

# Marple Newtown Soccer Association

## APPLICATION MNSA TRAVEL PROGRAM COACH / ASSISTANT COACH

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Driver License #: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #'s      Home: \_\_\_\_\_  
                    Fax:        \_\_\_\_\_  
                    Work:      \_\_\_\_\_  
                    Email:     \_\_\_\_\_

Marple Newtown Soccer Association (MNSA) is an independent, non-profit, volunteer youth soccer organization. MNSA is affiliated with US Club Soccer (USCS) and Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer Association (EPYSA), a United States Youth Soccer Association (USYSA) affiliate under the auspices of Federation International de Football Association (FIFA). The MNSA Travel teams participate and are members of several soccer leagues including DELCO & PAGS

I understand that the MNSA Board of Directors, in its sole discretion, may authorize such Travel Teams as may be required to meet player demand. I understand that the travel program offers players an opportunity to develop player abilities beyond the recreational level through hard work and a commitment to increased levels of training, and that the Travel Program is a year round program. I commit to establishing a program over the travel year (Aug 1st to July 31st of the following year) and strive to meet the expectation of the players and team to participate in events throughout the travel year.

I understand that the MNSA Board of Directors, in its sole discretion, may appoint Coaches and Managers for Travel teams based on:

1. qualifications as represented herein,
2. other material as the Board may deem relevant,
3. my signed acceptance of the MNSA Coaches Code of Conduct,
4. and completion of appropriate Risk Management forms
  - a. US Club Soccer Risk Assessment (for Boys) or EPYSA RG-6 (for Girls)
  - b. PATCH report (<https://epatch.state.pa.us>)

I hereby apply to the MNSA Board of Directors for the position as indicated elsewhere in this application, and certify that the information contained herein is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Note: This application should be completed and submitted along with:**

- A signed Coaches Code of Conduct – attached to this application
- A completed US Club Soccer Risk Assessment Form (for Boys) or EPYSA RG-6 (for Girls)
- A current PA State Police PATCH Certification
- A 1” x 1” photograph

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Application is for:      Head Coach \_\_\_\_\_      Asst. Coach \_\_\_\_\_      Manager \_\_\_\_\_

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Boys \_\_\_\_\_      Girls \_\_\_\_\_      New Team \_\_\_\_\_      Existing Team \_\_\_\_\_

Age Group:      8-1- \_\_\_\_\_ to 7-31- \_\_\_\_\_      Under \_\_\_\_\_ as of 8-1- \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a child/dependent that is a candidate to play in this age-group \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

Highest Division in this Age Group you are comfortable coaching: 1st \_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_ 4th \_\_\_\_

Primary League:      \_\_\_\_\_      PAGES      \_\_\_\_\_      DELCO      OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

COACHING LICENSE:      \_\_\_\_\_      DATE OBTAINED: \_\_\_\_\_

REFEREE LICENSE:      \_\_\_\_\_      DATE OBTAINED: \_\_\_\_\_

SOCCER PLAYING EXPERIENCE:

SOCCER COACHING EXPERIENCE:

FOR INCUMBENT COACHES, PLEASE LIST OUT BELOW ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IF APPLICABLE:

1. TOURNAMENTS ENTERED
2. INDOOR SESSIONS PLAYED
3. ADDITIONAL TRAINING SESSIONS HELD
4. SCRIMMAGES WITH OTHER CLUBS, OR
5. ANY OTHER ACTIVITIES YOU THINK ADDED TO YOUR TEAM'S SOCCER EXPERIENCE.

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OTHER COACHING EXPERIENCE:

GOALS FOR THE TEAM YOU WOULD COACH:

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## Soccer Coaches' Code of Conduct

This Coaches' Code of Conduct is applicable to each head coach and assistant coach of any travel team registered with the Marple Newtown Soccer Association (“MNSA” or the “Club”).

1. Personal Conduct. I will aspire to achieve and maintain a high level of performance within a moral and ethical framework. My personal conduct on the field, and at all times in the presence of the players, shall be worthy of imitation by the players. I will endeavor to instruct and supervise my players in accordance with a high level of professionalism; maintain and exhibit poise, self-discipline and restraint during and after every game; treat each opposing team and its spectators with courtesy and fairness, and will avoid actions that will offend or embarrass myself, players, parents, MNSA, the league or referees. My conduct will not in any manner be conditioned on the conduct of the opposing team, the score of the match, the conduct of the opposing team's coaches, parents or other spectators, nor will it be in any manner conditioned on my agreement or disagreement with calls or non-calls of the referee(s).

2. Reflection on MNSA. I understand that my behavior reflects on the Club anytime that I am engaged in any soccer-related activity, such as coaching a game, field marshalling, refereeing, attending training, spectating, attending league meetings, USCS meetings, EPYSA meetings, USYSA meetings, and/or communicating with MNSA players, parents and/or coaches, etc. I will endeavor to act in a manner that reflects favorably on MNSA.

3. Compliance with Rules, etc. Anytime that I am engaged in any soccer-related activity, I will strive to comply with all applicable laws, as well as all applicable rules, policies, procedures and regulations of MNSA, the School District of Marple Newtown, local municipalities, and affiliated soccer organizations (i.e. USCS, EPYSA, PAGS, the DELCO Soccer League, and USYSA).

4. Continuing Training & Education. I will take all training courses reasonably required by the Club in order to develop and enhance my coaching skills relating to the game of soccer. As often as necessary, I will take additional training courses to refresh or enhance my knowledge of the game and my ability to instruct players. Such training courses may include, but not be limited to, USSF or EPYSA license courses, USCS or EPYSA coaches clinics, Red Cross first aid training, referee training and coaches clinics presented by MNSA or others. I understand that coaching assignment priority may be given to those holding higher USSF licenses. Likewise, I will endeavor to attend MNSA coaches meetings when scheduled or have a representative of my team in attendance.

5. Game Day Coaching. If I choose to coach from the sideline during a game, I will do so in a positive manner and only in accordance with applicable (sideline coaching) rules. I will not encourage or actively permit any coaching by any parent or other spectator. I will endeavor to limit coaching to only myself and/or properly registered assistant coaches.

6. Sportsmanship. I will endeavor to make each player's experience a positive, healthy, active and enjoyable one. I will promote the ideals of good sportsmanship, whether at practices, games, team meetings, or otherwise. Without limiting the generality of this requirement, in all games, including playoff games, I shall observe the "No Slaughter Rule" as follows: *Once my team is ahead by four goals, I will take steps to encourage my players to play a possession game of soccer without scoring and/or remove individual players from the field altogether. I will remove dominant (highly skilled) players from the field and substitute them with players who normally do not receive maximum playing time. I understand that there may be negative repercussions with the league and MNSA if I fail to comply with the requirements of this paragraph*

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7. Safety. One of the primary goals of the MNSA is the safety and welfare of all players. I will not leave a child unsupervised. I will place the safety of players as the primary consideration. I will utilize my common sense in training and game situations, taking into account such things as weather conditions, the physical fitness of the players, player injuries or complaints of pain or fatigue. I will not deny a player an opportunity for water. I will not require, insist or recommend that a player participate in a drill, game or other activity if the player states that he/she cannot continue or, based on my training and personal observation, I believe that the player's health could be jeopardized by such participation.

8. Coaching Objectives. I will endeavor to provide instruction in the proper skills and rules pertaining to the game, recognizing that player development is a primary goal. I will employ positive feedback and constructive criticism at games and practices. I will be optimistic and encourage participation of all team members. I will endeavor to provide to each player the opportunity for individual growth and development. In addition, my basic objectives as a coach shall be:

(a) If I coach in a non-competitive division (U9 or U10), I will strive to have the players enjoy their experience and develop basic skills. Secondly, I will introduce them to the concepts of winning (and losing), and educate them in the sportsmanship of losing as well as winning.

(b) If I coach a competitive division (U11 and above), I will strive to provide an atmosphere for fun and enjoyment, and to win, if possible. I will endeavor to balance these goals, and not allow winning to overshadow the objective of the players' learning, fun and enjoyment.

9. Playing Time. In my reasonable judgment, I will provide fair playing time for all players. As a coach I will determine playing time for my players based on the situation of each game, but I will do my best to play all players on my team in each and every contest. Playing time for travel team players will reflect individual's effort, commitment and attitude.

10. Referees. I will refrain from public criticism of the referees. I understand that referees are human and occasionally make mistakes. I understand that this is part of the game. I acknowledge that referees are trained in the Laws of the Game and, more often than not, know the Laws of the Game. I will accept the judgment of the referees no matter how difficult this might be in the heat of the game. I understand that the referee can remove me and others from the game and the fields of play in accordance with the Laws of the Game. Specifically, I understand that the violations resulting in removal from the game include but are not limited to: (i) physical, mental or emotional abuse directed toward a child, official, opposing coach or spectator; (ii) abusive or offensive language directed toward a child, official, opposing coach or spectator; (iii) exhibition of dangerous or unethical behavior; (iv) repeated negative remarks, or other comments, or suggestions questioning the decisions and calls, or lack of decisions and calls by the referees; and/or (v) continued inability (that is after being asked once by an official) to control or prevent a parent or spectator from engaging in any of the above. Further, depending on the severity of my offense, I acknowledge that I may be subject to sanctions from MNSA, the governing league, and/or EPYSA including, but not necessarily limited to, fines, probation, suspension, or termination as a soccer coach.

11. Incident Reports, Game Reports, Etc. I will file all game reports, referee evaluations and incident reports in a timely manner, in form and substance, as required by MNSA and such Travel Leagues with which my team is associated. If my report reflects a "Bad Scene", said report must also be filed with the Board of Directors ASAP through an officer of the Club. A "Bad Scene" includes but is not limited to a situation where any player, coach or spectator is injured (to the extent requiring more than basic on-site first aid), or is ejected; or a player receives a card (red or yellow). Additionally, I understand that I have a responsibility to notify the Board of Directors (through an officer of the Club) of any events or circumstances which, having occurred could in any manner reasonably be foreseen to adversely impact on MNSA.

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12. Protests. I understand that protests regarding the outcome of any game are not encouraged. Any Protest must be submitted in writing to the MNSA League Delegate to the appropriate Travel League. The League Delegate is responsible for investigating any protest and League rules, and may, after consultation with the Board, submit a protest to the Travel League on behalf of a Travel Team and MNSA. Notice of request to protest any game must be made to the appropriate Delegate, in writing within twenty-four (24) hours after the game in question. Protests regarding calls within the referee's judgment will not be recognized.

13. Contact with Leagues, Etc. Aside from reports that I, as coach, am required to file, I understand that contact with officials and/or employees of Travel Leagues, state and national soccer organizations, (USCS, EPYSA, USYSA), with regards to issues involving MNSA, my team or any member of MNSA, shall be limited to individuals designated by the Club. If there is a matter that I feel should be brought to the attention of any of the foregoing, I will make a written request to the appropriate Delegate or Officer of the Club, as soon as practicable after the event or circumstances giving rise to my request. I acknowledge that the decision as to whether to bring the matter to the attention of the applicable organization shall be made by MNSA in its sole and absolute discretion.

14. No Disparagement. If I have a complaint about the Club, or any of its officers, directors or representatives, I will direct my complaint to that person or the MNSA Board of Directors.

15. Consequences of Violations. I agree that if, in the sole and exclusive determination of the MNSA Board of Directors, I fail to follow the above Code of Conduct in any manner, MNSA may immediately terminate my coaching assignment or the Club may, at its sole option, take other action, and I will abide by this decision. Such actions may include, but not necessarily be limited to, monetary fines, probation, or suspension. The rights and remedies of MNSA shall not be exclusive, and I may be subject to legal action if my conduct is serious enough to warrant it, in the sole and absolute discretion of the MNSA Board of Directors. I further agree to release MNSA, its officers, employees, representatives and Board Members from any and all liability if and when they elect to exercise any such action.

I have read this Code of Conduct and agree to be bound by the provisions of this Code of Conduct.

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Name:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_