



Neshaminy United - Pearls



Date: January 16, 2010
To: Coaches of the Neshaminy United - Pearls Indoor Soccer Session
From: Bill Russell, Intramural Director
Subject: Indoor Soccer Information

You are receiving this package because you have volunteered to coach in the Indoor Session for the **Neshaminy United - Pearls Soccer Club**. Today you will receive the:

- Roster
- Schedule
- Rules for the Indoor League
- Tee-shirts for your players

Indoor starts on **Saturday**, January 23 and finishes on **Sunday**, March 8 2010. Each team plays six games.

There are 11 time slots: three on Saturday; ten on Sunday. All Saturday slots belong to the 5 and 6 year old girls (Division 1), the first slots on Sunday belong to the Division 1 & 2 boys and the later Sunday slots belong to the older girls (Division 2 & 3). All games are 30-40 minutes long with just five minutes between games (check the schedule).

Coaches/Assistant Coaches

Let me extend a thank you from the Neshaminy United - Pearls organization because without your time, this program would not exist.

- Each coach must complete a Risk Management form on-line. If you completed the form as a Neshaminy United – Pearls coach for the Fall 2009 session, skip this bullet point. The web site is <https://www.youthleaguesusa.com/epysa/2009/RiskManagement.html> . Or go to www.epysa.org, click on Registration & Database access under ONLINE REGISTRATION on the left side; click on 2009-10 Risk Management Registration.
- Each coach should bring a whistle and stop-watch each game. Coaches loosely ref their game and make the player changes every four-minutes with a three minute halftime after the fourth shift.
- Please be aware of your game time slot so you do not run over. Get the pinnies on your team quickly if you are the away team.
- Stay off the court and let the kids play. Our large bodies intimidate the younger players!

Calling Your Team

Call or email the players on your team no later than **Wed, January 20th**. If you do not call by then, parents panic and start calling anybody in Neshaminy United - Pearls.

- Players must wear sneakers suitable for a gym floor and shin guards on their legs. Players are also encouraged to use mouth guards and kneepads, but it is not mandatory.

- Each player can bring their own water bottle with a tight lid but they must leave it on the stage. Do not bring it onto the gym floor. There is a water fountain. (I want to eliminate stopping games because water/fruit punch has spilled on the floor.)
- Make sure the parents know the TEAM number and for easy identification on Week 1, tell them you will be on the stage wearing a “blue cap” or a “red shirt” so they can locate you easier.
- The entire Indoor Schedule will be posted on the club’s web site at www.pearlssoccerclub.org. Parents do not have to call you if they forget their daughter’s game time.
- Ask the players to show up 15 minutes early for the first game so you can distribute the T-shirts; then 5 minutes early for the remaining games.
- Tell parents to try not to bring siblings to the games. Space is tight on the stage and there’s lots of stage equipment that can hurt children.

Coaches in the first slot on Saturday and Sunday should be prepared to set the nets up, put the pads up along the walls and sweep the gym floor. Coaches of the last slot should be prepared to put everything away.

Playing Rules

They are on the separate attachment. There is one modification for Division 1, the younger girls:

- **Division 1 girls and boys will not use goalkeepers;** play will be 3 v 3.
- It is critical that we encourage fun, simplicity and lots of scoring at the youngest level. Whether they play recreational or travel, we want the kids to play soccer for many years.

In Division 2, the second and third graders, play 4 v 4 including a goalkeeper. In Division 3, the oldest age group consisting of 4th – 6th graders, play 5 v 5 including a goalkeeper. During the 6-week session, D3 coaches can arrange to play continuously and change on the fly if agreed to beforehand with the other coach.

Each week, Neshaminy United - Pearls will have one representative that will be there for the entire day to ensure coaches adhere to their time slot, in case a player gets injured and to make sure siblings do not get into the stage equipment. I just want you to know a representative is always there each week. This representative is not responsible to coach or ref your game. They are just there to keep the schedule and call me if there are injuries.

Weather-related Cancellations

Each division coordinator will contact the coaches in their division if we cancel that Sunday. See the coaches contact list). Also, check the web site and the club’s voicemail one hour before you play for weather related cancellations. We reserved March 8th in case we need to make up for weather-related cancellations.

Contact Us

Please do not hesitate to call or e-mail us with any questions. Also, it makes it easier for us to get news out to you more efficiently if your current email address is updated on our records. Check the coaches contact sheet. If you do not have email, then make sure your phone number is correct.

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Games

All games will take place at Pen Ryn School located at the address below:

235 S. Olds Blvd
Fairless Hills, PA 19030
215-547-1800

The school is located between Trenton and Oxford Valley roads. The club's web site has directions via Map Quest.

Thanks for your time this winter. Have fun and your players will too!

Thanks again,
Bill Russell
Intramural Director