



Acton-Boxboro Youth Soccer

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ABYS (U9) Travel Coach Selection Process & Application Procedure

Overview

The intent of the travel coach selection process & application procedure is to raise the standards and level of coaching offered in our travel program. The long term aim is to increase and retain participation of our players by putting in place a level of qualification and set criteria for each coach to attain.

Application Procedure

The attached application is for coaching in the Competitive (Travel) Program. All volunteers interested in coaching must complete this application to be considered. All applications will be reviewed with preference given to those candidates who meet or are closely aligned to the selection criteria. Your application is to be sent to the Division Director who will consult with the ABYS Director of Coaching (DOC) before appointing the coach.

Selection Process & Criteria

The selection of the travel team head coach will be completed by the Division Director in consultative process with the Director of Coaching and final approval by the ABYS board of directors.

The following items will be considered as part of the overall criteria:

- Coaching certification (see details below)
- Evidence of coaching experience (in current ABYS soccer division, other towns/organizations, and/or other sports)
- Playing experience and/or knowledge of the game of soccer
- Evidence and pledged adherence to ABYS philosophies, Parent Code of Conduct and BAYS Zero Tolerance rules

The selection of ABYS travel assistant coaches will be completed after the selection of the head coach. The process will again be consultative between the Division Director and the Director of Coaching, with the selected head coach involved in the process. The above criteria also apply to the assistant travel coaches.

All coaches who are applying to coach in the ABYS travel program should already hold a **USSF "F"** license and will be encouraged to take a **USSF "E"** License within one year of their appointment. Coaches with equivalent foreign license, (professional, semi-professional or college playing experience



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will also be considered) All licensed course costs will be reimbursed by ABYS upon successful completion.

Thank you in your interest in coaching with ABYS. We appreciate the time and dedication that is necessary to be a competitive coach and look forward to working together to make sure that our competitive program is successful for our players.

Please return the attached application to your Division Director and if submitting via email, please cc: Mitch Doherty at doc@abys.org.

You may also mail a copy to:

ABYS
PO Box 175
Acton, MA
Attention: *Division Director NAME & DIVISION*