



Dear coaches and players:

To all the teams who are participating in the Sonoma Honey Invitational, Sonoma's fourth annual Division 4 tournament.

As this may be the first tournament you have participated in, here are a few guidelines, instructions and tips to help make your experience a smooth and enjoyable one.

Team check-in night is Friday, September 25, 2009 from 6.00 to 8:30 PM at:  
The Sonoma Community Center  
276 East Napa Street, Room 109  
Sonoma, CA 95476

Check-in can take 5-15 minutes, but participation is mandatory for at least one team representative. Please bring with you:

- Your team's Goldenrod form,
- The Player Pass for each player, coach, and assistant coach.

The 1601 Registration forms are no longer required for check-in but you should have them with you at the games as it has the signed Medical Release for your players.

Have the Goldenrods and 1601s in a binder. To make things easier for the check-in staff, please have everything in alphabetical order by player last name, with the coach documents on top, then the original team documents, then the documents of the players who have been added or transferred in. We suggest that you punch a hole in one corner of each player pass and use a carabiner clip or a large key ring to hold them together in that order. You will need to show the player passes at each game, so this makes it easy for the referees to check and for you to carry around.

During the games, the players and parents from one team will sit on the same side of the field. The players and parents from the other team will sit on the other side of the field. Please be sure to leave the referees a clear five feet along each touch line (side line), and conduct all the team coaching from within ten yards of the center of the field. Substitutions, always with the permission of the center referee, also take place within ten yards of the center of the field.

Please be sure that each player brings both his or her home and away uniforms, or at a minimum a full set of practice pennies in a color different to the regular uniform, and that your team has three properly inflated, game-quality balls with you.

The team listed first on the game schedule is the home team, and shall have their choice of the side of the field. Conflicts in jersey color will be resolved by the home team being required to change jerseys. The referee will determine if there is a conflict in jersey colors or keeper jersey colors. The home team will be responsible for providing the game balls.

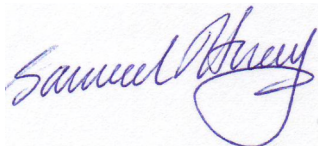
At the U10 games there will be 9 players on the field, including goalie.

For the game cards (which we will provide), it makes it much easier for everyone if you have your coach and player names pre-printed on a self-stick label (Avery 5168 - Shipping Label works well) which can be put on the game cards.

Just before the start of every game, the referee or a "Field Marshal" will conduct a player check-in, confirming that your players on the field are the same players as we listed during the Friday evening team check-in. They will check for shin guards, jewelry, dangerous finger nails, etc. Please warn your players about this in advance, as they need to be ready to check in 30 minutes before the scheduled start of each of their games.

Please also be aware that none of the locations where we have games scheduled allow dogs on the fields. We are honored that you chose to play in our tournament, and wish you the best of luck.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Samuel Honey". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping flourish at the end of the name.

Sam Honey  
SHI Tournament Director