

Norman Youth Soccer Association-Recreational Coach Outline

Thank you for coaching in the recreational program of Norman Youth Soccer Association. We couldn't do this without you and really appreciate the time and effort you put in. We are here to help you and hopefully make this an enjoyable experience for everyone.

Download the MOJO App – this is a communication tool you can use with your parents and gives you help on training activities.

1. **COACH ACCOUNT-** You will be given a new Gotsport account where you will submit your background check. All coaches must pass a background check in order to be attached to a roster and coach in our organization.

Here is a link to login to your gotsport account - <https://system.gotsport.com/>

Background Checks:

- 1) Login to your gotsport account -
 - 2) Click Dashboard
 - 3) Click "More Info" next to Background check requirement When you do this please make sure everything is under US CLUB, not USYS
 - 4) Click Submit new report and fill out all the info. Please use the voucher code "okceltic2122" to negate the price.
 - 5) You will then receive an email from JDP with a link to do another background check, you must complete that to be cleared.
2. **WEEKLY EMAIL-** We send out a weekly email to parents with information on uniforms, pictures etc. All new information will be listed at the top.
 3. **Things to let your players know-** Practice day, time, location, team number for parents to locate it online, schedule for games, uniform color and field for games, snack schedule if wanted and what to bring to practice and games. (ball, water, cleats, shin guards, jersey)
 4. **PRACTICE TIMES/DATES-** Please work with your parents to find a convenient practice time and location if you have any flexibility. MOST teams are created around zones in town so please try to stay fairly close to your home school. ALL NORMAN public schools and parks are insured by NYSA under US Club as a secondary insurance and the vast majority of schools/parks have goals or you may use cones. All teams practice in Norman unless all players are from Moore or agree to outside of Norman location. NO PRACTICES AT THE NYSA COMPLEX – a part from The Wednesday before each season.
 5. **UNIFORMS-** Players will need the two jersey set for \$32 from Play It Again Sports. Black socks and shorts are the general uniform for NYSA recreational players but you can do different color shorts or socks if you would like. Please remember to try and make this as inexpensive as possible for our parents. Home jersey is WHITE and Away jersey is GREEN.
 6. **JEWELRY-** No jewelry or metal objects may be worn during games. Especially Earrings.
 7. **SCHEDULES-** Posted online and an email sent to everyone when they are posted. Please do not print these-they are live and reschedules will be updated as the season is played. Go to oklahomaceltic.com under programs/recreational/schedules then click on your age group. Once we send out the schedule we will not change it without notifying you.

8. RESCHEDULES-We are using sign up genius for our reschedules. You must contact opposing coach and agree on the reschedule. Time and dates that we have fields available will appear on the signup genius. Coaches contact information will be listed on the website in the upper right corner of the live schedule for each age group. BOTH coaches must be listed in the signup form so we may move game and respond to both of you at the same time. You need to send the request to the NYSA by the SUNDAY before the schedule game. If you don't have a rescheduled time but need to pull the game please email us so we can take it off and not be charged for refs.

Our Ref Director, Victor Arias nysarefs@oklahomaceltic.com is the contact for reschedules.

9. INCLEMENT WEATHER- If we have bad weather we will update the website and social media as well as send out an email to all players/coaches in the program. We try to play games if possible so we might play games on only some fields or only part of the day to get as much in as we can on the regular schedule. The directors will reschedule games if it is a mass closing.
10. NO CHILD ALONE/NO COACH ALONE-Safety is our upmost concern. A coach should never be left alone with a child. We ask all parents to walk their children to their fields and to the bathrooms. The day of games we have about 2200 players running around in white and green. PLEASE protect yourself and the players by asking other parents to stay with you or assist with this.
11. LOST CHILD POLICY-Report a lost child to NYSA office, referee, or director ASAP.
12. REFEREES/PARENT BEHAVIOR-If you have issues, please call the DIRECTORS immediately. It is much easier for us to come to the field and handle the issue as it is happening. All players and coaches should be on one side and all parents should be on the opposite side. Across the US we are experiencing a referee shortage so please remember it is someone else's child that will be refereeing your game and to be kind. We have lots of new refs that are learning and if we are able to keep them in the program that would be awesome! We will email out if we will be short refs each week so you know what to expect. U4/5 doesn't have refs and U6-8 we will try to cover but is the training ground and where we will pull from first.
13. RULES- Each age group has their rules posted online at oklahomaceltic.com under programs/recreational – scroll to the bottom of the page.
14. SCORES- We will post scores for age groups U6-U12. We don't post more than a 5 goal aggregate. **Mercy Rule** – down by 5, add a player, down by 8 add a player, down by 10, add a player, etc.
15. RECRUITING-We are in recreational soccer so please do not recruit players from another team to your team.
16. TEAM CONDUCT-Request all players be on time and picked up promptly for practices and games. Set your practices rules, schedules and parent conduct from the beginning.
17. U4/U5- Your practices are directly before your game. Example your game is at 9, you will show up at 8:55 and start practice at 9. We will send you a practice session each week. You will practice for 15 - 20 minutes or so then prepare to start your game at 9:15/9:20. The opposing team is on the other half of your field. We provide cones for you each week.
18. Thanks again so much and please let us know if you have any questions.