

FC Honorable Coaches Alliance

Frederick County Parks & Recreation Division

JUNE 7, 2017

Notes/Minutes

Mission of the Alliance: As volunteer representatives of all FCPR Youth Leagues, we strive to promote sportsmanship in a fun & safe environment through sharing of ideas, leading by positive examples, and communicating amount the FCPR community at large.

Update on Minority business leaders: (Jay): continuing to attend meetings, (3rd Friday of the month), on-going effort with local businesses and willing to partner/work with FCPR.

HCA Website: Group photo was put on hold, (when all members are present), for a little recognition.

Spring Review: several weather cancellations this past season caused many challenges.

- **Coach Deb/MSVL:** helped mentor younger/new V-Ball coaches with skills/drills/knowledge, poor sportsmanship with another coach during the MSVL tournament, and used the "Ace Cheer" as a positive example of toning down the celebrating when beating another team soundly.
- **Coach Jay/Youth Soccer:** very good season, returning players, liked jerseys, holding back during winning games/learning opportunity, positive parent feedback, talked about a Parent MVP recognition, major player improvement, talking to parents about player disability or challenge, Asst. Coach made a huge difference, picture day was, "A Mess" as the photographer was very unorganized, his suggestion of a 1st Aid station was implemented and very positive, working with challenging twins was a good experience....Great Season overall. He can reach out to his VFW members for possible reffing opportunities, help promote FCPR programs/leagues, coach recruitment. Suggestion of possibly personalizing the team shirts and colors.
- **Coach Pat/Youth Flag Football:** says FCPR league structure and refs are/were strong, much better than his coaching days with LUYAA. Liked the emphasis on positive Sportsmanship & Equal Playing time at the pre-season meeting, "everyone touches the ball," great benefit. Suggested giving out medals during the season as rewards...positive example. Implement K.T.'s tracking sheets for equal playing time. Other coaches were Good & Bad, but the Refs were outstanding. Some coaches apply techniques to help prep the kids for tackle football. Keeping score too early for younger ages and draws over competitiveness.
- **Jeff/Youth Soccer:** coaches a little older division of 11-14 years old. "Fun-First!" Positive parents, no problems, kids are fantastic, handshake First and before team meeting, Great Season! Start keeping score for Ages 9-11.

FALL 2017 Strategy:

Ideas on selecting new members: reaching out to the parents during the season.

Coaches Handbook: designed mainly for new coaches.

Coaches Discount: under FCPR review, possible 25-30% discount.

Play Up Procedure: also under FCPR review.

Player Awards: Keith suggested giving out small awards to players.

Coaches Clinics: also suggested to add in the future, and having some of the Coaches Alliance assisting.

Next Meeting:

September 2017, TBD.

**Group picture and shirt sizes for Coaches Alliance members.