Sample Coach Letter to Parents

Welcome everyone to the outdoor season. My name is "Coach's name" and I will be your coach for the next couple of months. I am a teacher with Edmonton Public Schools and the technical director for the Edmonton Minor Soccer Association. This year's goal is to make the players better than they were the previous year and will do my best to ensure we meet this goal. We play twice a week, every Tuesday and Thursday and we may have a practice every other week on Sunday nights. I expect all players to be at the games and practices, unless they are ill, or have other commitments. If they cannot be there please send me an email so I can better prepare for the games and practices.

Please read the following:

- I as your coach will deal with minor incidents such as not listening, small aggressive behavior, and any infractions on the field. However, there will be times when your son / daughter is not quite themselves, it will be your responsibility to remove them from the field or practice area. They are welcome to come back the next game, but sometimes they need a larger consequence that I cannot give. They will learn a very good lesson and will be better teammates in the future.
- 2. If your child is sick, please keep them at home. At this age they pass viruses very easily, and in reality it is not good for the child to be playing when they should be taking care of themselves at home. If they miss one game or practice it will not be the end of the world.
- 3. I appreciate enthusiasm and cheering for your child and their play. However, please refrain from yelling instructions to the player. This will confuse the player especially since the direction you give may conflict with the one I am giving.
- 4. Please do not leave your child at the field and leave unless you have made arrangements with another parent to take care of them.
- 5. One of the most important parts of the game is snack time. I will be setting up a schedule so that each parent can bring a snack to the game for the team. If you cannot make it please make arrangements to switch with someone or let me know and I can work something out
- 6. Your child needs to have soft cleats (or indoor shoes) Shin pads, black shorts and black socks (socks and Jersey are usually given to you by the community)
- 7. Your child will also need their own water bottle clearly labeled.
- 8. Please dress your child appropriately for the weather, insect repellant, sun screen etc...
- 9. Please check your e-mail 1 hour before games or practices. If there is a cancellation, movement of fields, or the weather

The season is set to begin the first week of May. I will be contacting you in the next few days to give you the game and practice schedule.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact your coach.