



Titusville Soccer Club Spring 2025

Risk Management

Fingerprinting, Background Check, Safe Sport, and Heads Up Concussion can all be found on your gotSPORT account.

These MUST be completed to coach at TSC. These are mandated by FYSA and Brevard County Parks and Rec. There can be no interaction at practice or games with any players until these are completed. Team managers do not have to be risk managed, but they cannot interact with the players or be on the field or bench during practices or games.

U10 and below may have a total of 2 risk managed coaches.

U12 and above may have a total of 3 risk managed coaches.

Team Managers attend the team manager meeting to pick up uniforms and schedules, coordinate snacks (make sure parents are aware of any player allergies), verify your team has volunteers for concession and field duty, coordinate end of season team party, and pick up medals in spring or trophies in fall.

Got Sport App you can find your team's contact information, group chat, and schedule here. PLEASE REMIND parents that the game schedule is subject to change, and they need to check it each week.

Fields and Practice

Please practice on your age-appropriate fields. Fields are first come, first serve. If there's an open field not in your age group, you're welcome to use it until someone from that age group shows up. Do not use a full field for your practices - work on small sided games - kids get the most touches this way. If a team shows up and you are using a full field IMMEDIATELY move to one half of the field.

Coaches should hold two practices a week. Below are some recommended practice lengths for each recreational age group:

U5/U6 30 to 45 minute sessions

U8 and U10 60 minute sessions

U12 60 to 75 minute sessions

U14 60 to 90 minute sessions

U16+ 90 minute sessions

You are responsible for any player at the fields. If you allow parents to leave during practice, you may not leave until all players have been accounted for.

Do not allow players not on your roster to practice with your team

Procedure to reschedule a game:

You must notify each of the following if the game is at TSC:

1. OPPOSING COACH
2. REFEREE ASSIGNOR (Grant Aleman) phone 321 362-8446
3. SCHEDULER Melissa Kennelly phone 386 402 3339

Work with the opposing coach to find a date/time that works for both teams, reach out to the Referee Assignor and Field Scheduler to ensure a field and a referee will be reserved for your game. This should be done BY the Wednesday before your scheduled game to avoid unnecessary referee fees. If you do not let the assignor and scheduler know, you will not have a referee for your game.

Game Reschedule u12 and Up If BYSL games need to get rescheduled, then the club initiating the cancellation needs to start making contact with the opposing coach through the gotSPORT match chat. This process should start early enough (7 days in advance recommended) so all cancellations for a given week are confirmed by all parties no later than noon on the Wednesday preceding the game. If not properly done-and in a timely fashion (by Wednesday afternoon before the scheduled game time), the responsible coach/coaches will be required to pay the Referee Fees for the rescheduled game. Do not expect to have a parent or coach referee the game. You will be liable for injuries should they happen. Protect yourself by going through the proper channels.

Rosters U12 and up You must bring a printed roster to each of your games to give to the referee. These are found in your coach gotsport account. All players and coaches must also have a current photo uploaded in their account.

Lightning Please pay attention to the weather! Any strike within 10 miles means everyone must clear the fields for 30 minutes. You may wait in your cars, but not under the pavilion. Each strike within the 10 mile radius restarts the 30 minute countdown.

Procedure for foul weather game days On foul weather days, games may be delayed up to an hour. If unable to start the game the game will be rescheduled.

Unless contacted by the club your team must show up at the scheduled time for the game. If games have been canceled, or if fields are closed, you will be contacted by a board member prior to your start time. We will also post on our website, Facebook, and GotSport app when the fields are closed. You will need to inform your parents that you will contact them if the game is cancelled.

If your game is at another club you will need to contact the opposing team or their club to verify that the game is either cancelled or still scheduled. If you do not hear from anyone - plan on playing your game.

Field Maintenance Do not allow players to hang from the goals – this can be very dangerous for kids! Please don't let them kick at the grass and dirt and intentionally tear up the fields. **Pete works very hard!**

Referees Coaches are responsible for themselves, their players, and their spectators. Do not yell at referees or allow your players or spectators to yell at referees. We are experiencing a nationwide referee shortage due to verbal and at times physical abuse. The call the ref makes in the game is final, if you have a genuine concern or complaint, please talk to Grant Aleman, our referee assignor, after your game. TSC is taking a zero tolerance on referee abuse. There will be consequences for the parties involved.

Spectators Only Risk Managed Coaches are allowed on the practice field and on the team side for games. No one is allowed to stand behind the goals. Spectators must stay behind the orange or purple spectator line. No noise makers are permitted. **Spectators are not to address the referees.** TSC strongly recommends coaches to institute a 24-48 hour rule for communicating with upset parents after games. Let parents know that there will be no discussion of complaints about any decisions made during a game or practice for a 24-48 hour period. Complaints can be received and communicated much better after the adrenaline has diminished. Do not allow parents to come across the field after a game, they can wait for their player to come to them. Clearly communicate these boundaries at the start of the season to make it easier for both you and the parents.

7 Goal differential in house For U10 and below – Anytime a seven goal differential is reached, the losing team may add an additional player. If the difference goes under the seven goals, they must remove that player they added on.

For U12 and Up Anytime a seven goal differential is reached, the winning team must remove a player. If the difference goes under the seven goals they may add back the player they removed.

7 Goal Differential with other clubs Once halftime has been reached if there is a seven goal differential the losing team can choose to continue or end the game.

Sportsmanship We want all players to enjoy the games they play. Coaches are a big part of that for both teams. You are a coach figure to every child at TSC, not just the players on your roster. Please don't take that role lightly. At TSC we have a 7 goal differential rule to try to keep games fair and fun for both teams. Your GOAL as a coach is to NEVER have the 7 goal differential rule used for your games. The referees will be keeping and documenting scores this season, and TSC will be monitoring coaches that run up the score - this should never be the goal of a recreational youth soccer game. There are many ways to help your players improve and have fun during a game that aren't centered on goal scoring. If you have a really good player(s), give them the mission of getting as many passes as possible in a game, and make this their focus, not goal scoring. You can also have your players work on their non dominant foot, all passing and shooting can only be done with their non dominant foot. Praise all positions and abilities, you as the coach should not put the emphasis on the score, whether your team is winning or losing. Your team is to show up to all scheduled games, regardless of what you think the outcome of the game will be. Winning is not what either team's focus should be on, it should be on development, sportsmanship, working as a team, character development, and most importantly, having fun! Coaches will treat all players, spectators, and opposing coaches with respect.