

MASSAPEQUA SOCCER CLUB
TRAVEL TEAM COACH'S REGULATIONS & GUIDELINES

FALL 2007 / SPRING 2008

1. UNIFORMS

All travel team players are required to purchase and wear the official MSC travel uniform. The player's number must be displayed on all shirts. Players must wear shin guards at all games, scrimmages and practices, in compliance with the requirements of LIJSL.

All teams representing the Massapequa club during outdoor and indoor league play must wear the authorized club uniform:

Nike Sphere, maroon or white

Socks, maroon / white

2. PLAYING TIME

Club policy requires each team member to play a minimum of one-half of every game. A coach may request a waiver of this requirement from the Travel Coordinator, based upon disciplinary problems or poor attendance at practices. The half-game rule does not apply to U-13 and older players, and for U-12 and younger it does not apply to State and Challenge Cup games only.

3. TOURNAMENTS

The MSC will pay registration fees for Tournaments as follows: All teams will receive a maximum of \$500.00 towards the registration fees for Tournaments that are approved in advance by the Travel Coordinator. This reimbursement may not be applied to non-sanctioned tournaments or leagues. Teams may enter additional tournaments, provided they pay all expenses. The application fee and the cost of patches (if used) for the additional tournaments must be submitted to the Travel Coordinators, who will deposit the check and then issue a Club check to the organizer of the tournament.

Note: The above does not include MSC Memorial Day Tournament. All MSC teams must participate in the MSC Memorial Day Tournament. (U16 and above teams may petition the board for a waiver of this requirement. Requests for waiver must be made in writing, and must include an explanation of intent and justification of the need for travel. The letter should be sent to the Memorial Day Tournament director and then to the Board. Permission is granted at the Board's discretion).

Under no terms will the club pay for unsanctioned tournaments. Please be advised MSC Club insurance does not cover these unsanctioned tournaments. Participation in unsanctioned tournaments and/or leagues requires that each player/parent sign a waiver form (see appendix A).

If a team is attending a tournament requiring a performance bond, the cost of the same is the responsibility of the individual team.

Coaches planning to enter out of state tournaments must complete and submit for approval to the Travel Coordinator a permission to travel form six (6) weeks prior to registration deadline. A player's name must appear on the permission to travel roster in order to participate in an out of state tournament.

Players from other clubs are only permitted as guest players with the prior approval of the players coach, guest club, parents, and LIJSL as per LIJSL rules.

It is also suggested that you check with the tournament director as to the eligibility of these additional players who are not a part of your club team.

Massapequa players are permitted to participate in tournaments with other Massapequa teams as long as approval of the players coach is obtained prior to asking the parents and player.

4. HOUSING

Travel teams may be requested and required to house players in other LIJSL tournaments as per LIJSL rules.

5. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES/DRUGS

Alcoholic beverages and drugs are prohibited at or near practices, games, scrimmages and tournaments. In addition, the use of tobacco products on Massapequa school fields is prohibited.

6. BEHAVIOR

Coaches are responsible for the proper behavior of their players, parents, spectators, and themselves, at or near the field. Any problems with a player, parent or spectator must be immediately reported to the Travel Coordinator.

7. CARDING / FINES

Should you as a coach or any player on your team receive a red card during a game, you must notify your MSC Travel Coordinator. Coaches are responsible for the behavior of all people on their side of the field. The only non-player that can be carded is the coach.

All fines assessed to the MSC by ENYYSA or LIJSL are to be paid by the coach or team within the time frame established by the MSC Board. Fines include forfeits, red cards, failure to report scores, forfeited bonds etc.

Failure to pay an assessed fine will prevent a team from being registered the subsequent season.

A coach that receives a card may be subject to further disciplinary action by the MSC Board.

8. GAME PROTEST

Any coach wishing to protest a game must contact the Travel Coordinator and follow the LIJSL game protest rules accordingly. Further, all protests must be reported to the Travel Coordinator. The appropriate fee must be paid by the coach to MSC within the time frame of 48 hours and the proper forms must be submitted accordingly.

9. FUND RAISING / TEAM ACCOUNTS

All travel teams are permitted to fund raise at any time they wish. The money raised may be used for away tournament expenses for players, coaches, tournament entree fees, player equipment/supplies, and trainers' fees. The rules that govern fundraising follow:

- A complete accounting of all fund raising activities must be reported to the Board twice a year in December and June.
- A complete accounting of all expenditures should be reported to the Board twice a year in December and January. Receipts must accompany all expenditures.
- If a child leaves his or her team, the money in the account stays with the team. It must be understood that the money is the team's money, not the individual's money. It must be stated that if a team has individual fund-raising activities to raise money for tournament expenses, individual hotel expenses, food, etc., the money not used returns to the team general fund.
- If the team disbands, all monies still in the account revert back to the MSC general fund.

10. TRY-OUTS

Players will be allowed to try out for the older "A" Team first. A child already playing on a team 2 years older than his/her eligible age cannot try out above that age group. If not selected for the older "A" Team then they will be allowed to try out for the older "B" Team or try out for their own age group "A" Team.

U14 and younger try-outs will be scheduled in the Spring.

U15 and above will have their try-outs scheduled by the Travel Coordinators in the Fall.

All travel team players Under 11 and older will be allowed to try out for a travel team two (2) years older than their eligible year. Players will not need Board approval for this try-out.

- Note: For U 16 and older teams, after the first league game a "B" team may pick up new players without offering the player to the "A" team.

Try-outs will be held in age group order with the oldest age group going first. All "A" Team coaches must make their selections within 48 hours and notify the "B" Team coach who then has 24 hours to make their selections. The "B" Team coach must then notify the "C" Team coach of their selections and the "C" Team coach then has 24 hours to make their selections.

Coaches may choose not to advise players of his/her selections if that team is involved in state or regional play. If a coach does not advise his/her players, other coaches who may have picked up said player(s) will not announce said decisions until after the state or regional play is completed.

If you are not fielding in the fall, you must register players on the field at your scheduled tryouts. No exceptions!! If you fail to do your registration as a coach, a fine of \$25.00 will be assessed. All registered players forms must be returned to the Club Registrar.

11. PLAYER MOVEMENT DURING SEASONAL YEAR

Only under the following guidelines and utilizing the following procedures may a MSC player transfer from one MSC travel team to another MSC travel team.

DEFINITIONS

Player Transfer: shall be defined as the transfer of a player to a higher level team in the player's age group or to a higher level team in the age group one year up from the player's age group. It does not include lateral transfers. Permitted transfers include the transfer of a player from a "C" team to either a "B" or an "A" team, or from a "B" team to an "A" team, within the player's age group or in the age group one year up from the player's age group. Transfers that are not permitted include the transfer of a player to the same level team in the age group one year up.

Player's Age Group: shall be defined as the age group designated by the MSC and/or the designated age group for purposes of ENYISA Open Cup and Challenge Cup competitions.

Seasonal Year: shall be defined as the period beginning September 1st of the calendar year to and including June 30th of the following calendar year.

GUIDELINES

A MSC coach may request the transfer of a MSC player to his/her team during the seasonal year from another MSC team only under the following circumstances:

- (A) The coach has lost a player due to an injury which will prevent the player from participating in a game for a period of at least one calendar month; or
 - (B) The coach has lost a player due to the relocation of the player and the voluntary withdrawal of the player from his/her team; or
 - (C) The coach has lost a player due to the voluntary withdrawal of the player from his/her team; or
 - (D) The coach has a U/11 team in the Fall season which has been approved by LIJSL to play at the U/12 level in the Spring season and has a current team roster, as filed with LIJSL, of < 14 players; or
 - (E) The coach has lost a player due to the transfer of the player to another MSC travel team;
- AND

In addition to the circumstances of either (A), (B), (C), or (E), the team roster of the requesting coach, as filed with LIJSL, has been reduced to a number below the maximum number of players permitted to play on the field in the team's current age group plus three additional players.

Any player who is lost due to an injury which prevents that player from participating in a game for a period of at least one calendar month and for whom a transfer request has been accepted must submit a medical release from a physician to the MSC Executive Board prior to that player's return to play for his/her team.

PROCEDURES

The coach who is requesting a player transfer must comply with the following procedures. Failure to adhere to the procedures set forth below shall result in the denial of the request by the MSC Executive Board without appeal.

1. The coach making the request shall complete a Request for Player Transfer Form. (See Appendix B).
2. The coach making the request shall submit with the Request for Player Transfer Form, where applicable, a Physician's certification of a player's injury; a notarized statement from the player's parent/guardian of the player's relocation and/or voluntary withdrawal from the team; approval by LIJSL for a U/11 team to play at the U/12 level.
3. The coach making the request shall personally deliver the completed Request for Player Transfer Form and copies of any supporting papers to a current member of the MSC Executive Board. In those instances where a coach who is requesting a player transfer is also a current member of the MSC Executive Board, then the Request for Player Transfer Form must be delivered to another MSC Executive Board member. The MSC Executive Board member shall sign the form and insert the date and time of delivery. The MSC Executive Board member shall retain the original form and a copy of any supporting papers. The coach shall be given the two duplicate form copies.
4. The coach making the request shall personally deliver one copy of the signed Request for Player Transfer Form and a copy of any supporting papers to the coach of the player who is being requested for the transfer.
5. The coach making the request shall personally contact a parent/guardian of the player who is being requested for the transfer and inform them of the request.
6. The parent/guardian of the player who is being requested for the transfer shall either accept or refuse the request for the transfer. No player can be compelled to accept a transfer. The coach making the request shall notify the MSC Executive Board member who signed the Request for Player Transfer Form whether the request was accepted or refused.
7. All of the above procedures shall be completed within forty-eight (48) hours from the date and time inserted by the MSC Executive Board member on the Request for Player Transfer Form.
8. All Requests for Player Transfer Forms signed by a MSC Executive Board member shall be filed with the MSC registrar within thirty (30) days.

12. TRAVEL FIELDS

- Scrimmaging on travel fields is allowable at the discretion of the Board and is based on field availability and weather conditions (e.g. when weather conditions will result in damage to the field). Field availability and scheduling may be determined by contacting Rich Guinness (516-680-3351). Anchor Park may only be used for scheduled games.
- Burns Park fields may not be used for practice without the prior approval of the Board.
- No coach may deal directly or indirectly with the town or school districts with regards to outdoor or indoor field use. If a school team requests a travel team to leave a field, the travel coach must immediately do so. All questions regarding fields are to be addressed to the field liaisons as set forth in the Services List.
- Make-up games, practice time and scrimmages must be scheduled:
 - Contact Rich Guinness (516-680-3351)

Note: Each travel coach is required to purchase and use corner flags at all home games and MSC tournaments.

13. PARTICIPATION IN SCHOOL SPORTS

Coaches will not discourage participation in any school sport.

14. POSTPONING OR CANCELING GAMES

No coach is permitted to cancel or postpone a game without the permission of the respective Travel Coordinator. With the absence of the Travel Coordinator, contact Club President. Any cancellation must be in accordance with LIJSL rules and guidelines.

15. MEETINGS

The Coach or a representative of the team **MUST** attend all Travel, Monthly and Semi Annual Club Meetings.

16. PRACTICES

Coaches should take into consideration the age of their players when planning the number of practices a week and the length of the practice session. Coaches that field full year teams should allow time off during the summer. Weather conditions should be taken into consideration during practices. Please leave the field immediately whenever lightning or thunder is present. No child is to be left at the field unattended following practice or a game. Coaches or adult supervisors are required to attend all practices including practices under the direction of a trainer.

17. INSUBORDINATION

Any coach who does not comply with the written or verbal regulations of the MSC is subject to suspension or removal by the MSC Board.

18. INJURIES

All coaches must notify, immediately, either the Club President or Insurance Coordinator of any injury to his/her player in either a game or practice that requires medical attention.

19. LICENSES

Travel coaches are required to have minimum C license from the LIJSL.

20. RECRUITING

Travel team coaches are strictly prohibited from poaching players from other MSC teams or other clubs, pursuant to LIJSL rules and regulations.

21. REGIONAL/NATIONAL CUP EXPENSES

The Club, at its discretion, may make a contribution to a team to assist in defraying the expenses incurred to attend Regional/National Cup competition. The funds will be used only for the following:

- a) Travel expenses for players (plane fare, etc.)
- b) Hotel expenses for players.
- c) Transportation expenses between hotel and playing fields.
- d) If the Coach of record does not have a child on the team, he/she will receive an equal share to cover his/her expenses.

22. PLAYER/SUPERVISOR PASSES

Passes are the property of LIJSL. At the end of each playing season, Player and Supervisor passes must be turned into your Travel Coordinator or LIJSL registrar in a timely manner. For teams fielding only in the spring, passes must be turned in before fall registration.

23. MEMBERSHIP (JULY 1ST -- JUNE 30TH)

All travel team coaches must be paid members each year prior to teams practices or games in order to receive gym time, training, tournaments etc. If not, you will be subject to a fine and/or suspension.

24. SERVICE

All travel coaches are required to assume a service role within the Club. Contact Peter Annarumma for available positions (679-2454).

25. TEAM AWARDS

For those teams receiving awards of any type, awards must be distributed to all team members in a timely manner.

26. CLUB FINES

Anyone caught breaking the travel guidelines or club rules will be subject to a fine and/or a suspension may also be subject to further disciplinary action by The MSC Board. NO EXCEPTIONS!!



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MSC INSURANCE WAIVER FORM

We have been advised by our coach and understand that Massapequa Soccer Club insurance is not in effect when we are playing at a non-sanctioned event.

Players' Name

Parent's Signature

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Players' Name

Parent's Signature

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17. _____

Team Name _____

Coaches Name _____

Date _____

Appendix B

Massapequa Soccer Club Request for Player Transfer Form

Coach making Request: _____

Name of Player: _____

Coach of Player: _____

Age Group/Team: _____

Reason for Transfer: (attach appropriate documentation) _____

Board Member: _____

Print name: _____ Signature: _____

Date/Time: _____

(Submit Form in Triplicate)