercing) will be allowed on the field. Tape or Band-Aids over the earrings will not suffice; no exceptions. This is a USYSA rule, not OJSC. Hair ribbons and/or scrunchies need to be soft with no bobby pins, hair clips, barrettes, marbles, balls, beads, etc. A child who wears braces is encouraged to wear a mouthpiece or wax to protect their mouths. Players with hard casts may not play. Any items that could potentially harm another player should NOT be worn during practices or games. A player will not be permitted to wear jewelry, wristwatches, or any other objects during a game which may, in the judgment of the referee, cause injury or harm to themselves or any player. **This applies to both practices and games.**

## CONDUCT AT GAMES

The OJSC Fall Recreation Program is "for the players", and major emphasis is placed on good sportsmanship. Spectator enthusiasm is encouraged and is very much a part of the soccer game, but coaching by spectators is not permitted. A referee may stop the game, if in his/her opinion, a player, coach or spectator is failing to act responsibly. Coaches and assistant coaches shall be held accountable for the conduct of spectators for or from his/her team and may be cautioned/ejected if he/she does not take action to control them. No useful purpose is served by shouting disagreement or derogatory remarks during a game. Players, coaches and parents shall not use offensive language, and will be ejected from the field if they do. Ejection equates to 100 yards of distance from the field of play for coaches and spectators

## REFEREES

Referees are charged with overseeing the proper conduct of the game. While their judgment calls may be not be agreed upon by all participants and spectators, **they are FINAL. Referees have the authority to eject unruly coaches, players or anyone on the sidelines, including parents.** All referees have attended referee clinics and are thoroughly trained in the rules of the game. **REMEMBER**—the referees are doing the very best job they can for the youth of our community. If you wish to praise or complain, please contact the Director of Referees, Toby Crain.

## **SERIOUS INFRINGEMENTS OF THE LAWS OF THE GAME**

Referee options for discipline of the players are as follows:

1. A verbal warning.
2. A caution (YELLOW CARD) - Offender's name to be noted on the game card.
3. Ejection (RED CARD) resulting from a second caution - Offender's name to be noted on the game card and removal from the field of play with disciplinary action by the OJSC/Lancers Committee.
4. Ejection (RED CARD) without prior caution if the referee feels the action or actions of the offender justifies such an ejection.

## **PLAYER EJECTION**

Any player ejected from a game for the first time shall automatically be suspended from playing in his/her next official OJSC game. A second ejection will be cause for automatic suspension until reinstated by the OJSC Board of Directors. During the suspension, the player may not attend any OJSC games in uniform.

## **PLAYING TIME**

It is recommended by OJSC Board of Directors that all players present at the start of the game shall play a minimum of one-half of the game time. If a player is late but arrives prior to the second half and the player's name was submitted on the team roster, the minimum playing time shall be recommended to be one-quarter instead of one-half.

## **UNIFORMS**

OJSC Fall Recreation registration fees cover the cost of game uniforms. However, all players must provide their own soccer shoes and shin guards, which must be worn at all practices and games. The uniform becomes the property of the player after the season is over. Wearing the game uniform during practice is not recommended. Each player is responsible for maintaining and cleaning his/her uniform. Players, as well as uniforms, must be clean, neat and wear jerseys tucked into shorts during games. A player will not be permitted to wear jewelry, wristwatches, casts or any other objects during a game which may, in the judgment of the referee, cause injury or harm to any player. Sleeve ties are not allowed.

## **ADULT SUPERVISION**

All OJSC activities must be attended by and supervised by at least one adult. All OJSC activities involving minor girls must be attended by at least one adult female. Minors must never be left without adult supervision and protection. An adult must accompany the children to the restroom facilities at games and practices. Coaches are not allowed to take a child home. If a child is not picked up within a reasonable amount of time from an OJSC event (e.g., practice, game or other event), the coach will tempt to contact by phone the parent, then the emergency contacts listed on the registration form. If attempts to make contact have failed, the coach will call the police to pick up the child. All coaches, assistant coaches and team managers **must** have copies of the white registration forms for emergencies.

## **TEAM MANAGERS**

As with the coaches, the team managers are all volunteers, giving of their time to help make each team run efficiently. The team manager handles the administrative aspects of the team, allowing the coach to focus on coaching the children. Parental assistance and cooperation are greatly appreciated and encouraged. Please let your coach know if you would like to volunteer as the team manager. The Team Manager meeting will be held on August 11, 2009.

## **TEAM PICTURES**

Team and individual photographs will be taken, the total cost of which is included in the registration fee. Each player will receive a team picture, 2 individual pictures and a picture button. All players are highly encouraged to

attend picture day so that the team picture will be complete. Detailed information regarding team pictures and picture day will be available from your team manager or coach. Picture Date and Time will be available at a later time.

### **TEAM TROPHIES/AWARDS**

Team trophies will be awarded to all participants at the end of the season. They will be available for pick up by your child's coach or team manager only at the Annual General Meeting in November and not before that date. If your team is in Divisions U9 or higher and are playing for a first, second or third place trophy, those trophies will not be available until after the League Cup at the beginning of December.

### **FUNDRAISERS**

OJSC relies on team sponsors to help cover operating costs. Each team manager will receive Sponsorship information from the Director of Team Managers early in the season.

### **SOCCKER FOR SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN:**

OJSC has a program for the families of special needs children. The OJSC TOPSoccer (The OutReach Program) All-Stars Team provides multiple formats for challenged children and their siblings/friends to play this beautiful game. Our partnership with Special Olympics opens doors to many free opportunities for our families in the Southern California area. The program is focused on making the most of what every child Can do, keeping it fun and positive for all. For more details, contact Linda Escudero.

## **FALL RECREATION CALENDAR**

7/15/09	Signature practice may begin
7/13/09	Coaches' Meeting
7/21/09	Draft Girls Teams: U9 thru U19
7/22/09	Distribution of U6 and Draft U7 and U8 Girls and Boys teams
7/23/09	Draft Boys Teams: U9 thru U19
8/1/09	Practices may begin
8/11/09	Team Manager Meeting
9/12/09	Opening Day: games begin
11/19/09	AGM, Trophies passed out
11/22/09	Regular season ends
TBD	League Cup for U9 thru U12
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1/XX/10	Commissioners Cup: CYSA district tournament
1/XX/10	All-Stars Tournament (last week-end in January)