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Parent(s) / Guardian(s);

Welcome to the 2013-2014 youth sports season. We are glad that you and your child(ren) have decided to participate in our program. We would like to take a few moments to give you some information about this season.

Volunteer Coaches

Please remember that your child's coach is a volunteer and donating many hours for practices, games, and the preparation involved with coaching a team. We ask that you remember this when any type of issue arises during the season. Our department provides each head coach membership into the National Youth Sports Coaches Association. The National Youth Sports Coaches Association (NYSKA) is a membership organization and the most widely used volunteer coach training program in the nation, having trained more than 2.5 million coaches since its inception in 1981. More than 3,000 community-based agencies and organizations have offered this opportunity.

The NYSKA volunteer coach training program is designed to sensitize volunteer coaches to their responsibilities and hold them accountable to a strict Code of Conduct defined by the NYSKA Coaches' [Code of Ethics Pledge](#). View more information at www.nays.org

Rate Your Coach

The National Youth Sports Coaches Association (NYSKA) would like to encourage you to evaluate your child's coach so that your league can better provide a fun, safe and positive sporting experience. Your evaluation serves as a great tool for coaches to attain useful and immediate feedback on how they are performing at anytime during the season. League administrators will have full access to evaluators' identities and results, while coaches will only be able to see anonymous overall results.

Required: In order to rate a coach you must have a coach's NYSKA member ID number. You may attain this number by simply asking your child's coach or League Director.

Please visit our home page at www.nays.org and click RATE YOUR COACH.

League Rules

You can obtain a copy of the Lower Cape Recreational League's rules on our web site.

Game Schedules

You may view practice and game schedules on our web site (www.truro-ma.gov/recreation) and also on Google Calendar (Truro Rec.Youth Soccer - Girls 5|6), (Truro Rec.Youth Soccer - Girls 3|4), (Truro Rec.Youth Soccer – Kindergarten), (Truro Rec.Youth Soccer – 1st Grade), (Truro Rec.Youth Soccer – 2nd Grade)

One Call Now

In order to communicate program updates, such as cancellations, in the most efficient manner, our department utilizes a service called One Call Now. This is a mass communication system that allows us to contact parents and guardians via phone calls, text messages, and emails. We have used your contact information from the registration form, if you would like to make changes to your contact information visit the One Call Now page on our web site. For text messages you will have to opt-in, by texting "alert" to 22300. For more information, you can check out www.onecallnow.com.

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Participation Ceremony

In June, at the end of the school season, we will host a sport participation ceremony. The goal of this event is to recognize the commitment that the players and coaches had given to the season. The evening entails recognition of the players' participation, the coaches' commitment, some snacks and beverages, and a slideshow. We encourage parents to submit photos of the season.

Uniforms

Players in grades 3 – 6 will be given a team jersey. If you plan on purchasing additional items we have provided you with a discount coupon for Olympia Sports. Players in grades K to 2nd are issued a team t-shirt, which they can use for all sports throughout that school year, and are theirs to keep.

We look forward to a positive, beneficial, and fun season. Please feel free to contact your coach or our department with any questions, comments, or suggestions.

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