

Titusville Soccer Club Fall 2026 Coach Handbook

Risk Management Fingerprinting, Background Check, Safe Sport, and Heads Up Concussion can all be found on your Gotsport account NOT on the Gotsport app. **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.**

All TSC Teams may have a total of 2 risk managed coaches.

Team Managers are allowed to coordinate snacks (make sure parents are aware of any player allergies), help coordinate end of season team parties, pick up team pictures and medals in spring or trophies in fall. **They are not risk-managed and cannot interact with players or be on the team side of the field.**

Got Sport App you can find your team's contact information, group chat, club news, 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. 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** - use a half field at most, work on small sided games - kids get the most touches this way. 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 and Up 60 to 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 U5 or U6 Coach Refed game - Please reach out to the opposing coach and agree upon a date and time.

Procedure to reschedule an in house game: (U8 and U10)

RESCHEDULES are only allowed due to unavoidable circumstances You must notify each of the following if the game is at TSC:

1.OPPOSING COACH - Coach contact information is emailed to each coach age group at the start of the season.

2.Head Referee (Grant Aleman) phone 321 362-8446 email tscheadreferee@gmail.com

3.SCHEDULER Melissa Kennelly phone 386 402 3339 email myssik04@gmail.com

Please work with the opposing coach to find a date/time that works for both teams and 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 reschedule needs to start contacting the opposing coach or Rec Director through their GotSport account (NOT the app) under the match chat of the game you need to reschedule. You can also use email or texts to ensure communications are received. This process should start early enough (7 days in advance is recommended) so all reschedules for a given week are confirmed by all parties no later than noon on the Wednesday preceding the game. If it is 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 channel.

Match Cards U12 and Up You must bring a printed match card to each of your games to give to the referee. These are found in your coach Gotsport account. (NOT THE APP) Click on **Team Management** and then click on **Matches**. Next to the desired match you will see a chat bubble and under the bubble are three dots. Click on the three dots and then click on **Print Match Card**. You must do this for each match.

Please also bring a printed roster to each match. Rosters can be found on your Gotsport coach account. Go to **Teams** and click on your desired team, then click on **Rosters** at the top. Choose **2026-2027 FYSA Registration Event** from the drop-down menu, then click **Documents and IDs**, then click **Roster PDF**. Please make sure all your players are listed, and each one has a picture. You can bring the same roster to each match for the season.

Coach Pass - You will find your player cards and Coach Pass in this same section under **ID Cards**. Please print a Coach ID card for any coaches on your team and make sure you have them at every game.

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. If the light is blinking you must clear the fields. Please also pay attention to My Lightning Tracker as the light and horn are not always reliable.

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.** As soon as a decision has been made as to game cancellations, TSC will post that the fields are closed on the Gotsport App.

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 canceled 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.

Referees You are responsible for yourself, your players, and your parents. Do not yell at referees or allow your players or spectators to yell at referees. The call the ref makes in the game is final, if you have a genuine concern or complaint, please talk to Grant Aleman, our Head Referee after your game. TSC is taking a **zero tolerance** approach on referee abuse. **There will be consequences for the parties involved as agreed to in your registration.**

Spectators Only Risk Managed Coaches are allowed on the practice field and on the team side for games and practices. No one is allowed to stand behind the goals. Spectators must stay behind the orange spectator line for both games and practices. No noise makers are permitted. **Spectators are not to address the referees.** TSC strongly recommends coaches to institute a 24-48 hour rule for parent communication after games. Let parents know that there will be no discussion of complaints about any decisions made during a game for a 24-48 hour period. Complaints can be received and communicated much better after the adrenaline of a game 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 your parent meeting 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.

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.

Player Centered Coaching At TSC we follow US Soccer's guidelines of player centered coaching. All your coaching decisions should be based on what is best for each individual player. Soccer is a game and games should be fun. Research studies show that 9 out of 10 kids say "having fun" is why they play sports. This same study showed that kids only ranked winning as the 48th reason as to why a sport was fun.

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 keep and document scores, 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.