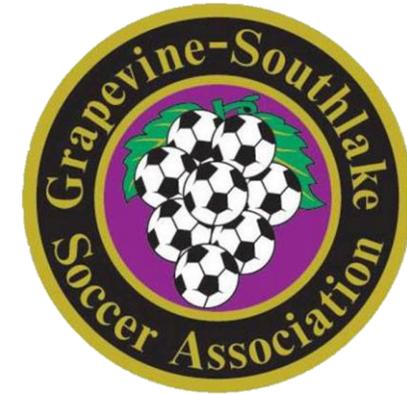




WELCOME

Spring 2026

GSSA Coaches Meeting



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Coaching Information

Yourself

- Make sure you register as a coach for the **spring season**
- Background check, SafeSport and Concussion training carry over from Fall
- Always have your coaches **ID card** with you (practice, games) and visible
- Make sure you are signed up for **GSSA Coaches Team Snap**

Your Team

- Recruit help – Assistant Coach, Manager
- Sign up for practice time
- Set up **team communication** app
- Reach out to your team within next 48 hours
 - Introduction
 - Practice times
 - Equipment / uniform reminders



Field Updates

Bob Jones - Southlake

- **GSSA Board Member Daivd Cerami is your primary contact**
- Park in the lot with the entrance to the turf fields, we do not control the maintenance gate on the south side near softball fields
- Turf field is priority area for practices & games
- Police your area at all times

Meadowmere & Oak Grove - Grapevine

- **GSSA Board Member Nirav Assar is your primary contact**
- Meadowmere (MM) has new fencing and updated parking areas
- Solar does practice during the same times as GSSA, if there is a question, contact Nirav
- Grass fields only, are in very good condition
- Help us keep facilities clean



Weather

Notices via GSSA website first

- Decisions on status for practice & games:
- Weekdays 3:30 p.m.
- Saturdays 7:30 a.m.
- Sundays 10 a.m.

Updates on GSSA website are for GSSA fields only (BJ, MM, OG)

- U9+ must check association where game is scheduled (i.e. Keller, Colleyville)

High / Low Temperature

- For games, water breaks may be requested / granted at the discretion of the referees.
- Consider providing shade over the bench area for players
- Ensure all players bring plenty of water
- Our threshold for cancelling games is 38 degrees, but will use discretion as needed (Wind chill, wind speed, etc.)
- Layers under jerseys, blankets for bench, gloves

Lightning Detection at all complexes - please treat as a serious alert



Game Protocols

Everyone subject to Code of Conduct

- Players, coaches, parents are accountable
- Each players must play 50% of time
- Keep scoring respectable
- Players and parents should be on opposite sides of field

- **GSSA has high expectations of coaches**

- One of largest associations in North Texas
- Lead by example
- Respect facilities
- Wear ID badge at all times
- Work through your AGC

RESPECT for our Referees

- In Texas, we've lost 50% of the referee pool over last 5 years
- Referees are younger, also learning the game
- We expect coaches to know this, we need parents to understand
- Players are kids, it's a game, coaches volunteer and referees are human



Key Dates

Feb 7	Coaches Meeting	March 23	MNS Skills S3
Feb 9	Practices starts	March 30	MNS Skills S4
Feb 14	Schedules released	April 6	MNS Skills S5
Feb 17	GSSA Night – GHS game	April 13	MNS Skills S6
Feb 18	GSSA Night – SLC game	April 20	MNS Skills S7
Feb 28	Season begins	April 27	MNS Skills S8
March 2	MNS Skills S1	May 10	Season ends
March 9	MNS Skills S2	May 15-17	SoccerFest Tournament
March 14-22	No games, No MNS		

