



Spring Team Activities

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What is a Team Parent / Team Manager?

A parent volunteer who coordinates all non-Coaching related team activities. Number one job? Make sure your team has FUN! You are the Coach's right hand man / woman.

- Communication with parents, picking up team items from JUSA, and any necessary paperwork.
- Handling team funds

You can also fill in as a registered, background checked individual if needed (LiveScan & other requirements) when a Coach is not on the field.

Every practice, game and team activity must have at least one background checked individual there. If a Coach or Assistant Coach can't attend, the Team Parent is the responsible person.



Communication

- Choose a communication method for your team!
 - GameChanger, TeamSideline, Email, Group Text, whatever works for you.
 - Missing practices, missing games, needs a ride, etc.
- Schedule changes
 - Check the schedule each week and communicate any changes to the team
 - The Coach is coaching, you are communicating.
 - Update any shared calendars
- **THE KEY TO A SUCCESSFUL SEASON IS COMMUNICATION!**
- **Coaches coach soccer, Team Parents communicate!**



Team Fees - Why and what for?

Optional! There is no fee or fundraising required by JUSA for team fees.

At most, for additional team activities, you may collect \$40 per player, to be used for:

- Team Banner (many online options)
- Hairbows
- Names on the backs of the jerseys - check the website for options
 - Please no nicknames, only first names or last names
- Season treats / snacks
- Coach's Gift
- End of Season Party

Team Sponsorships - if a business sponsors your team, sponsorship money must be paid to JUSA and then JUSA will reimburse the team \$150. If the business wants a plaque for their wall, JUSA will reimburse the team \$125 to pay for the plaque.

- Sponsorship form is on the website in the Team Parent section.

Uniforms



Pickup Dates TBD

RECREATION: <https://scoresports.com/sweden-no-259.html>

REC GOLD: <https://scoresports.com/pheonix-c413-jersey.html>

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If you would like to purchase a matching game day jersey for your team, visit the websites above.

Team colors are listed at JUSA.org.



Medals

- Every JUSA player receives a commemorative 50th anniversary pin and medal for the season.
- There are no playoffs for the Spring Season
- Medals will be available for pickup at the office first week of May.
- Please pick them up! Many medals are left at the office at the end of each season. The kids deserve to have them (especially this season!)



Snacks

Your choice on snacks!

Usually U5-U10 are playing soccer for the promise of a snack after the game.

You can choose to assign a week to each family or work it out with the team.

Snack Ideas:

- Half Time - grapes, apple or orange slices. Nothing too heavy.
- After Game - granola bars, Gatorades, popsicles, your choice!

Always ask within the 1st two weeks of practice if there are any **food allergies** on your team and make the rest of the team aware.

Bring extra bags to the field for trash.

- Many locations do not have trash cans, carry out EVERYTHING you carry in (school district will let JUSA know if fields have trash on them after the weekend).



Other Fun Team Activities

Goal Can - nice way to earn a little extra \$ from spectators at your games.

- Parents contribute \$1 to a goal can for every goal scored

Team Parties

- Try to have 2, 1 mid-season, 1 end of season
- Doesn't have to be fancy, can be a BBQ at a park, etc.



Safety

- Players under 12 years old should NEVER be dropped off at a practice or game. The Team Parent should be told if a parent has to leave a player for any reason.
- If an injury happens at a practice or game, the Coach or Team Parent needs to report that injury to JUSA. If it is minor, no big deal, but anything more than an ouch should be reported.

Fields

- Please leave fields cleaner than you found them. Take all trash with you.
- No Smoking, No Vaping, No Drinking, No unattended children.
- NO PETS, NO PETS, NO PETS. A pet can cause a forfeit!
 - It is the District's policy, not JUSA's (please tell aunts, uncles, grandmas, etc.)
- Ask your parents to help setup and take down the fields on game days.
 - 1st game of the day sets up the goals, last game of the day puts them away in the JUSA lockers. Coaches will get an email with the lock combinations.



Referee Fees

- Registration includes regular season referee fees.
- Coaches will be receiving a check from JUSA to cover ref fees.
- Cash that check and divide equally in cash into envelopes for each of your home games. **Home team pays 100% of the fees.**
 - Check the JUSA website for the Referee Fee schedule.
- Small bills are appreciated! Referees can't make change.
- The Coach will pay the ref on the field before each home game.



Sideline Behavior

A growing concern from all leagues, all clubs

- Who wants to be a referee?
- Physical threats, verbal abuse, after game confrontations

Expectations! Expectations! Expectations!

- Parents feed off the Coach's general demeanor and reaction to plays

Abuse will not be tolerated

- Persistent yelling and abuse isn't going to make the kids play better.
- Have patience with "close calls" from the refs.
- Coaches will be given cautions for abusive sidelines.
 - If a Coach is given a red card and can't coach the next week, guess what, the next licensed parent is responsible.
- Coaches and parents can be dismissed from the field.

Remember, these are KIDS! This is NOT the World Cup!



THANK YOU!

- As a volunteer organization, we appreciate all of the hours our parents put into making our seasons fun for the kids.
- FOLLOW US on Facebook and Instagram for important updates.
- Check your email frequently for updates once the season starts.
- QUESTIONS? CONTACT US at SPRING@JUSA.ORG