

SOCCER BANNERS!! By Karen Donahue

Size: Approximately 4-5 feet wide x 3-4 feet tall (seems to be a good size to fit appropriate information).

Appropriate Info:

- Sponsor Name - Mandatory: Should be EXTREMELY visible.
- Coaches' Names
- Players' Names

Materials:

- 3 Pieces of PVC Pipe (3/4" or 1" is best for stability) to fit overall size of banner.
- 2 PVC 90 degree angle pieces to form the corners of the banner frame.
- 2 Pieces of Construction Rebar (3/8" is usually fine) to hammer in the ground to slide the side poles of PVC over at games).
- Good material for the banner is the felt sold at fabric stores in solid colors to match possibly your team uniforms. This felt is cut to your size off of the large bolts and a variety of colors are available.

Assembly:

- A hot glue gun is usually the best to use to spare the sewing. Pockets wide enough to slide the PVC poles through need to be glued at the sides and top of the fabric rectangle. Try to leave the top two corners open for the PVC corners to fit in during assembly and dis-assembly at each game.
- Although not necessary, if possible, cut small slits in the banner to help with the strong wind we have in Benicia.

BE CREATIVE!!!

The banners are very important to the players - it is something "special" that sets their team apart from all others. The kids show much pride in displaying their team banners during the opening parade and at all games. It is fun to use "puff" paint, glitter, ribbon, appliques, patches, and any other material that comes to mind to make the banner unique and fun!

The banners usually can be rolled up for transportation, and someone will have to carry the banner, PVC, and 3/8" or 1/2" rebar stakes (and hammer) to each game.

Have FUN!