

# What's the deal

## with becoming a volunteer coach for youth soccer in Bellaire?

- **Coaching:** Most, if not all of our coaches are just like you - a parent of a participant in the league. All of our coaches are volunteers and without you, this league is not possible for the participants to enjoy. You do not need any experience to become a coach, you just have to have a passion for making the game fun and exciting for the participants. Each team is allowed to have two "official" coaches. Most people that step up to take the lead as a volunteer coach find a family friend to partner with as a co-coach or ask one of the other parents on their team to co-coach.
  - **Equipment:** Soccer goals are all out at the fields and you will be given codes to unlock/lock the goals. We will provide you with a mesh bag that will have 4-6 soccer balls and some cones to use for drills.
- **Background Checks & Youth Sports Abuse Prevention:** It is now mandatory that all of our coaches complete our background check (we will send you the link) and sign our Youth Sports Abuse Prevention Policy statement. All coaches and designated assistant coaches (max two coaches per team) must complete this process.
- **Participants:** It's about the kids. Having fun and showing good sportsmanship will always be more important than the score.
- **Time commitment!** You run one practice per week from 4:30pm-5:30pm OR 5:30pm-6:30pm, but YOU pick the day of the week (Monday-Friday). You will have one game to coach per week on Saturday mornings. Depending upon the number of teams, **typically** 4-5, 6-7 year olds will play between 8am-12pm and 8-10 year olds will play between 10am-2pm. We could add an hour to those time slots if we have a need to add additional teams to an age division.
  - Practices may get canceled due to weather and there are no rescheduling options.
  - Games may get canceled due to weather. We have only one additional week built into the season as a reschedule date. If we have more than one weekend of games canceled then those additional games will not get played.
- **Communication:** We will provide you with a team roster and contact information. You are the primary point of contact for your team (other parents) once practice begins. You will be responsible for contacting the players/parents assigned to your team to introduce yourself and inform them about the practice and game schedule.
- **Your team: All of our teams are co-ed in every age division.** The coaches select their own players. Typically a coach will submit a roster of about 4-6 players (including their own child/children) that are family friends that they want on their team. We will then fill in the remainder of the roster by randomly selecting from the remaining registered participants.