



## Parent Meeting Talking Points

There are several key talking points to cover during the pre-season parent meeting. These will help set the appropriate culture and environment of the team. Take a look at the ones below, as a head coach you are the one that drives culture, please make the meeting your own.

Introductions: Introduce yourself, the other coaches, and any volunteers involved in the team. Ask parents to introduce themselves, so everyone gets to know each other.

1. Program Goals: Our programming takes a holistic approach, focusing on motivation, respect, resilience, and teamwork within a soccer environment. [Blog Post](#)
2. Arrival Time: Players should arrive early to practice and games and as part of CMF culture should greet coaches upon arrival and thank coaches and parents upon conclusion.
3. Communication: Make sure everyone has accessed TeamSnap. Emphasize the importance of timely communication if missing or late for a practice/game and provide clear instructions for how parents can contact coaches and team members in the event of absence or tardiness.
4. 24-hour rule: Discuss the importance of the 24-hour rule. If parents or coaches feel emotional after a game, they must wait twenty-four hours before having a conversation, firing off an email, or posting on social media. This ensures that all parties have time to reflect and approach any issues in a calm and constructive manner.
5. Discuss [sideline project](#) and importance of communication during games. The aim is to create a supportive non-hostile environment.
6. Schedule: Review the schedule for the season, including game dates, times, and locations if available and where they will be able to find these.
7. Safety: Review safety procedures and protocols, including any medical concerns and emergency plan. Ensure all players have the necessary safety gear and equipment. (You can find Safety guidelines here: <https://cmfsc.ca/team-officials-guide>)
8. Volunteer Opportunities: Discuss volunteer opportunities available throughout the season, such as snack schedules, organizing team events, acting as lines people on game days, game day set-up and take downs. You have taken a massive role within the team and it should be expected that other parents contribute in smaller ways as well.
9. Q&A: Allow time for questions and answers to ensure everyone understands the information discussed.

By covering these talking points, you can ensure that everyone involved in the team is informed and ready for a successful season. Remember to emphasize the importance of good sportsmanship and teamwork.