

NORTH SHORE SOCCER CLUB

TRAVEL TEAM RULES

A. AUTHORITY

1. The following rules for the selection and conduct of the North Shore Soccer Club's (NSSC) Travel Teams, their coaches, assistants, trainers, administrators, players spectators, etc. These rules are subordinated to the Rules and Regulations concerning the conduct of travel teams as established (and periodically amended) by the Long Island Junior Soccer League. These rules supersede all previous NSSC Travel Team Rules and are viewed over and changed if necessary at every May Meeting by the NSSC Board of Directors.
2. It is the responsibility of all travel coaches and all candidates for travel coaching to know these rules (and LIJSL rules and the rules of any tournament in which the team participates). Disciplinary actions will be determined by the NSSC Board for coaches, assistants, trainers, administrators, etc. for not knowing or not following the rules.
3. These rules are to be distributed to all travel team coaches. Said distribution is to eliminate any travel coach from claiming that they did not know the rules.
4. The execution of these rules is the responsibility of the NSSC Travel Registrar and the NSSC Board.

B. ELIGIBILITY:

1. Age Eligibility:

To be eligible to try out and play for NSSC travel teams, the player must meet the age requirement (as defined by LIJSL) by the start of the next seasonal year and meet the eligibility requirements of Section B, subsection 2 through 7. Upon meeting these requirements a player may try out for NSSC travel teams which are within the player's natural age grouping. A player may not try out for a younger age group.

(A player may play up 1 year if the older team does not have enough players and his/her age group team has too many or enough players. Both coaches and Travel coordinator must approve this movement.

2. Club Player Eligibility – All Eligible with no restrictions to date.
3. Outside Player Eligibility – All Eligible with no restrictions to date
4. Transfer Players: The NSSC will use the LIJSL rules for transfer players.
5. Inter-gender Eligibility: A girl may try out and play on a boy's team if a girl's team is not available or a boy's team is short players. Boys cannot tryout or play on a girl's team.
6. Transfer/Withdraw from a travel team:
 - a. As per LIJSL rules, once a player is registered with a team he or she cannot play for another team during that season.
 - b. With the consent of both travel team coaches and the player, a player may transfer within an age group.
 - c. All stated above will be approved by the NSSC Travel Director before any change of a player takes effect.

7. Poaching: See LIJSL rules. If a coach is found to have poached, the coach will be suspended for four games. If the coach is found to have poached the second time, he or she will be barred from coaching in the NSSC.

C: PLAYER COMMITMENT/CLUB COMMITMENT

1. Each player selected to play on the NSSC travel team is to make a commitment to that travel team prior to his/her selection. That commitment consists of a pledge to attend all travel team games before participating in other activities during the seasonal year. Coaches will inform players and parents at the start of the tryouts of the anticipated commitment for the team for the season including frequency of practices, tournaments, indoor schedule, etc. Coaches will attempt to schedule travel team practices at a convenient time with an attempt to minimize scheduling conflicts. The club will attempt to schedule travel home games (the club has no control over the scheduling of away games) to minimize scheduling conflicts. However, each coach has discretion as to the enforcement of the above.
2. All players selected to play on the NSSC travel team will be assessed a registration fee to be established by the NSSC Board. All players are responsible for any excess expenditure that the team decides to purchase.
 - A. Fees includes registration/insurance fees
 - B. Uniform good for 2 years (2 shirts, 1 short & pair of socks)
 - C. 1 day of training with Organization provided by NSSC. (If a coach decides not to use a trainer, you are not eligible to receive the funds available for shirts, tournaments, etc.)
 - D. Waldbaum's & State Cup fees and or State Cup referee fee.
 - E. All other expenses will be paid by player family

*Note: All fines imposed on a team will be paid by the team –See Section E, Subsection 5 below *
3. All players selected to the NSSC travel team must have the NSSC registration fees paid in full prior to the start of the league games in September & March any exceptions require Board approval.
4. Players are selected to an NSSC team for a period of one seasonal year only.
5. New players may be picked up during the season for the remainder of the season. The new player must meet all of the requirements of these travel rules.
6. Players may not be dropped from an NSSC travel team during a seasonal year except for extraordinary reasons and only as approved by the NSSC Board.
7. A player may leave a team on their own, accompanied with a letter stating why.
8. Seasonal year is from August 1st to June 15th or teams last game.

D. FORMATION OF TRAVEL TEAMS

1. The NSSC Board will determine which travel teams are to be formed and registered with the LIJSL. It is the intent of the NSSC that the formation of a travel team is based on the continuing development of all members of the club.
2. The availability of NSSC travel teams will be the same for both boys and girls programs. Every effort will be made to find coaches for these teams.

3. In general travel teams will be as follows:
Developmental U8 & U9
U-10 two teams
U-11 and older number of teams based on interest
4. The NSSC Board may, at its discretion, elect to form additional travel teams for any given age group.
5. Roster size is regulated by LIJSL for seasons, check LIJSL for roster sizes

E. SELECTION OF TRAVEL TEAM COACHES

1. Each NSSC travel team coach is selected for a period of one seasonal year only.
2. During the June Board meeting, the number of travel teams will be determined. All incumbent travel team coaches seeking to retain their position and all new applicants must complete the travel team coach's application. If no one is picked for the coaching position or if no one applies, the coaching position will be re-advertised. Applicant requirements will be stated in the re-notification and must be met.
3. Although LIJSL is not enforcing a coaching license requirement for travel team coaches, the NSSC requires a LIJSL "C" license. If an applicant does not meet the requirement, his/her application will not be accepted and the applicant will not be allowed to coach. If the club cannot locate a coach, the team will be coached by a parent, coach or trainer until the NSSC boards determines the team's outcome.
4. All candidates for a travel team will be scheduled for an interview by the NSSC Board during the Board meeting or a special Board meeting for the selection of travel team coaches, except as set forth in Section E, Subsection 5 below.
5. Uncontested incumbent travel team coaches need not be interviewed by the NSSC Board. However, the Board reserves the right to request their presence for an interview.

F. SELECTION OF TRAVEL TEAM PLAYERS

1. Notification of Tryouts
 - a. The Travel Team Coordinator will inform coaches and players when travel team tryouts will be occurring. The Travel Registrar through the travel coaches will inform travel team players of travel tryouts. Travel team tryout information will be published on northshoresoccer.com and flyers will be distributed where practicable.
 - b. Information to be disseminated will at the minimum be:
Travel Registrar's Name and telephone number
Travel team's name,
Age grouping
Coaches' names and telephone numbers
Dates and location of tryouts.
2. Travel Team Tryouts
 - a. All children who meet the NSSC requirements as stated in these rules may try out for NSSC travel teams.

- b. Travel team tryouts will begin after June 15. Travel team tryouts must be completed by the date established by the Travel Registrar and the NSSC Board.
- c. Existing teams must hold a minimum of one tryouts unless a team has enough players.
- d. All existing team players must attend tryouts (unless that player is leaving the team, which then must notify the existing coach)
- e. If there is more than one team in an age group, the tryouts must be held on a combined basis, and the tryouts must be attended by the Travel Coordinator or designee.
- f. First team coaches must select their players by the date established by the Travel Registrar. After that date, additional teams in an age group can select players.
- g. The Board will determine the necessity of utilizing outside professionals for the selection of players for travel teams.

3. Final Approval of Travel Team Rosters

- a. The NSSC Board and/or Travel Coordinator have the final approval of all NSSC travel team rosters. Normally, the NSSC Board will rule on issues of eligibility.
- b. Travel team coaches are to determine the methodology of notifying all candidates who try out for their team to inform the candidates of their nomination or non-nomination to a travel team as soon as possible. The coach is to explain to those players nominated to travel team that the NSSC Board or Travel Coordinator must approve the travel team rosters before a player becomes a member of a team. In the case of existing travel teams, such announcements, where possible, should not occur until completion of the travel team's season.

G. CONDUCT OF TRAVEL TEAMS

1. All NSSC travel teams will coordinate all of their team's activities relative to the LIJSL through the NSSC Travel Registrar.
2. For every game, all players must play at least the minimum of playing time. By every game, the NSSC Board means that this rule applies to league, challenge cup, state cup, tournaments and indoor games. Exceptions to the minimum playing time rule are: injury; inappropriate behavior; and/or failure to attend team sessions regularly.
3. In situations of inappropriate behavior and/or a player's failure to attend team sessions regularly, the travel team coach has the option to play a player for the minimum playing time.
4. Minimum playing time by age groups are as follows:

Age Group	Min Playing Time
U10-U12	1/3 game
U13-U15	1/4 game
U16-U19	No minimum playing time
5. Each NSSC travel team coach is responsible for acquainting himself/herself, their players and their player's parents with LIJSL rules and regulations and with the NSSC travel team rules relative to the conduct of a participant and or spectator. The club, through the Travel Registrar, will prepare and update as necessary, a letter of conduct for the travel team coaches to distribute.
6. Each team is responsible for the payment of any fines levied on the team.
7. If a player, coach, trainer, spectator etc received a red card, the coach and the person who received the red card must appear before the NSSC Board per date established by the Travel Registrar. Unless adequate justification is given in writing, that date should be the next Board meeting.

8. In the situation where a coach and/or the assistant coach received a red card, if the coach and/or the assistant coach do not appear before the Board at the next Board meeting, unless adequate justification is given in writing, their adult supervisor card will be forfeited to the Travel Registrar until such time as they appear before the NSSC Board. Failure to appear before the Board will result in the removal of the coach and/or the assistant coach from the team.
9. Based on the presentation of the coach and/or assistant coach, the NSSC Board will determine what sanctions will be placed on the coach and/or the assistant coach.
10. Each NSSC Travel Team Coach will ensure that responsibilities relative to field preparation, equipment pick-up and take-down, etc. as delegated by the Travel Committee (or other NSSC authority) are effectively carried out. If a travel team coach does not meet his/her responsibilities for field preparation, he/she will receive a club suspension of one game for each time he/she does not meet his/her field preparation responsibilities.

H. UNIFORMS

1. If a travel team is buying a uniform or its replacing its current uniform, the team must purchase the club standard uniform.
2. Warm up suits, bags, etc. are at the discretion of each team.

Tournaments- Prior approval must be obtained from the tournament director. All out-of-state tournaments must be accompanied by permission to travel form from LIJSL.

Publicity-We ask that you forward to our web designer at least a team picture along with an article about your team per season.

North Shore Soccer Board of Director's would like to remind you, if you do not know what to do. Do not take it upon yourself to make a choice, just ask.

