



Welcome and thank you for volunteering to coach a Tuscany Community Soccer team! This package is intended to provide you with quick access to information that you will require on a regular basis.

Important Dates:

April 12 – Equipment pick-up 10a – Noon @ Tuscany Club. Coaches clinics 1 – 2pm & 2:15 – 3:30

April 18 – Season starts

May 3- Photo Day! Team & individual photos at the Tuscany Club

June 20 – Season ends- last game

June 20 – Equipment return 10:30a – 12:30p, outside at the Tuscany Club

Getting Your Team Started

1. Your team roster will be available in **early April**. Team Snap invitations will be sent out to coaches and players.
2. Review the list of team players, contact soccer coordinator right away if you see any issues.
3. **Contact your co-coach** (if assigned). Decide who will pick up the team equipment.



The league provides basic Team Snap accounts for each team. If you are not familiar with Team Snap, it is an App that you download to your device for free. It is a great way to have your players RSVP, to contact your team re: weather cancellations, special notes, reminders, etc.

4. Please contact the families on your roster (you can email through TeamSnap) to:

- (A) Introduce yourself – **You are the single point of contact for your players and they find out their team assignment and season updates through you.**

- (B) Confirm location of play, dates & times. Day of play and location can be found within your team name. All times of play can be found on the TCA Soccer website:
<http://soccer.tuscanyca.org/>
 - TSB – Tuscarora Fields, Tuscany Springs Blvd
 - TMD – Tuscany Meadows Drive Fields (behind Tuscany School)
 - TW – Tuscany Way Fields (these fields are located North of the Sobeys, behind Eric Harvie School)
 - Field maps can be found at <http://soccer.tuscanyca.org/>
 - Provide list of vacant team volunteer positions, such as:
 - Assistant Coach
 - Team Manager (if you wish to use one)

Inform parents that there will be a brief team meeting at your first practice to hand out jerseys, choose a fun team name; (Usually the kids like to submit ideas like; The Black Sharks, Red Paw Patrollers, the Yellow Suns, etc)

Please remind parents that a parent or guardian (caregiver) must remain with the child at the field at all times.

Review player and parent code of conduct. Keep in mind that these were written for multiple age groups so items may need to be modified. If, during the season, you feel that parents or players are not following the code of conduct please contact soccer@tuscanyca.org to report the situation and for guidelines on how to proceed. Specific names can be excluded if you wish. As well no communication, provided to the above email, will be shared with the individuals or public.

5. Set up your practices/games in Team Snap. You can enter the details once and set it as recurring- super quick and easy to do!

Team Manager Roles

Some coaches choose to assign a team manager who coordinates various tasks for the team. It is personal preference which tasks the coaches manage and which tasks the managers manage. Some ways that the team manager can support the coaches are:

1. Setting up the Team Snap App to use for team communication such as information setting up the practice/game schedule, contacting team regarding cancelled games due to weather, sharing photos, etc.
2. End of season photo/medal distribution.
3. Equipment pick-up and return. Coaches should coordinate with assigned team manager if s/he cannot make it at designated time.

Due to the short season there will be regular scheduled practices on holiday Mondays and long weekends. As a team you may decide to cancel the practice.

Game/Practice Schedule

Field assignments and game schedules will be posted on the website in mid-April. I will email when they are ready. U4 does not have scheduled games against other teams as they are not developmentally ready at this stage. If you feel that your team is ready later in the season, feel free to coordinate games with the other U4 teams on your field.

All other age groups- Saturday teams have 30 minutes of practice and a 30min game each week. Weekday teams practice the 1st weekday and have a scheduled game the 2nd weekday.

Please mix-up teams week to week, playing small sided games as appropriate.

U4 – U6: 3v3

U7, U8: 4v4

U9, U10: 5v5

U12: 7v7

Field Closure Information

Responsibility to cancel the session lies with the coach.

The session should be cancelled if:

- there lightning or thunder with-in 1 hr of the start time
- there is snow or standing water on the field
- it is colder than -5 degrees Celsius

We want the kids to enjoy soccer and if the weather is going to impede that, then it is best to cancel the session.

Please contact the parents on TeamSnap to cancel a session. Please also contact the coach of the opposing team if a game is scheduled.

Thanks and have a great season!

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