



Far Post Bulletin – December 2011

Parent Sideline Expectations

While we applaud your passion and support, parents must be clear about our expectations of you on the sideline. As parents, you play a pivotal role in the development of your child. What you say and the manner you use when speaking to your child and others goes a long way in influencing his or her actions. With this in mind, please consider the following:

SIDELINE BEHAVIOR

1. DO NOT YELL at the referee, players, coaches or parents. Everyone will make mistakes. This is part of every game and the learning process (for coaches, players and referees). You are expected to treat everyone at every game with respect. We teach our players to rise above external factors they cannot control and we ask you to do the same.
2. Please don't tell your child (or anyone's child) technical or tactical information during the game or at halftime. It is easier for children to process information if it is coming from the coach.
3. Please make sure your feedback to your child supports the information that the coach is delivering to your child but not during the game! By all means, help reinforce themes at home.
4. Do not approach any coach immediately before or after games. Remember, there is a time and place for everything. If you need information or wish to ask questions concerning coaching decisions, arrange a meeting with the coach. Concerns or criticisms are welcome, but should be expressed away from training sessions and games.
5. Please support your children by encouraging their effort and by allowing them the freedom to play. We need to give our players time and space to be able to problem solve and learn to think for themselves.
6. Please remember you're a parent, fan and representative of Far Post Soccer Club. We ask that in your representation, you do everything you can to uphold the dignity of the players, the soccer club, and the game of soccer.

Here's to an enjoyable season/year together. We appreciate your commitment and thank you for taking your time to help make your son or daughter a better player/person!

Far Post visits Everton Youth Academy

Todd Kingsbury recently visited one of the top youth academies in Europe, Everton. Everton FC has been a standard presence in the English Premier League and is widely regarded as one of the top youth soccer academies in England. Coach Todd was able to spend an entire weekend with the [Everton Youth Academy](#) staff at their training complex, Finch Farm, and was hosted by long-time staff member, Chris Lloyd.



Coach Todd came away from the visit with a number of very strong possibilities of collaboration between the two clubs, including the potential for Everton staff coming over to work a few of our camps this summer.

Far Post extends partnership with Ajax Youth Academy

Far Post made history last year when our U14s became the first teams not affiliated with the Ajax organization to EVER train at the Ajax Youth facility and the first girl's team to ever train on the venerated field! Director of Soccer, Todd Kingsbury, had the chance to travel to Amsterdam this fall to meet with the Ajax Youth Academy staff to discuss best practices for developing young players and was able to meet and watch past Ajax and Dutch national team greats Edgar Davids and Mark Overmars train with the Ajax Under 19 team.



We are very pleased to announce that Ajax will continue to host our teams in the future and are discussing other ways for Far Post to learn more from the Dutch masters.

From the Far Post Board

As we head into the final few days of December, I'd like reflect on the year we enjoyed at Far Post in 2011.

We had our most successful on-field year in the 15-year history of the club, winning eight State Cup titles and having a two teams advance in the Region I semifinals. We had teams win tournaments and several others advance to the championship games of tournaments. We had four individuals Far Posters awarded for their efforts by the Vermont Soccer Association. We had teams represent well in Holland, teams succeed at high-level Futsal tournaments and a large number of Far Post alumni turned in award-winning seasons at the collegiate level. Our camps and youth programs are full to the brim.

We are proud of Far Post's on-the-field product. We are stronger than any soccer club in the state. Off-the field, we've had success, too. We have a solid and committed stable of sponsors. We've hired some of the best and brightest coaches around. In 2011, we held record-breaking fundraisers, including our Calcutta dinner and our golf tournament. We have crafted sustainable budgets and streamlined the paperwork process.

The challenge we have before us in 2012 is clear – We must achieve even more in the months to come. The Far Post Board is both awed by the success we enjoyed in 2011 and eager to take the club to an even higher level of excellence. In 2011 we hit a number of goals and milestones, but we know in 2012 we must exceed those.

Enjoy your friends and family this holiday season. Rest assured that one of the gifts you can count on in the coming year is a Far Post Soccer Club that's committed to being even better.

Happy Holidays!

Tom Boland, FPSC Chair

Final Payment Coming Up!

As a reminder, the last payment for travel teams is due on January 15, 2012. For details, go to the link below for 'Payment Details' on the Far Post website – <http://www.farpostsoccerclub.com/PREMIER/PaymentDetails.pdf>

The preferred payment method is by credit card online. Or by check, payable to Far Post Soccer Club and mailed to:

Far Post Soccer Club
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College Search Support from Far Post

Far Post will be holding its annual college search meeting in January. Far Post has a tremendous track record with helping players find the right school and college soccer program, and we feel that this initial meeting is a great first step with helping our players get organized. We feel our approach is a very effective one, and this meeting is very beneficial to anyone interested in playing college soccer. We are fortunate enough to have coaches in our club deeply involved in the college scene who can offer great insight into the important steps to take to not only find the right school of your choice but also outlining the necessarily steps towards giving you the best chance to play soccer at the next level. Anyone is welcome to attend the meeting. More details will be posted soon. Come join us for this meeting, which we know you will find useful.

Super Y League for Far Post

Far Post has entered into a partnership with Lightning Soccer Club from the White River Junction/Hanover, NH area to combine the best players from both clubs to play in Super Y. Super Y is a highly competitive and professional league where team play 10-18 matches (home and away format) against some of the top clubs in the area. The following teams will be established by Lightning SC to play in the league – U14 Boys, U15 Boys, U16 Boys and U16 Girls. Teams will be coached by both Lightning SC and Far Post coaches. These teams will ONLY select the best and most committed players. There will be a number of assessment and training situations coordinated between the two clubs over the coming months to determine the rosters for these teams. This is a tremendous new development for the club, and we are truly looking forward to working with such a respected club like Lightning Soccer Club.



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