



## Recreational Team Parent Responsibilities

### General - coordinates with the head coach as needed

- Assists coach as necessary (communicates reminders, schedule changes or other league information to parents; helps with uniforms or other issues if needed, etc.)
- At the beginning of the season, prepares/distributes a snack duty schedule for the team.
- Coordinates the team's participation in picture taking (fall season only): communicates assigned picture date/time and helps gather players at photo session.

### End of Season

- Coordinates end-of-season trophies, coaches' gifts and party. Determines costs and collects from each family. Please note that individual family donations towards coach gifts are not considered mandatory ("optional, but much appreciated").
- Awards: the club does not provide trophies. Each team decides individually whether to purchase trophies or other awards for its players. Again, it's not mandatory that parents purchase a trophy/award for their child, but most will not want their child left out.
- Coaches' gifts: teams usually present a small token of appreciation for their coaches.
- Party: can be held at the field (under the pavilion), a local restaurant or someone's home.

### **Tips from Veteran Team Parents**

#### Snacks

- Assign snack duty to each family alphabetically (or reverse alphabetically) by last name.
- If someone has a conflict on the date they're assigned for a snack, have them be responsible for switching with someone else. They should inform the team parent about the change.
- Provide suggestions for half-time snacks (fruit: grapes, orange slices, etc.) and post-game snacks (a drink and small snack: granola bar, fruit roll-up, snack-sized bag of cookies or crackers, etc.).

#### Trophies (Order at least 3 weeks prior to end of season) - Vendors (by no means an exhaustive list)

- BF Trophies and Awards (Jim Johnson) - Sugar Land: 281-265-8220. [BFTrophies.com](http://BFTrophies.com)
- Crown Trophy (10315 W. Airport Blvd. #6, Stafford): 281-495-7600 [CrownTrophy.com/store-155](http://CrownTrophy.com/store-155)
- Dinn Trophy (online): [dinntrophy.com](http://dinntrophy.com)
- K2 Awards (online): [K2awards.com](http://K2awards.com)
- M&M Awards & More (13003 Murphy Road #B3, Stafford): 281-879-6500. Mention to owner Mitzie Sparks that you are with Eclipse Soccer Club to **receive 10% off your team order!** Orders will be completed in 3-5 business days.
- Trophy Depot (online): [TrophyDepot.com](http://TrophyDepot.com)

#### End-of-Season Party

Plan early! Things get very busy toward the end of the season. Set tentative party date, time and location at the beginning of the season.

#### Party Location/Activities

- Local restaurants (you may need to call ahead to reserve space for your team)

- At the field right after the game; all fields have covered pavilion areas.
- Pool party and/or potluck at someone's home
- Parent vs kids soccer or other game

### **Coaches' Gift Ideas**

- A giant 'thank you' card signed by all the players
- Memento of the team
- Framed picture of the team (signed by all players)
- Soccer training equipment
- Restaurant or sporting goods store gift cards