2020 Fall Soccer Coach Information & Volunteer Application
Welcome Letter - 2020 Fall Youth Soccer League

Dear Coaches,

On behalf of the Saratoga Springs Recreation Department, I would like to welcome you to the Saratoga Springs Recreation Youth Soccer League. We realize you are giving up a significant part of your personal time to coach this season and genuinely thank you for your time and efforts. We hope your volunteer experience is positive for you and that you also leave a positive impact on our program.

As a coach, you have a tremendous amount of responsibility, and in order to better prepare you for a successful season we have set up a coaches meeting. We strongly encourage each coach to attend the meeting and understand our program philosophy as we, the Recreation Department, try to create a consistent approach to teaching and playing soccer; from our Little Kickers program through our 8-12th grade division. It’s also important to understand your role as a coach and that you consistently follow the coach’s code of conduct.

We will try our best to honor requests to co-coach with someone. Please understand that in the event we need coaches to fill teams, you may have to be separated.

Our Soccer Program philosophy includes:

- Fair Play
- Player Development
- Equal Play Time
- Sportsmanship
- Respect among players, coaches, officials, and spectators
- Fun
- Safety

Thank you again for coaching and I look forward to seeing you on the field!

Sincerely,

John Hirliman
Administrative Director

**Coaches Meetings**

- **Big Kickers & Grade 1/2**  Tuesday, September 8 - 5:30pm @ REC Center
- **Grades 3-12 & Adult**  Tuesday, September 8 - 6:30pm @ REC Center

**Referee Meeting**

- **Referees**  Tuesday, September 15 - 5:30pm @ REC Center

**Register prior to 8/31/2020 to save!**

- The registration fee will be waived for the child you are coaching if you sign up before 8/31/2020. Any other children in the program that you will not be coaching will need to pay the full registration fee.

- If signing up to coach after 8/31/2020 there will be a $25 registration fee for the child that you are coaching. This is the difference between the early fee and the late fee. Any other children in the program that you will not be coaching will need to pay the late registration fee.

- If you coach multiple teams for your children, both children’s registration fees will be waived before 8/31/2020. After 8/31/2020, there will be a $25 registration fee for both children.
City of Saratoga Springs Volunteer Application
Recreation Center, 15 Vanderbilt Ave, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866 Fax 518-584-1748

FULL LEGAL NAME: ____________________________________________________________

FIRST  MIDDLE  LAST

Previous/Current Names/Nicknames/Aliases: ________________________________________

Mailing Address __________________________________ City __________ State ___ Zip ___

Address (no PO Box) __________________________________ City __________ State ___ Zip ___

Phone H __________ W __________ Cell __________

Email __________________________________ Fax ________________________________

Emergency contact name __________________________________________ Phone number

Current Employment & Employer ____________________________________________ Profession

Have you been convicted of a felony within the past five years? YES  NO

If YES, please explain________________________________________________________

Sport __________________ Have you played this sport before? ______  # of years of Experience: _____

Coaching_______ Shirt Size_____: for Child(ren)’s Name(s):_________________________ Grade(s):________

Any Special Request: __________________________________________________________

If you have a disability, what accommodations would you need to do this position?

Please provide two personal or professional references:

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If you are under 21, please complete the following:

Parent/Legal Guardian’s Name(s):________________________________ Contact #:____________________

Address __________________________________ City __________ State ___ Zip ______

I affirm under penalties of perjury that all statements made on this application are true. I understand that my NY State driver license is subject to investigation and verification and that a misstatement may disqualify me from being an independent contractor/volunteer.

It is the parties intention that the Individual will be an independent contractor and not the City’s employee for all purposes, including but not limited to, the application of the Fair Labor Standards Act, minimum wage and overtime payments, Federal Insurance Contribution Act, the Social Security Act, the Federal Unemployment Tax Act, the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, the New York State Revenue and Taxation Law, the New York State Workers’ Compensation Law and the New York State Unemployment Insurance Law.

The Individual shall indemnify and hold the City harmless from all losses, injuries or damages, and wages or overtime compensation due to the Individual or his/her employees in rendering services pursuant to this Agreement, including payment of reasonable attorneys’ fees and costs in the defense of any claim made under the Fair Labor Standards Act or any other federal or state law.

SIGNATURE: _______________________________ DATE:_______________________________

DATE OF BIRTH:_________________________ SOCIAL SECURITY #:________________________
Saratoga Springs Recreation Department
Coach’s Contract of Conduct

I ___________________________, as a coach in the Saratoga Springs Recreation Department Youth Soccer League, pledge to abide by the following contract:

- I will conduct myself on and off the field with the proper behavior as befits a Coach of our league which includes:
  - Always serving as an appropriate role model for sportsmanship
  - Always exhibit and teach sportsmanship
  - Always supporting my team, my fellow coaches, the league organizers, and league volunteers
  - Always displaying respect towards officials, coaches, volunteers, and players
  - Never using offensive or inappropriate language
  - Always displaying self control
  - Treating each player equally and fairly
  - Creating a safe caring environment for my players to learn, practice and play
  - Always using good judgment when disciplining players
  - Never drinking alcohol, smoking or using other tobacco products, in the playing area or around players in games or practices
  - Providing all players an equal opportunity to learn and play
  - **Understanding that the game/practices are strictly for the benefit of the players**

- I will learn and abide by the rules of the game and our league rules.

- I will teach the fundamentals of the game

- I will communicate openly with all players, coaches and parents

- I will take full responsibility for my own actions

- I understand I am responsible for addressing behavior issues with my coaches, my players and the family members and fans of my players

- I will lend my full support to league clean-up and sponsorship activities

- I understand that my participation as a coach in this league is a privilege and that failure to abide by this code may result in my being suspended or forfeiture of my coaching role in the league.

- I will contact the Recreation Department immediately in the event of an injury, incident; or accident

____________________________________  ______________________
Coach                                                                         Date