

Hello [team name],

You are receiving this email because you signed your son/daughter up to play soccer with the Hillside Soccer Club. He/she has been assigned to the [name] that I have volunteered to coach.

I'm excited for a great season and I have some important information for you:

Playing Schedule

- We practice once a week on [day of week] at [time of day] on the [field name] field. Practice will run for one hour.
- Our first practice is on [date]
- On the weekend we have an optional day for scrimmaging. If you're available and your son/daughter is interested in a fun scrimmage with the rest of the kids, we'll meet on [day] at [time] on the [field name] field. The scrimmage will last between 45 minutes to an hour.

Parent Volunteers

- While I have volunteered to be the head coach, I need additional parent volunteers to help in many ways. I'll need a couple of assistant coaches to help run the practices and a few parent volunteers who will help with taking the kids to the bathroom, organizing the after practice snacks, organizing the post season party, etc. So please **email me** and let me know what you're willing to help with.

Equipment & Uniforms

- Hillside Soccer Club will supply all players with one size 3 ball.
- While uniforms are not required for U6 teams since we don't have official games, we find that the kids love to wear them both at practices and during the scrimmages. Hillside Soccer Club works with The Far Post Soccer store to supply our uniforms. Families are responsible for picking up their own uniforms. The store is conveniently located:
*825 SW 14th Ave
Portland, OR 97205-1928*
- Shin guards are required and cleats are recommended. You can purchase cleats and shin guards new at the Far Post or other athletic equipment store, or you can stop by the equipment swap taking place this year during the Ice Cream Social at Chapman School on September 3rd.

Early Season Events

- Team Meeting - Prior to the season I would like to have an all team meeting to talk about expectations for the kids, coaches and parents. We will hold our first meeting on [date/time/location]. I need a volunteer to organize the pizza, drinks and desert. We can all pitch in for the food.
- Hillside Soccer Club Jamboree – The Hillside Soccer Jamboree is an annual event that brings the entire club out to Wallace Park for a fun day of soccer, games, dunk tanks and lunch. This year it will be held on Sunday, September 13th from 10am – 2pm. More details to come on this.
- Timbers Soccer Night – Hillside Soccer Club will be honored at the Timbers game on Thursday, September 17th. It should be a fun event and we'd like everyone to attend.

Attachments/Links

- Team roster – if you need to get in touch with members of the team, you'll find their names and contact information on the attached roster.
- [PYSAs Guide to Soccer](http://www.portlandyouthsoccer.com/frameset.php) for your reading enjoyment. It answers a lot of questions that are good to know about youth soccer. See *Manuals* under: <http://www.portlandyouthsoccer.com/frameset.php>

You can learn more about Hillside Soccer Club by visiting our website at: www.hillsidesoccer.org.

Feel free to call or email me with comments/questions at: (503) xxx-xxxx.

Let's go kick some grass!

Coach Craig