



MAYSA Coaches & Managers:

The 2011 MAYSA Fall season is nearly here!

A few notes and reminders before you kick off:

- 1) **Team Manager Cheat Sheet** - ([click here](#)) most all of your key questions are here. This is a tool worth printing and referencing.
- 2) **Score reporting** - ([click here](#) for those instructions; they're also on the cheat sheet) the home team manager or coach is encouraged to phone-in the score shortly after match completion. Away team is welcome to do it too, perhaps if it hasn't been reported within a couple days.
 - **U9 & U10 Divisions, No Results will be Posted at maysa.org** - This was a unanimous decision at the 2011 MAYSA AGM amongst Club representatives in order to minimize the emphasis on results and winning. It is a United States Soccer Federation Best Practice Recommendation which we are proud to be adopting. We will acquire and retain results from the referees for these matches for the sole purpose of forming competitively appropriate leagues for the Spring.
- 3) **Positive Coaching and Spectating** - thanks to the vast majority of you who set a good example for the players and each other. Making the match fun for everyone is the goal. Coaches, you are responsible for the behavior of your players and spectators so please consider sharing the below information:
 - **MAYSA Code of Conduct** - players, parents, spectators and coaches all must be aware of the [Code of Conduct](#), especially the [No Tolerance Rule](#) regarding referee abuse. Other related items:
 - **[Recommendations for Sideline Behavior for Coaches and Spectators](#)** - MAYSA highly encourages that coaches and parents review these recommendations. If video is your thing, here is an excellent one (in two parts) produced by Massachusetts Youth Soccer Association.
 - [Attitudes are Contagious Part I](#)
 - [Attitudes are Contagious Part II](#)
 - **[Spirit of Play](#)** - the heart and soul of soccer.
 - **Referee Feedback Process** - Feedback of any kind must be via the team coach (never the parent or spectator) and in writing via the link at www.masru.org - they're the local referee governing body. Parents or spectators unaware of this policy & process will be directed back to the club and team coach.
- 4) **Game cancellations** - if for unforeseen reasons you must cancel a game it is also required that you contact the Referee Assignor. For Classic League games that is Linda Huttenhoff (276-9030 x303). For Rec-level games, your club will provide that contact info. Failure to alert the Referee Assignor of a cancelled game will result in the team's



club paying the official(s) who will inevitably show up at the field. For more on this policy, [click here](#).

- 5) **Coach Passes** - all coaches MUST have an up-to-date coach pass and have it on them at matches. Whether or not the referee appropriately follows procedures and checks for it is another matter. Coaches should have it on them at all times. For information on how to renew or replace your coach pass please [click here](#).
- 6) **Club Pass Policy** - ([click here](#)) all coaches and managers should be aware of this useful tool. At its core, it is a player development tool above all else. Secondly, it's a tool to help a team have enough players to safely play and complete a match. Teams and clubs using it for "ringers" or to get results - there's no way to police that but, in the end, we've found it backfires and sullies the reputation of a coach, team or club. No one wants that.

Everyone, thank you VERY MUCH for all you do for youth sports. We greatly appreciate your ongoing contributions and cooperation!

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