



PETOSKEY YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION (PYSA)
VOLUNTEER *and* PAID YOUTH TEAM OFFICIAL CONTRACT
for Coaches, Assistant Coaches, and Managers

Before this contract is binding and ANY team training/player contact can begin, the coach must complete the PYSA Coaching checklist attached as **Exhibit A**.

I understand that my responsibilities as a volunteer youth coach are of great importance and that my actions have the potential to significantly influence the young athletes whom I coach. Therefore, I promise to uphold the following **rights of young athletes** to the best of my ability.

The right to:

- Participate in sports
- Receive qualified adult leadership
- Share in the leadership and decision-making of their sport
- Participate in a safe and healthy environment
- An equal opportunity to strive for success
- Play as a child and not as an adult
- Be treated with dignity
- Have fun in sports

I also promise to conduct myself in accordance with the Code of Ethics for Coaches. **I will:**

- Treat each player, opposing coach, official, parent, and administrator with respect and dignity.
- Do my best to learn the fundamental skills, teaching and evaluation techniques, rules, and strategies of my sport.
- Become familiar with the objectives of the youth sports program with which I am coaching.
- Uphold the authority of the officials who are assigned to my sport, and I will assist them, in every way, to conduct fair and impartial competitive games.
- Learn the strengths and weaknesses of my players so that I might place them into situations where they have a maximum opportunity to achieve success in practices and games while they improve their skill level.
- Protect the health and safety of my players; understanding that new restrictions may be put in place at any moment (masking, testing etc..)



- Uphold the Petoskey Youth Soccer Association philosophy in words and actions.
- Understand, adhere to, and follow the guidance of all Petoskey Youth Soccer Association policies and procedures.
- Communicate with team officials, team members, and families through the club approved TeamSnap programming.

With my signature below, I acknowledge that I have read, understood, and will do my best to fulfill the promises made herein. Furthermore, should I fail to abide by the league's code of conduct policies, I agree to penalties or consequences including but not limited to fines, community service at fields, removal of duties, suspension, or being barred from the premises. If such a decision is made by the Director of Coaching, I understand I have the ability to appeal to the Board of the Directors of PYSA. After such an appeal to the Board of Directors, the decision is final.

Volunteer Waiver
Release of Liability Agreement

This **Release Agreement** shall be effective as of the date set forth below and shall be binding upon me, my successors, representatives, heirs, executors, assigns, and transferees.

In consideration for being permitted to perform the below-described volunteer activity for Petoskey Youth Soccer Association, I acknowledge, represent, and agree as follows.

A. I understand that said activities are or may be dangerous and do or may involve risks of injury, loss, or damage. I further acknowledge that such risks may arise from a variety of foreseeable and unforeseeable circumstances connected with these activities. Activities to be performed:

Youth Sports Head Coach or Assistant Coach. Team supervision during practices and games.

B. By signing this **Release Agreement**, I hereby expressly assume and release the Petoskey Youth Soccer Association from all such risks of injury, loss, or damage to me.

C. I hereby also grant the Petoskey Youth Soccer Association and its agents the right and license to use my and/or my child's name, image, likeness and comments in internal and external communications, not limited to advertisements, brochures, news releases, newsletters, videos, or websites.



D. The Petoskey Youth Soccer Association has put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19, however, I understand that the Petoskey Youth Soccer Association cannot guarantee that I will not become infected. I acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and understand and voluntarily assume the risk that I may be exposed to or infected while volunteering for the Petoskey Youth Soccer Association, and that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, and death. I understand that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 while volunteering may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of myself and others, including but not limited to, employees, volunteers, and program participants and their families. I voluntarily agree to assume all of the foregoing risks and accept sole responsibility for any injury to myself (including, but not limited to personal injury, disability, and death), illness, damage, loss, claim liability or expense of any kind arising out of or relating thereto. I understand and agree that this release includes any claims based on the actions, omissions, or negligence of the Petoskey Youth Soccer Association, its employees, agents, and representatives, whether a COVID-19 infection occurs before, during, or after volunteering.

***If a volunteer is under 18 years of age, a parent or guardian signature and date must appear below.** By signing below, I acknowledge that I am the parent/guardian of the above volunteer and hereby agree to all terms as stated for my child.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

I understand that signing this confirms that I acknowledge and agree to the above Terms of Acceptance.

Sport(s) Coaching and/or Managing:

Age Group Coaching: _____

Date(s) of Activity(s): August 1, 2021 – July 31, 2022



Exhibit A

2021 PYSA Coaching Checklist

Before contact with athletes may begin (practices, games, etc...)

all coaches must complete the following:

- Risk Management Background Check (Got sport/annually)
- Safe Sport annual training (annually)
- Heads Up Concussion (every three years)
- Request practice days/times to Executive Director & DOC
- Communicate any team officials (assistant coaches and managers) to ED & DOC for approval and Got sport setup
- Communicate intended tournaments to ED & DOC
- Log-in and have current contact information in TeamSnap
- All initial team communication must be made through TeamSnap
- Attend training sessions on teamsnap if needed
- Attend mandatory PYSA coaches' meeting
- Review current PYSA Policies & Procedures
- Updates reviewed at coaches meeting
- Questions direct to ED & DOC
- Review PYSA Parent Code of Conduct
- Review PYSA Player Code of Conduct
- Review Field updates and responsibilities with ED & DOC
- Review equipment use procedures with ED & DOC
- Review FIFA Law changes for current year
- Review, sign, and submit Coach Contract & Code of Conduct
- Review, sign, and agree to PYSA Branding Guidelines

Not required prior to practices beginning:

- Attend (or send team representative) to pre-season scheduling meeting
- Coordinate parent meeting with ED & DOC
- Send any additional team rules & expectations to ED & DOC