2023 Lomita Park Fall Youth Sports Program General Notes and Program Information

Dear Parent/Guardian of Participant:

Welcome to the Lomita Parks and Recreation Department's 2023 Youth Sports season. All children registered into the program will be placed onto a team. Coaches will notify players of practice schedules by phone. These calls will be made following today's player evaluations and/or before Saturday September 16th. Placement may vary based on age and/or ability. If you have not received a telephone call from your child's coach by Sunday September 17th at 12:00pm, please call Lomita Park. Please do not call before this time. Our staff will not be prepared to provide the information until after 12:00pm. Practices will begin on Monday, September 18th, or Tuesday, September 19th, depending on which days you received.

Practice Time and Team Requests

Special requests for practice times, days, or player combinations <u>ARE NOT</u> accepted. Siblings will automatically be placed on the same team, unless requested otherwise.

Days, Times and Location

Teams will practice twice weekly for one hour per day. Volleyball practices will be held in the Marc Fosnaugh Gymnasium. Football practices will be held on Belba Field, next to the parking lot. Games will be on Friday evenings, with the exception of some playoff games. There will be no Sunday games or practices. Game schedules will be distributed during the first week of practice.

Equipment

All players will need athletic shorts. Football players will need cleats. NO METAL CLEATS are allowed at any time. Knee pads are recommended for volleyball players. Game jerseys will be distributed during the first week of practice. Each player is required to wear his or her team jersey to each game. Football players will also receive a mouthguard. Players are required to be free of jewelry, earrings, watches, necklaces, etc. **Earrings are not allowed during practices or games, even if ears are freshly pierced.**

Weather

On days the weather and condition of the field are questionable, a decision regarding the cancellation of practices will be made at 1:00pm. **Please do not call before this time.** It is usually windy and chilly at Lomita Park in the afternoon/evening, even if the day has been warm.

Miscellaneous

No dogs are allowed on the field or in the gym during play at any time. Snacks and drinks for players after games should be distributed outside the playing area. Please download our Lomita Parks & Rec APP so you can see all youth sport schedules and standings. You can also LIKE US on Facebook and Instagram.

Pictures and Post Season Awards

Picture day will be noted on your game schedule. A schedule and ordering information will be distributed at practice in the coming weeks. Pictures will be available for pick-up at the post season award ceremony. Because of limited storage space; pictures and post season awards will be held for only **90 days** following the awards ceremonies. If you are unable to attend the award ceremonies, please pick up these items within **90 days**

In closing, we hope that you have an enjoyable season. Any further questions can be directed towards the Lomita Recreation Department staff or by emailing Sean Ritchie; s.ritchie@lomitacity.com

Our goal as a recreational league is to ensure that all participants enjoy themselves and learn the fundamentals of each sport. Please help us by demonstrating only positive support to the players, coaches and game officials.

Sincerely, Lomita Recreation Department Staff (310) 326-0140