



# SEATTLEUNITED

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## **SOCCERFEST 2014**

### **SEATTLE UNITED FRIENDLIES**

#### **Coaches Information Sheet**

1. If you are unable to attend any games, please make sure that your team has a suitable replacement coach. Please make arrangements with Regional Director if necessary.
2. There are a couple unavoidable circumstances whereby two teams may play each other twice or you may not be playing a team that is a perfectly even matchup. While it is not our desire to have this happen, some age groups/levels are extremely thin in terms of numbers. As a coach, please make sure that you find ways to be creative in these circumstances (play a different lineup, utilize players in different positions, etc.). Also, please make sure to *accentuate the positive in playing extra games* to your families! If this is seen as a negative from the coaches, then the families will think the same.
3. It will be very important for you to have your team ready to play at the proper time. We have a very small window built in between games (with some field set up) and any delays will be very problematic. Please make sure your games start on time!
4. On Shoreline A, there are a couple circumstances whereby teams will need to change field from two 9v9 or 6v6 fields to one 11v11 field, and vice versa. Please make sure both teams expedite this process.
5. If your game is running long for whatever reason, please stop play 5 minutes prior to the next game's start time. For instance, if you had a delay, and your 10am game still has 15 minutes left at 10:55, please make sure to end the game so that the 11am game can start on time. Thanks for your compliance.
6. Teams listed FIRST on the schedule will wear DARK jerseys and teams listed SECOND will wear LIGHT jerseys. Training kits and game jerseys will both be acceptable... or other solutions as needed.
7. Games will be 2 X 25 minute halves with a 5 minute half-time. Again...please make sure you keep to schedule. If shorter halves are desired by both teams...no worries.
8. As was the case last year, some games this year will have young referees that will be mentored by older officials. Please make sure to treat them all with respect! If there is no referee, a coach or a parent can do it. Or call the game from the sidelines.
9. If your games get a bit lopsided, please make sure to make any proper adjustments to the game that you feel are necessary. This will be the responsibility of both coaches.
10. HAVE FUN! This is a great event for our teams and as a coach it is up to you to set a positive tone and the best way to do this is to have a great time. We want to get good games in but we also want to make sure that an atmosphere of collaboration and community is present at all times.
11. Please remember to address any questions this weekend to your Regional Director. They will be present and will be able to help you out in any way you need.