

FALL 2019 PARENT MEETING
U10, U12, U15 SOCCER LEAGUES

I. Leadership

- a. Matt Sutter, Director of Soccer—330.806.5336
- b. Dan Kamwesa, Director of Sports—562.716.7222

II. First Friends Sports

Vision: First Friends Sports is a ministry of First Friends Church. We are committed to the church's vision to **transform the heart, home and world**. In order to do that, our sports programs must offer MORE THAN SPORTS. At First Friends Sports, we want to help individuals and families grow in their athletic ability, their character and their faith in Jesus Christ.

Mission: To provide Christ-centered sports programs for our community.

What we offer:

- 1. Sports and Recreation for the whole family.
- 2. A fun, safe and positive environment for competition.
- 3. An opportunity to encounter Jesus.

III. Main Source of Communication = WEBSITE

Our sports ministry website is **www.firstfriendssports.com**. It is the main source of information regarding teams, schedules, announcements, game cancellations etc. Please consult the website **FIRST** if you have any questions. After that, please feel free to contact the Sports Office directly via email at **sports@firstfriends.org** or via phone at **330.966.6868**

IV. Cancellation Policy

- a. **Practice and Game Cancellations** – Practices and games will be cancelled by the **Director of Soccer** and will be posted to the website (firstfriendssports.com) at least one hour ahead of the affected practice or game time. If you do not have computer access, contact your coach.
- b. Whenever the weather is inclement or may become so, please check your e-mail and check the website before you leave your home on practice and game days to verify that your activity is still a go.

V. Practice Schedule

- a. Soccer practices will be at First Friends Church on the FFC Soccer Fields. Depending on your child's division, their practices will be in the evening for a 1 hour and 15-minute timeslot on one of the following days. (Please note: in October, practice time will be 5:30p)
 - 1. Tuesday 6:00-7:15pm (All U10 Division teams)
 - 2. Thursday 6:00-7:15pm (All U12 and U15 Division teams)

VI. Devotionals During Practice

- a. During each practice, we will be having a short devotional that corresponds with our written curriculum. We consider this to be a CRUCIAL element of our program and believe it is a big part of your participation in this league. Players in the U10, U12 and U15 Divisions who complete these booklets will receive an award for their efforts.
- b. ****Please note that each practice will involve a 15-minute devotional. This is REQUIRED.**

VII. Game/Event Schedule

SATURDAY GAMES – August 31st, September 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th, October 5th, 12th & 19th. Soccer games will primarily start anywhere from 8:45am to 1:30pm on Saturdays. Fall games may require some travel for approximately half of the games for U12 & U15. All U10 and U7 will be at First Friends.

PICTURE DAY – Saturday, September 14th

Teams will be assigned a time prior to their game for team and individual pictures. Picture forms will be distributed on the practice prior to the Picture Day. While a specific schedule will be posted to our website as the date gets closer, plan on coming about an hour early to your scheduled game on Saturday.

Important Dates

- a. **TUESDAY, August 20th** U10, U12 & U15 teams posted to website
- b. **SATURDAY, August 24th** First Practice of Season. U10 Division is at 9:30am and U12/U15 Division is at 11:00am
- c. **TUESDAY, August 27th** Practice #2 for U10 Division, from here on out, U10 will have practices every Tuesday at 6:00pm
- d. **THURSDAY, August 29th** Practice #2 for U12/U15 Division from here on out, U12/U15 will have practices every Thursday at 6:00pm
- e. **SATURDAY, August 31st** First Day of Games for U10, U12 and U15 Divisions
- f. **SATURDAY, October 19th** Last Day of Games for U7, U10, U12 and U15
- g. **FRIDAY, October 25th** SOCCER CELEBRATION NIGHT
6:00pm to 7:30pm @ First Friends Church Gym

VIII. Apparel and Equipment for Practices/Games

Each Player will receive their jersey August 31st (first game). It is expected that players wear their jerseys to games. Players are also **required** to wear Shin Guards (under their socks) to all practices and games. It is also encouraged that players wear soccer cleats (there are several area stores where you can find an affordable pair; you do NOT need to purchase top of the line cleats). NO METAL CLEATS PERMITTED

IX. Team Posting Date:

Teams will be posted the Tuesday after assessments (Tuesday, August 20th) for U10, U12 and U15 Divisions at our website at ***firstfriendssports.com***. Please make sure that you have been assigned a team. ***Please email us at sports@firstfriends.org if you cannot find your name on the list.***

Location(s):

- U10 games will be held at First Friends Church, 5455 Market Ave. N, Canton, OH 44714.
- U12 and U15 Fall games may require some travel for approximately half of the games. Once we determine this schedule, we will share it with you immediately.