

The Purple Ninja Warriors Team Letter

Coach: My name is _____ and I am an AYSO certified coach and AYSO Safe Haven certified coach. My coaching approach is to insure your child has an enjoyable soccer experience by being Positive, Instructional and Educational. We will work on skills, sportsmanship, conditioning and playing as a team. On game day you will NOT see me jumping around on the touchline, kicking dirt on referees' shoes or yelling at the players. We will cover what I want the kids to do in a match in our training sessions and I will correct a few points at the half. Do not interpret my reserved demeanor as disinterest – I am letting your children play so they can learn the game and learn how to improve their play by “thinking it out” for themselves during a match. We are working on physical and mental development.

Practice: Is Wed 5 pm to 6 pm. Please be there 5 minutes early and arrive 5 minutes before the practice is over. While my responsibility for your child is during this one hour period please respect my need to leave to be with my family. If you are late I must stay with your child which is not fair to me. Please call if you are going to be late and arrange for someone else to pick up your child. Please call me directly if you have an emergency at this number _____. If I can not locate you and you do not call I will not be dropping your child off at your's or your neighbor's house but will contact the Millbrae police department to protect your child until you can pick him/her up. AYSO is very specific about the extent of my involvement with your child for the protection of all.

Match: Please have your child arrive 15 minutes before the match to get organized. They must have their proper uniform on, sunscreen on, shin guards, water and all jewelry must be removed. See the schedule on the website below. All games will be at Taylor field on the north side of the field.

Assistance: I need a Team Manager to help organize snacks and would like to have a coaching assistant. Please let me know who can help the team out _____ ?????

Your Involvement: Please understand I am a volunteer (and that does mean non-paid) the referee is a volunteer and everyone involved with AYSO on the regional level is a volunteer. I am responsible for YOUR conduct as well as mine and my players. Please do not coach from the spectator touchline and please do not question the referees as they are non-paid volunteers and have the authority to stop the match and ask you to leave! Many are young kids learning how to referee. This would be embarrassing to you, your child and me. Remember, if you “coach” your child you may send a message that conflicts with my instructions. Let the kids play! I appreciate positive comments directed toward the players and cheering for BOTH teams displays our excellent sportsmanship and creates a great environment for our kids.

Please keep chairs, coolers, siblings, baby carriages at least 6 feet from the spectator touchline as a player is allowed to run outside of the line to play the ball and this could be very dangerous to them and younger children.

Please contact me at _____ to discuss any questions you may have about the team or your child. Let me know of any special medical needs your child may have. I am not allowed to dispense or administer medication. For more information on rainouts and game schedules visit www.millbraeayso.com Please notify me immediately if your child has been injured during a training session or match and it was not brought to my attention. Soccer is a contact sport and injuries can occur.

I am looking forward to a great season and watching your child grow and enjoy the beautiful game of soccer. Do not hesitate to contact me with concerns or questions.

David Beckham – U8 Coach

Attachment: Parents Pledge