**Pre-Season Team Meeting Outline**

1) Introductions and show of hands

* Team name suggestion form.
* Medical release forms - Sign copies in blue.
* How many new players? How many returning players?
* How many parents with soccer experience (as a soccer parent, coach or former player)?

2) AYSO Info and 5 Basic philosophies

* Open Registration - Any child can sign up for Concord AYSO
* Balanced Teams - Teams are assigned, not drafted.(AYSO is a recreational league)
* Everyone plays - AYSO - 1/2 game, Concord AYSO - 3/4 game
* Positive Coaching - PIE (Positive, Instructional, Encouraging)
* Good Sportsmanship – Not only for players, but for coaches and spectators.
* AYSO soccer should be Fair, Safe and Fun!!

3) Personal Info

* Coaching: 1998 -- 4th year coaching, Attended youth coaching clinic - Certified Youth coach
* Refereeing: 1998 -- Certified Regional Referee.
* Played: 11 years
* Goals - Players have fun.

Players learn how to play soccer and enhance skills.

Players always try their best.

4) Parent Volunteers

* AYSO is an all- volunteer organization
* By signing up your child, you all have become AYSO volunteers
* My volunteer position is coach, I need everyone’s help to make the season a success.
* Review parent volunteer positions and pass sign up sheet around
* If not complete by end of meeting, I will assign remaining positions
* Referees. We need volunteers to referee. No team referee == No game referee!!

5) Season info

* Season starts ~2nd week in Sept.
* Through early October - 1 weeknight game and 1 Saturday game. After - only Sat. games.
* I don’t plan on having practices after the season starts, but may have the boys show up more then 30 min before the game.
* Last game Sat Nov 6 (Just a guess!!) Team party same day?
* Regional tournament 1 or 2 weeks after the season ends. Area tournament weeks after Regional.
* Picture day TBD.

6) Field info: All games and practices will be at Krueger

* Both teams are responsible for field set up/take down.
* Restrooms

7) Playing the game –

# Under-6

* 5 Players on a team, 3 players on the field
* Games are 20 minutes & are a part of weekend practices
* No scores are kept

Under-10

* 12 players on a team, 9 on the field including a goalkeeper
* Games are 48 minutes (24 min halves)
* Offsides is called
* Scores and standings are kept.

8) Uniforms

* Not necessary to wear uniforms to practices
* Cleats not necessary.
* No BASEBALL cleats - can not play or toe cleat can be cut off.
* No jewelry!! NO PIERCED EARS! Only exception - medic alert bracelets will be taped.
* Socks worn over shin guards and must completely cover the shin guard
* Shirts must be tucked in.

9) Miscellaneous

* You will hear me yelling, but I am NOT yelling at you. It is just b/c you can’t hear me over all of the cheering.

**\*\* To do before end of meeting**

* Have all Team Volunteer positions filled.
* Hand out practice schedule.
* Determine team name.