

Dear Land Park Soccer Families –

Thank you for your participation this year in Land Park Soccer. It has been a benchmark year for the club and I wanted to thank you all for your contributions – players, coaches, parents, referees and our board members.

Our year started in February with planning sessions and committee meetings to develop some fun new programs intended to teach both our players and coaches. Registration hit in late April and early May with over 1300 players signing up. I appreciate your patience in sitting through lines in order to get all of the paperwork completed properly. We had additional late registrants and our player total was close to 1500 – a jump of almost 200 players from the previous year. We are largest club in SYSL.

What does all of that mean to you: We had 100+ teams to prepare and organize for including 14 at the competitive/Metro level. We had so many new players & teams we knocked on many of your doors to ask for volunteers to coach teams. To support these new coaches, we were one of the First clubs in the Sacramento Area to have a Clinic in order to educate our coaches on how to run a soccer team. We also invited UK Soccer in to provide skills, drills and position seminars to our coaches & players. It was the first year that Land Park had hosted a Soccer tournament – well we successfully had two of them – one competitive tournament and recreational event. These two events brought in teams from around and outside the Sacramento area. Our teams this year have set an example for excellence in the area.

What is Land Park Soccer ?

We are one of the Top clubs in California that focuses on providing a fun soccer environment for its players, coaches and parents. Our emphasis on teaching the game as it should be played – with Sportsmanship, Courage, skills, teamwork, dedication, commitment and most importantly FUN. Our goal is to deliver an environment that is fun for the children, which develops skills, habits, friendships and a competitive edge that they will take with them as they grow into adulthood.

To the Parents – I want to thank you for coming to practices, driving to games all the way to Tim-Buck-To and back, for bringing snacks, for tugging around the team sign, for setting up nets, for wiping noses, carrying off injured players, for cheering for our teams, for teaching good values, for celebrating the little accomplishments and for supporting the children & coaches – I THANK YOU.

To the Coaches – Your dedication to teaching and mentoring will stay with these players for the rest of their lives. I appreciate the sacrifices and efforts you have made to coach our players. Your responsibility is great in that you can mold exceptional habits into these children and can impact their future – so THANK YOU.

To the Board Members – You coach, you parent and you give of your time. There is no greater service to any organization than being a volunteer. Land Park Soccer appreciates and thanks you for all that you do.

There are others that we need to thank: such as our neighbors, school administrators, other family members, sponsors and the people that help judge our games – the REFEREES – Thank you.

Lastly to our players – Keep this game close to your heart, cherish the memories that you have experienced, keep the friends that you have made, strive to always be better, remember to have fun, learn from the losses, celebrate the victories, praise your opponents – but please always play this game with Sportsmanship. Please come back next year and continue to encourage and support Land Park Soccer. Thank you !

I am proud to be a part of this wonderful organization as should you all. We have all made great sacrifices, donated time, put forth incredible effort to keep this game pure & fun. Thank you – Please help us next year grow upon our current successes and bring in new ideas so we can continue to improve.

See You Next Year - Yours in Soccer,

Bruce J. Mattos,
Manager of Land Park Soccer