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Pre-season Meeting

Players/Parents

1. Expectations
2. Rules
3. Questionnaires
Field Issues

1. Goal post safety
2. Bleachers, stands and nets
3. Field inspection
4. Weather
Training and Games

1. Inspections
2. Matches
3. Cards
Medical Issues

1. Player specific
2. General
   • Concussions
   • ACLs
   • Heat acclimatization
   • Sudden cardiac arrest
Other Issues

Hazing
Tournaments
Social Media
Vehicles
Tools of the Trade

1. Education
2. Cell Phone
3. Contact list
4. Networking
5. Insurance
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