

Dear Parents,

Thank you for being a part of the Fair Grove Soccer Academy this year! I'm proud to say that this is my seventh year with the Academy, and whether you are brand new to the sport or a long-time fan, I hope that you are ready to share my enthusiasm this season. I have tried to compile a list of helpful information in this letter, to better help you know what to expect this season.

**Practices** for will be every Monday. Pre-K and K will practice from 5:45pm to 6:30pm, and 1st - 5th will practice from 6:45pm to 7:45pm. If we cancel practice, you will get a phone call from me in advance, and we will try to update the Facebook page and website as well. Find the Facebook page by searching "Fair Grove, Mo City Park Soccer Academy," and website is <http://www.fgdistrictparks.org/soccer.html>. Practices are run by our FGSA staff, which consists of a combination of current and former high school and college soccer players, local referees, and current and former club players and coaches.

**Games** will be on Saturdays only, during the morning and afternoon. The schedule and roster will be posted on the website and on the bulletin board at the field, (one document with all of that information). Practices are run by our FGSA staff, but our games are coordinated by our Parent-volunteer coaches. We greatly appreciate our parent volunteers; our program would not be able to run without them. Please remember that your game-day coaches/parent volunteers have kids on the team, just like you. They will do their best to make sure that all of the kids get equal play-time, and your support of them is greatly appreciated.

**Pictures** this year will be on Saturday, immediately following your game, on a date to be announced in the near future. (if you have a double-header, then you'll have them after your second game).

We have an **All-Call system** in place that is very helpful. It is an automated system that allows me to call everyone and let them know about rain-outs, upcoming events, and any other issues that may come up. If you are unsure whether or not you've received a call from the system yet, or would like to make changes regarding which number(s) we call, then please let me know via email or text. I can easily add multiple numbers.

**Cancellations** will happen from time to time. Standard reasons to cancel are: if the fields are flooded, if there is an excessive amount of rain during game-times, lighting, etc. We normally do not cancel, especially the older ages, if there is a light rain on a warm day. We try to make-up games; however, games are not always made up if canceled. We will use the All-Call system and website to notify you if we cancel.

If you have any **questions**, there are a couple of options for you. Most of the information parents usually ask for can be found on our website: <http://www.fgdistrictparks.org/soccer.html> You can also contact me via email, at [joseph.m.florez@gmail.com](mailto:joseph.m.florez@gmail.com) (usually the best way to contact me and get a quick response), or text (great on Saturdays, but not during the work-day), or phone (usually the toughest way to get in touch with me).

Thanks,

Joseph Florez