

## **BYSL SAMPLE PARENT'S MEETING HANDOUT**

Welcome to another fun season of BYSL soccer! We are happy to have you on our team and are looking forward to a great season! We hope that this informational handout will help you in supporting and planning for our season this year. Please feel free to call or e-mail **(fill in information here)**

### **Our Primary Goals for This Season Are:**

- To help each player to have FUN while building their skills, as individuals and as part of a team.
- To help each player increase their understanding of the game of soccer.
- For us as coaches (as well as for the parents) to offer patience and positive reinforcement, accentuating the positive while downplaying the negative.
- To focus on the *effort* each player gives on the field, rather than focussing primarily on *winning or losing*.
- For each child to enjoy a great, safe learning experience, to have fun and make new friends!

We will have accomplished our goals if each child wants to come back and play again next year! We look forward to a lot of support from our team parents in fostering this positive atmosphere and helping to provide an enjoyable and successful experience for each child!

### **General Information for Soccer Families:**

- Our first game will be Saturday, September 11 at **(fill in information here)**
- **Practices** will be held **every** **(fill in information here)** **afternoon, starting promptly at 5pm** (until 6:30pm) at **(fill in information here)** Field.
- Our team's **games** will be held **each Saturday according to hand out schedule at** **(fill in information here)** Field. **Check the website for schedules, contact info and news.**  
**[www.brunswickme.org/parkrec/bysl.htm](http://www.brunswickme.org/parkrec/bysl.htm)**
- Please be on time (for all drop-offs and pick-ups) for all practices and games.
- Please make sure that your child brings the following to each practice and game:
  - Shin guards with socks that fully cover the shin guard (REQUIRED by BYSL).
  - Spikes or appropriate athletic footwear.

- Full bottle of water.
  - No jewelry.
  - Soccer ball (with the child's name on it) to practices only.
  - Team shirt on game day.
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- Games and practices will be played unless there is a heavy rain. We will call to alert you at least ½ hour before a game or practice if it is postponed.
  - Please call if your child cannot attend a game or practice.
  - Please let us know if you (a parent or guardian) will not be staying for games or practices. Please feel free to communicate any issues, concerns or comments you or your child may have to **(fill in information here)** before or after a game or practice (or via the telephone or e-mail.)
  - Parents, please remember your snack duty day!

***A note for our players...***

We are very excited about the new soccer season and having you on the team! Here are a few notes about what we expect from you as part of the team:

- Always come ready to play, try hard and give your best effort—that is all we will ask of you!
- Be polite, patient and supportive of your teammates and other players. Be positive and help one another.
- Have a good breakfast the morning of the game and a good night's sleep the night before.
- Don't wear jewelry to games or practices.
- Always bring your shin guards, socks and water bottle to each game and practice.
- Remember, what really matters is how much of an effort you give.
- Let's learn a lot, have fun and make some new friends!

Welcome to the team and let's have a great season!

**(fill in information here)**