

Coaches Checklist

U5 & U6

- There are **two** background checks that must be completed before the start of the season. One is for the City and one is for FYSA(Florida Youth Soccer Association). Website for the City is <https://bkckxserve5.8f7.com/4DACTION/WebAppOrderEntrySummit/600502>
The link for FYSA will be emailed to you with your login and password.
If you completed the background in the Fall you should be covered. If you receive an email to complete it, than your background check is no longer valid.
- You will have your roster by February 11th. Communicate immediately with your team and recruit a parent for the snack schedule and putting together a raffle basket for Closing Day. If you do not have an assistant coach, you will want to recruit 1 or 2 parents to help out. During the game you can have one coach on the field, one on the bench and one by the goalie.
- All communication to coaches and parents, including field closings, is done via email. Make sure you have an accurate email address listed on your Blue Sombrero account.
- At your first practice you will want to reinforce with the parents that they must sit on the opposite side of the players' bench and only positive cheering is allowed.
- By the end of your first practice you will want to have a team name to submit to soccer@pbgvaa.com. You can name the team or have the kids do it. If you do not submit a team name, the schedule will reflect your last name as the team name.
- You will have two weeks of practices before games start. Monday night will be a free clinic for the kids run by the trainers from the travel league which will take care of one practice per week. If you are not sure what to do for a practice, watch Monday night and see what the trainers do for the clinic. You can also Google U6 soccer drills and there are a ton of websites with ideas. The main idea is to make it fun for the kids. Sharks & Minnows, Red Light, Green Light, Knock-out, tag any kind of races are all good ideas for this age group.
- Once games start you will not need to have a practice. Monday night will be the clinic and games will be every Wednesday night and either Friday night or Saturday morning.
- You will have nine kids on your team and the games are 6 V 6 including a goalie. All kids **MUST** play at least half of the game.