

Parent Meeting Agenda

- Introduce yourself as the coach.
- Introduce your assistant coach(es).
- Explain the [AYSO philosophies](#):
 - **Everyone Plays®**: Our program's goal is for kids to play soccer so we mandate that every player on every team must play at least 50% of every game. It's no fun to spend the game on the bench...and that's no way to learn soccer!
 - **Balanced Teams**: Each year we form new teams as evenly balanced as possible because it's more fun and a better learning experience when teams of similar ability play. It allows for each player to gain the experience of a wide variety of teammates of different skill levels.
 - **Open Registration**: Our program is open to all children between 4 and 19 years of age who want to register and play soccer. Interest and enthusiasm are the only criteria for playing. There are no elimination try-outs and nobody gets cut.
 - **Positive Coaching**: Encouragement of player effort provides for greater enjoyment for the players and leads to better-skilled and better-motivated players. A coach can be one of the most influential people in a child's life, so AYSO requires they create a positive experience for every boy and girl.
 - **Good Sportsmanship**: We strive to create a positive environment based on mutual respect rather than a win-at-all-costs attitude, and our program is designed to instill good sportsmanship in every facet of AYSO.
 - **Player Development**: We believe that all players should be able to develop their soccer skills and knowledge to the best of their abilities, both individually and as members of a team, in order to maximize their enjoyment of the game.
- Explain your expectations for practices and for games (e.g., Do you want players there 10, 15, 30 minutes before game time? Are you distributing a snack schedule?).
- Explain equipment requirements: Jersey, shin guards, water, sun block. No jewelry.

Players should bring their own balls.

Appropriate sizes are:

- U6 - Size 3
 - U8 - Size 3
 - U10 - Size 4
 - U12 - Size 4
 - U14 - Size 5
- Remind parents:
 - No dogs allowed anywhere.
 - No parking in grass.
 - No hanging on goals.
 - Ask if anyone has questions

- Remind parents that the Birch Run AYSO website (www.birchrunsoccer.com) is a great resource with lots of info. The site is optimized for mobile, so you can always look something up from your smartphone, even when you're on the soccer field.
- Questions can also be posted on the Birch Run AYSO Facebook page.