# Frequently asked questions for coaches and parents

Q: As a coach do I get equipment for my team?

A. Yes. GUCS will assign you equipment that will include a bag containing soccer balls, cones, and a goalie jersey. Equipment will be given at the coach meeting.

Q: What size soccer ball is appropriate for my player?

A: Size 3 is for players under 8 years of age

Size 4 is for ages 8-12

Size 5 is for ages 12 and older

Q: How do I get Kid Safe Carded?

A: Visit GUCS Website and click "Kid safe Coach" for full instructions. View and download forms to complete.

You may also click below for the form:

Galloway Township Municipal Government - Youth Protection Program

Any questions contact Galloway Community Services: 609-241-0692

or

Email: CommunityServices@gtnj.org.

The Kid Safe card is **MANDATORY** to coach. No exceptions.

### Q: How can I become a coach and do I need experience?

A: When you register your child, check off box stating you would like to be a coach. This is a volunteer position and experience is not necessary. Knowledge on the game of soccer would be helpful.

#### Q: How does the soccer schedule work if I volunteer as a coach?

A: Practices are at the coach's discretion. The league will work with your busy schedule to help accommodate for your games. We understand this is volunteer so we do our best to fit your needs to run a successful program.

### Q: I'm not sure what is needed of me by becoming a coach?

A: A GUCS Board Member will explain the responsibilities. Contact a board member prior to volunteering to help with any questions you have. A coach meeting is held prior to every season starting that covers everything you need to know.

## Q: How does the Saturday clinic work?

A: This program runs only on Saturdays for approximately 5 weeks. 3 & 4-year-olds are given a soccer ball and t-shirt on the first day of clinic (paid for with registration). Two sessions: 9am to 9:45am and 10am to 10:45am (by last name). They will learn fundamental skills and introduce the little ones to the game of soccer.

### Q: How often are games and practices?

A. Your child's coach will determine how often the team practices.

Ages 5/6 play on Saturdays (Boys at 10am and girls at 11am).

Ages 7 and up, play at 6pm and 7pm on <u>weeknights</u>. Some games may be played on a Saturday which is common for "make-up" games that were cancelled.

### Q: How long is the season?

A: Season usually lasts 6-8 weeks. Inclement weather may delay the season.

#### Q: What equipment do I need for my child?

A: Shin pads are required. Soccer cleats are recommended but not required (no metal cleats allowed). No jewelry allowed during games for safety of the game and players.

## Q: Where will my child be placed?

A: Kids ages 3 and 4 will be grouped together and train only on Saturdays. Divisions are separated into gender and ages (Posted online). This may vary season to season based on enrollment.

#### Q: When are the seasons for soccer?

A: We have spring soccer which runs from April through June. Spring sign-ups start in January. Fall soccer runs from September through November. Fall sign-ups start in August.

Q: My child is handicapped / has a disability, what are my options?

A: GUCS provides a program depending on the season. Contact a board member for updated information.

\*\*Still have a question?

Contact a board member via email: <a href="mailto:gallowaysoccerclub@gmail.com">gallowaysoccerclub@gmail.com</a>