

## Soccer Parent Meeting 7/30/2020

Mike started by thanking everyone and saying the purpose for the meeting is to give a brief update and set expectations for the tryouts; he felt that there has been good communication through June and July, but ask any questions as they come up

There are a lot of changes with COVID, but he is happy with how Mason has handled things and feels confident there will be a season

Coach Combs is really proud of the guys for their attendance, attitudes and enthusiasm for returning to soccer

(I apologize, but was booted from the meeting here, and came in as Jayme was explaining fundraising)-Jayme Cochran (Booster Boy's Vice President) addressed the role of boosters in supporting the program, funding some coaches, some equipment, special game nights (stuff the stands, Senior night, Taco Night) and player spiritwear; in order to do this we have sent out information about the Kroger and Amazon Smiles programs (refer to previous information in emails) and that we will have future food (Cane's and Chipotle) funding soon as well; Jayme encouraged attending booster meetings (usually the third Wednesday at James') and working the concession stand.

Coach Bob was not present during the meeting and was missed at the last open fields due to the policy of quarantining when returning to Ohio

Coach Nak has been coaching at Mason for ten years (5 JV White, 5 JV Green)

Coach Garry is new on staff this year after helping out previously-he has done a lot of coaching, but has also worked a bit with the fitness and strength program this summer

Coach Pat is the Keeper Coach and does a fantastic job training and attending games

Christina Hare is the trainer and will be available during tryouts for the athletes

Physical turn-in went pretty well; those MUST BE ON FILE BEFORE SATURDAY'S TRYOUTS! Get the forms from the OHSAA website to have the doctor sign

Final forms has not been as successful; parents need to complete them and then the athlete signs them afterwards; if an athlete came to open fields, Christina and Kris Fitz made sure they had the soccer box checked

Dylan McKinney is the assistant in the Athletic Director's office; his number is 513-227-3521 and his email is [McKinneyd@masonohioschools.com](mailto:McKinneyd@masonohioschools.com)

Mike has previously shared the tryout schedule in many email updates. However, you can email him at [playmakersacademy@hotmail.com](mailto:playmakersacademy@hotmail.com) if you have questions or need to get him physical form copies

Tryouts have two sessions Saturday morning, two sessions Sunday morning, and then conclude with one session on Monday morning

Ninth graders try out together and tenth, eleventh and twelfth try out together at an earlier time

Sessions are at the regular field with the exception of the second session on Saturday; that session is at the MI field behind the intermediate building

There are about 100 kids trying out for 63 or so positions; coaches feel good about how they have seen play on and off the ball, player personalities, and look forward to finalizing decisions

Coaches will begin to talk with players during the fourth session, 1-to-1, and give feedback; if a player is not asked to join a team, they may finish out that session or leave the field at that time; this continues through the end of the fifth session Monday morning

There is a stressed feeling for players at this time; coaches will be sensitive to that and ask that parents give encouragement as well to keep practicing and training

Decisions made during tryouts are final

Practices for varsity are usually 4:15-5:45; times in August may run a little longer, days before games may run a bit shorter

JV green usually practices at the MI field from 3:15-4:45; likes practices to start and end on time and rides to be prompt

Coaches stay until the last pick up; please be mindful of the time or arrange other rides

Pat will have keeper sessions as well

If you make a team, it is expected that you are at school all day or risk not being a part of the activity after school; we will identify the students at school vs at home and work with those situations

There is a \$180 participation fee

Pictures for individuals and Team will be Monday, August 10 at 9:00AM sharp

Trainer Christina has been working with Mason athletes for many years and is a straight-shooter when talking to the boys and coaches; if you need her, find a way to get in as quickly as possible; she is fantastic!

Schedules are on [www.gomasoncomets.com](http://www.gomasoncomets.com) , but may have changes made to them due to COVID; as we get closer to the season, Kris will post schedules to the website as well

There will be a few intersquad scrimmages scheduled in August; the first of these is August 8th and includes "Meet the Team" activities as well; be looking for more communication about this event; some scrimmages may have ref presence to discuss offseason games rule changes

There will not be an Alumni Game this year

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Coach Combs at 513-543-8596

The link to the meeting can be used as well.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1tAlfcbwEvO6Q04Czu7sQ13z4PVcGkJz-/view?usp=sharing>