

## PRYAA SOCCER MANDATORY PARENT MEETINGS NOTES

1. PRYAA- Peachtree Ridge Youth Athletic Association
  - a. Location: 3170 Suwanee Creek Road, Suwanee
  - b. 8 Major sports- Soccer, Football, Baseball, Cheerleading, Softball, Wrestling, Basketball, Lacrosse
  - c. Allow your kids to experience more than one sport, more than one sports culture
2. Soccer Program
  - a. Culture- Definition and our culture
    - i. Our soccer parents are mature and responsible and display appropriate behavior at games, with other parents and players
    - ii. Our kids are good kids who behave like their parents and show good sportsmanship
  - b. Websites
    - i. Pryaasoccer.com- content website
      1. Field status- only used for GAMES not practices.
      2. Contains fields status of other parks in the event you have an away game
    - ii. Pryaa.siplay.com- registration/profile
      1. Enable your texting

2. Add additional emails and phone numbers
  3. 10 year old and older--Add photos to players profile for GA Soccer ID card
- iii. Emails and Texts from me- Please read slowly and 3 times
  - iv. Siplay app- download app, data has to be manually entered and remember not everyone will use it

c. Practice

- i. 7 years old and under- 1 day for 1 hr
- ii. 8 years old and up- 2 days for 1 hr
- iii. Volunteer Coaches determine practice day/time
- iv. Practice gear
  1. Shin guards, socks covering shin guards, soccer cleats, water, soccer ball(size 3,4,5) and a great attitude

d. Uniforms

- i. Uniform kit- new players should have ordered one
  1. Consists of reversible jersey, a pair of shorts, a pair of socks
  2. Usually have extra for swaps BUT on a first-come, first served basis

3. PRACTICE JERSEYS- they are not part of the kit, they are sold separately for \$15.

e. Important Dates

- i. Registration open and will remain open
  - 1. Families realize late so we let them in
- ii. Mandatory Parent Meetings Dates- check website [pryaasoccer.com](http://pryaasoccer.com)
- iii. Preseason workout sessions
  - 1. For 8 years old and up
  - 2. Players must be registered for this season
  - 3. Gear- see above
  - 4. Dates- See [pryaasoccer.com](http://pryaasoccer.com) website

f. Date Notifications

- i. By 16 FEB- notification email for teams assignments sent out
- ii. Practices start the week of 17 FEB
- iii. Games start the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in MARCH
- iv. Season is 8 to 10 games
  - 1. Should be done by the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> week in MAY

g. Games

- i. Arrive 30 mins before game
- ii. Give yourself extra time to depart for away games

- iii. Blue side Jersey- HOME
- iv. White side Jersey- AWAY
- v. You may have to flip jerseys in the event the opposing team only have one jersey that is similar in color
- vi. Recommend wearing t-shirt underneath jersey to save time changing
- vii. Sit with parents on your team on the sideline
- viii. Don't react to what opposing team's parents say

#### h. Schedule

- i. Due out the last week in February or first week in March.
- ii. Check EVERY Friday evening for any changes
- iii. Be flexible with any changes
- iv. Changes could be for referee coverage, field status, etc.
- v. Don't print, check online
- vi. Website [pryaasoccer.com](http://pryaasoccer.com) will have all games schedules

#### i. Field status

- i. For PRACTICES
  - 1. Email and text will be sent out if soccer fields are closed.

2. If fields are closed, they are only closed for that day
3. Practice is canceled if fields are closed
4. DON'T ASSUME PRACTICE IS CANCELED BECAUSE OF RAIN- it doesn't always rain at our park

ii. For GAMES

1. Email and Text will be sent
2. ONLY applies to PRYAA Park soccer fields not away fields
3. Check website [pryaasoccer.com](http://pryaasoccer.com) for field status of other parks
4. Games will be canceled if fields are closed
5. Some parks may delay start times
6. DON'T ASSUME GAMES ARE CANCELED BECAUSE OF RAIN- always assume games are being played unless you are told otherwise

j. Referees

- i. Most are minors
- ii. Be nice to refs, they are someone's child
- iii. They have a lot of power, they can kick you out of the park
- iv. Referees have a high turnover rate due to parents and coaches

v. Remember our soccer culture behavior

k. Coaches

i. They are volunteers

ii. They are professionals with families

iii. Offer to help them instead of criticizing

iv. Volunteer to be a coach

v. Talk to your kids about respecting the coach, doing their best, asking questions and being a good teammate

l. Team Parent

i. Team Mom or Team Dad

ii. 3 Major Duties/Tasks

1. Coordinate Snack schedule- ask for allergies

2. Check Schedule every Friday afternoon and send game details reminders

a. Reminders include ARRIVAL time, jersey color, location of game, Field Number, provide address for away game, who has snacks and remind them of any allergies

3. Coordinate end of season party

a. Work with coach to set date/time

b. Keep it simple

c. Collect money from parents to cover costs

- d. Determine small medallion for players
- e. Determine gift for coach
- f. May use Soccer Banquet as end of season party

- m. Playing time
  - i. 50% or half of the game, if possible
  - ii. Playing time is more of a challenge for older age groups due to soccer substitution rules
  - iii. Be flexible as coaches are doing their best

3. Questions

4. Tour of soccer fields, weather permitting