



OTA Sports PODS – Instructor Notes

*For Your Information

FYI – Coaching a Neighborhood Sports POD:

1. Pre-Program Prep:
 - Need to KNOW: Location, Camper Roster/Ages, Playing Area Options
 - Need to KNOW: Homeowner, Parking Guidelines
 - Need to KNOW: Weather Protocols
 - Need to HAVE: Programming Day Card - Agenda
 - Need to HAVE: Sports Equipment, Camp Gear, Safety Supplies
2. Sports POD Approach:
 - Recognize that Neighborhood Sports POD is all about FUN and Participation
 - Play what the kids request as long as it's safe and inclusive even if it deviates from prepared Daily Programming Day Card Agenda
 - Get to know participants, limit disciplinary function, keep it simple and lite
 - Due to Social Distancing measures, function more as an instructor and referee rather than any kind of participant in games and activities
3. Instructor Requirements
 - Must be in OTA Uniform
 - Always be POLITE and FRIENDLY
 - Must collect Drop Off Forms from Parents
 - DO NOT be on your mobile phone
 - Participants SHOULD NEVER be unsupervised
4. House Use
 - Must have permission to enter the house
 - Be aware of Bathroom Options (it's ok to ask homeowner to supervise campers for a moment)
 - *Using neighborhood playing areas is ok, as long as rules are in place for walking together to and from area (school, park, green-space, etc.)
5. COVID-19 Training Guidelines
 - Must adhere to all OTA COVID-19 Training Rules