



2016 Fall Session Coaches,

THANK YOU!

Thank you for taking time out of your lives to coach the young people of South-Eastern Indiana. I know that each and every one of you gives more than just the two practices a week and game day on Saturdays to make your teams the best they can be.

At this point, you should have already received your schedules for the upcoming season. I know that there were a few questions about game times because of the younger kids getting later games this season. Because we have a limited number of referees, and the need for less referees at the Passers and Wings levels, the schedules were laid out in an attempt to allow referees an opportunity to get more games in, making it more worth their time to come to the fields and referee with SISAY instead of another organization. I know our referee

Co-ordinators struggled to get 3 referees for Strikers/Kickers games later in the day. This alleviated that problem. We raised our referee fees this year to be more comparable with other organizations only to have them raise their rates this year as well.

Please remember that most of our officials are young people with a love and passion for the game. Along with that is the fact that there are players watching your actions, behaviors, and body language towards officials. We all get frustrated and display our frustrations in different ways but we all have an obligation to try and handle ourselves accordingly. As we are all human, we are bound to make mistakes as are our officials. There were quite a few changes to the Laws of the Game this year and after attending a rules meeting at the National Level and discussing them with our Referee Coordinator Brian Knight, we decided we should make sure that you have access to them and we stress the changes to you.

There were quite a few rule changes this year by FIFA, IFB, USSF, and SAY.

The SAY Rulebook can be found here:

<http://tinyurl.com/SAYrules2>

And the Addendums to the rulebook added 7.16

<http://tinyurl.com/addendums16>

The most obvious change for us will be that intentional HEADBALLS for every level below Kickers will be ruled a dangerous play and result in an indirect free kick for the opposing team. Please take time to look at the addendums to the rules if you have coached in the past. Some of them apply to us and some of them do not. (I.e. Team Sizes will not apply in 2016)

As most of us are Parent Coaches/Volunteers, I've pulled together some resources this season that I hope you find valuable. If you go to SISAY.org and click on Coaches Corner, you will find a number of resources there. That page is ever changing and is built for you coaches. If you find something that you would like to add to that page, feel free to e-mail it to me and I will make sure that it is posted on the coaches corner page. ryan.sparks80@gmail.com Along with that, please forward any great pictures that you or your parents take over the course of the season so we can feature them on the SISAY webpage.

Your district boards work hard to try and get you as much information from SISAY as possible but I encourage those of you that are looking to continue to make improvements to the program to join them in their efforts and attend our monthly meetings. SISAY meetings are held at 7PM, the second Thursday of each month, at the Lawrenceburg Community Center.

As we did last year, we are requesting that coaches report scores for their games: This year we are trying something a little different as e-mailing scores seemed to be difficult. Please TEXT your score to 812-213-7298 (812-213-SAY8) Hopefully, this makes it easier for everyone as most everyone carries their phone with them at all times. The request is that both coaches send the text in order to make sure that if one coach forgets, we at least have one score from the game.

Thank you for your continued hard work and giving your time to teaching kids the game. While coaching seems like a thankless job at times, you are more appreciated than you will ever know!

Yours in Soccer!

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