Hello Parents-

My name is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and I am writing to let you know that I will be the coach for your child’s U6 Northside soccer team. My child, \_\_\_\_\_ (Grade and School) is on the team.

**We will have practice every week on date and time at \_\_\_\_\_\_ Park. Our first practice will be \_\_\_\_\_\_ and our first game is \_\_\_\_\_\_. The game schedule is forthcoming and I will pass it on as soon as I get it.**

**I also have a few team announcements for you to be aware of before our first practice:**

1. I will hold a brief family meeting (10 min) at the start of practice on ­date. Please plan to attend. At that meeting, we will all get a chance to meet one another, I will talk a little about my coaching philosophy and plans for the season, we will choose a team name, and I will explain the jamboree format of the Saturday games. I would appreciate it if you can get to practice on time at ­time of practice so that we can have the meeting and get to playing.

2.  I would like to ask that each child has one parent or another designated person who can be responsible for your child (it can be another parent on our team who helps with multiple players) who will stay for the duration of each practice. I learned from coaching Gender and Age of Players in the past that the boys/girls often need things during practice (water, bathroom break, tie their cleats, snack, hugs).  With 12 children on the team, I am not able to help them do things like go to the bathroom or tie their cleats and still keep practice going. So, thanks for your help on that front.

3. Shin guards are required for games, so please be sure that your child has shin guards for our first game and preferably has them for practice as well. Cleats are not required, but they are highly recommended because the field gets slippery when wet.

4. Please remember to bring water for your child to all practice and games.

5. You are not required to bring a ball to practice, but if you have one, it would be great if you could bring it.

6. We will always plan to have practice even if there is some rain (though we may end early on really wet days if the kids are not enjoying it). We will only cancel if it is serious downpour or if the field seems unplayable. With that said, it's of course always up to you and your child to attend.  If it is sprinkling, it might be a good idea to bring your child a light raincoat to practice in.

Please let me know if you have any questions before our first practice on Date, Time, and Day of Practice. I'm looking forward to meeting you and your little ones.