

# Coaches Checklist

The following is a collection of helpful information in order to assist you with your team this year. Please do not feel like you are required to follow the list, it is simply meant to be a tool to help you get prepared for the season ahead.

- **Coaching Package**

When you get your package, read through the information enclosed. Sometimes vendors will provide us flyers with information about uniforms, trophies, pictures, and end of season parties. There is also a roster sheet and schedule you can use to organize your team contact information. You will want to call your players (parents) as soon as possible to introduce yourself, as well as tell them when the first practice will be. You should also have a good idea of what days you will practice during the week.

- **First Practice**

At the first practice you will want to get a list of your player's sizes. You can use the form included. You can also talk to your parents about your practice schedule as well as sponsorship (see below). Make sure your players have the chance to get to know one another.

- **Sponsorship**

Some of you will have parents who offer to sponsor or have their employer sponsor your team. It is wonderful if you have someone volunteer, but is not necessary to have a successful season. If you do not have a sponsor, expect to ask the parents for an additional \$20 to \$30 for uniforms and trophies (optional).

- **Uniforms**

The league does not provide uniforms. It is up to individual teams to order them. A good place to order from is Score. You can check out their website at [scoresports.com](http://scoresports.com). When you order say you are with the Durant Soccer Club and you will be given a discount price (the 300-999 price listed in the catalog). This is only a suggestion; you are welcome to order from anywhere. Remember to allow enough time between ordering the uniforms and your first game.

- **Trophies and Pictures**

Trophies and pictures are ordered by individual teams. There are several vendors in town that do a great job with the trophies, or you are welcome to purchase off the web. We have also included in your packet a list of photographers and their prices.

- **Coaching Tips/ Practice Drills**

Coaching clinics are offered by Durant Soccer Club. You will receive information through e-mail providing the dates and times for the classes. There are several websites that are helpful with drills and games to build soccer skills. A few we have found include [soccerspecific.com](http://soccerspecific.com); [kidsfirstsoccer.com](http://kidsfirstsoccer.com); [soccer-training-info.com](http://soccer-training-info.com); and [soccerxpert.com](http://soccerxpert.com). Remember to keep it fun (especially with the younger kids). You can always ask for suggestions from other coaches or any of the board members. We are here to help you, and want your coaching experience to be a positive one.