

Dear Loudoun Soccer Parents,

Welcome families! My name is [insert your name] and I will be your child's coach of the [insert team code – ex:GR3BRECASH]. This email contains important details, so please read carefully.

Background and Philosophy

[Intro #1 – choose #1 or #2 and edit as needed, or write your own brief bio]: I've coached with Loudoun Soccer for the last 3 seasons. While my playing background in soccer is limited, I've played sports all of my life and I look back fondly on all of the coaches I played for and the positive experiences they gave me. I'm looking forward to doing the same with the players on our team.

My philosophy as a coach is to teach the fundamentals while also teaching good sportsmanship and positive life habits and most important – to ensure the players have FUN!

[Intro #2 – choose #1 or #2 and edit as needed]: This is my first season coaching soccer. I played other sports growing up, and I hope to use the knowledge I gained there to help develop your child's skills and passion for soccer, as well as develop good sportsmanship and positive life habits, and most important – to ensure the players have FUN!

Email Communication:

Most communication regarding the team will be sent by me via email. Club-related messages may be sent from one of the following addresses:

- newsletter@loudounsoccer.com
- info@loudounsoccer.com

Please make sure you add them to your contacts list so these messages don't end up in your junk folder.

Please also add my email address: [insert email address].

Practice Schedules:

Practices will begin the week of August 17. Schedules will be found on our Team Page in PlayMetrics (check on the [help page](#) for useful links). We'll practice twice per week in the evenings through the end of our league schedule (see below under Game Schedules).

As a rule of thumb: please email me when you know your child is unable to attend any of our sessions. Knowing the number of players attending prior to the session helps me plan better.

Please make sure your child arrives a few minutes early, and your family departs on time. Parents should attend these sessions in case of an emergency, and may observe from the sideline.

Families interested in an additional night of training should check out Loudoun Soccer's [Supplemental Programs](#)

Game Schedules:

Our games will kick-off on Saturday, August 29. Game days:

August 29

September 12, 19, 26

October 3, 10, 17

We have the opportunity to participate in an optional end-of-season (the Fall Classic) November 6-8. More details will be shared about that later.

Whereas our practices will be local, games may include additional travel to other parts of the county. Game schedules will be available within our Team Page and the. I'll email them to you once they're available.

It's important to remember the following with games:

- Let me know once you know your child cannot attend a game.
- Players should report at least 15-20 minutes before kickoff.
- Players should always bring both jerseys (red and white), even though the "home" team is supposed to wear red (see below).
- Players should wear their soccer cleats and shin guards, and bring plenty of water. All jewelry must be removed (see below).
- Parents occupy one sideline, while teams will be on the opposite sideline.

Additional Parent Help:

[add, amend, or delete depending on whether you have an assistant coach assigned to your team]: Please let me know if you're interested in helping at all with the team – on-field with the players, or off-field with team-related tasks.

Anyone who can help must register as a volunteer through your user account, must pass a background check, and be approved by Loudoun Soccer first.

Uniforms and Equipment:

All players are required to wear official Loudoun Soccer uniforms at games. When we're the "home" team, we wear red and when we're the "away" or "visiting" team we wear white. Players should always bring both uniforms just in case. For practices, any athletic wear/weather appropriate clothing is permitted.

Uniforms are ordered online through Soccer Post. If your child is in need of a uniform, be sure to visit the club's [uniform page](#) for details and place your order ASAP.

Players are responsible for bringing/wearing the following to each practice/game:

- Soccer cleats (note: football and baseball cleats are not permitted, as they have illegal toe studs)
- Shin guards
- Water or sports drink
- Weather-appropriate clothing
- Properly inflated size 4 soccer ball with your child's name written on it.

All jewelry (including earrings, necklaces, bracelets, watches, etc.) must be removed for practices and games.

Families can visit the club [Spirit Wear store](#) to purchase additional items

Loudoun Soccer hosts a [Back-to-Soccer shopping sale at Dick's Sporting Goods](#) August 14-17 for families to purchase equipment for the season.

Picture Day:

We'll have the opportunity to take individual player photos during the season in conjunction with one of our sessions; this is organized by Olson Photography. More information on this event – including safety procedures – will be shared once it's available.

We'll be assigned a Saturday (schedule to come). Please plan on attending even if you don't plan to purchase a picture package so your child can be included in the team photo.

Code of Conduct

Every family when registering their child submitted a [Parent Code of Conduct](#). Please review the parent expectations so we can make this season a great one.

Player Health Awareness

Please let me know if your child has any allergies or conditions I need to be aware of (nut allergy, sports-induced asthma, etc.); you may have already submitted this information when you registered your child, but please let me know anyways just in case.

Weather and Field Closure Alerts:

Messages related to field closures and weather alerts are sent directly through the PlayMetrics app.

Visit the [Field Status and Closure](#) page for details.

Contact Information:

Please contact me at [\[insert email address\]](#) or [\[insert phone\]](#) if you have any questions or need to let me know of a schedule conflict.

I'm looking forward to a great season, and I hope you are too!

[\[insert name\]](#)