**New Season Is Here**

Parents,

It is one of the best times of the year….no not Christmas, travel soccer season is here! Practices are underway, friendly scrimmages have taken place, our U13boys are preparing for the Elite League season, our young players in the academy get started on the 28th and Man Utd are struggling in the EPL this season. All great things!

With everything getting under way, I wanted to take the time to remind you about a few things before the season really gets going.

1. Coaches put a lot of time in to planning sessions. A good coach will put anywhere between 2-3 hours worth of thought and preparation into session planning for the team. This also includes evaluating the previous session or game: did the players pick up on the aspects of the session, did the session work or not, did the session translate to things in the next game.
2. Practice is important. A coach plans a session on the grounds that all players will be at practice. But a scheduled practice isn’t the only practice a player can do. Working on technique and getting touches on the ball can all be done at home; though, if practicing in the house a few rules would need to be made to preserve lamps etc.
3. DON’T coach from the sideline. Support your son/daughter, support the team. What you may be telling the player to do might be something completely different than what the coach wants him/her to do. If you want to get involved in coaching, please let me know and we can look into coaching courses.
4. DON’T yell at the refs. Even the really bad ones. A parent yelling at the ref from the sideline transfers to the players during the game. The players think everything is against them and the performance and concentration suffers. If it is needed the coach will mention something to the ref or his assistant.
5. After a game, don’t tell your player what they did or didn’t do in the game. Instead ask them about the game and how they felt, then encourage them and inform them of things you noticed they individually did well and the team did well.

That’s just a few things to keep in mind as the season kicks off. Please also refer to my early writing up on our website. Wanyecountyunitedsoccer.com [Sideline Behavior](http://www.waynecountyunitedsoccer.com/Default.aspx?tabid=416518).

I mention all of this to encourage and promote a great, positive season for everyone. I hope you all are looking forward to getting back to cheering your teams on.

**WCUSC News**

**New Coaches**

We have a 2 new coaches coming into roles with the club. Maurice Zarate is coming in to work with the academy players. Maurice is replacing Robert Bergkamp, who unfortunately, being military, got moved to Florida.

Dom Smith is the clubs 2nd new coach, and he will be taking on the U14B team. Dom is an experienced coach from England who has been coaching in America for awhile. Coach Dom is also heading up the mini-kickers and technical training sessions which WCUSC has added this spring.

You can find information on these programs here:

[Mini-kickers](http://www.waynecountyunitedsoccer.com/Default.aspx?tabid=509140) & [Technical Training](http://www.waynecountyunitedsoccer.com/Default.aspx?tabid=509141)

**Pro Club Partnership**

Wayne County United are pleased to announce our pro club partnership with Wolverhampton Wanderers F.C. Wolves are one of the oldest club in the English Football League. Our players will have the Wolves North American Soccer Academy jersey patch handed out soon. We are currently finalizing a date for a Wolves Academy coach to come over from England this summer to run a camp.

For more information about the partnership, please follow the link below

[Wolves](http://wolvesnorthamericanacademy.com/Wayne_County_United_Soccer_Club.html)

If you have any questions or comments on any topic or are interested in coaching, don’t hesitate to get in touch. doc@waynecountyunitedsoccer.com

Here is to a great season a head for the club.

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