

Fox Chase Soccer Club Travel Team Coaches Guidelines

1. Interested Coaches wanting to Coach a travel team

- 1.1. Applicants must fill out a “Request To Coach” application and submit to the League Directors. Download from FCSC website. (foxchasesoccer.org)
- 1.2. Applicants will be reviewed by the Executive Board and League Directors.
 - 1.2.1. Decisions are based on knowledge of the game, past coaching experience, commitment and dedication, and recommendations.
- 1.3. Application deadline is determined by the executive.

2. Coaches Responsibility

- 2.1. Define an assistant coach and/or manager for your team.
- 2.2. All coaches must have current coaches passes, complete an online RG1 Volunteer Disclosure/Risk Management Application on the EPYSA’s web-site and be registered with FCSC.
- 2.3. It is important to have at least two (2) assistants and/or parents retain coaching passes just in case.

2.4. Tryouts

- 2.4.1. Have tryouts every year for team (primarily A & B teams, unless three team age bracket). *Note: Tryouts should be coordinate with all team coaches. (A & B or A, B & C). See “FCSC Tryout Guidelines”.*
 - 2.4.1.1. The “A” coach is responsible for contacting all eligible players.
- 2.4.2. Notify every player registered in age bracket.
Note: Players in the U10 & U9 age brackets can return to home league if they do not make travel teams. U11 & up players cannot.
- 2.4.3. Select players accordingly.
- 2.4.4. Notify players accordingly.

2.5. Team meetings

- 2.5.1. It is important to have a couple team meetings throughout the season.
- 2.5.2. Create a dialogue with the team parents regarding your goals, plans and expectations for the team.
- 2.5.3. Develop and create an open line of communication and make sure everyone is on the same page.
- 2.5.4. Some examples of what could possibly be discussed at meetings:
 - 2.5.4.1. What time to arrive before game time?
 - 2.5.4.2. Leagues and Tournaments.
 - 2.5.4.3. Additional costs: tournaments, trainer, patches, jackets, bags, etc.
- 2.5.5. Discuss if the team is interested in doing fundraisers, if so discuss with parents to form a committee/chair person.

2.6. Leagues

- 2.6.1. Research fall leagues, indoor leagues, spring leagues, state cups and tournament options. Contact FCSC Travel Directors for help.
 - 2.6.1.1. John Tracey - Boys Travel Director

- 2.6.1.2. Jack Kilroy - Girls Travel Director
- 2.6.2. It is the responsibility of the coach to notify the travel director of any league, state cups or tournaments they plan on participating in.
 - 2.6.2.1. FCSC Supported Fall Season Leagues
 - 2.6.2.1.1. United Junior Soccer League (UJSL)
 - 2.6.2.1.2. Inter-County Soccer League (ICSL)
 - 2.6.2.1.3. Department of Recreation League (DOR)
 - 2.6.2.2. It is the responsibility of the coach to register with the FCSC league director of the league they want to be in.

Note: If a FCSC travel team is interested in playing in any other league than the above. They need to have approval from FCSC executive board.
- 2.6.3. All “A” teams are expected to play; fall, indoor, spring leagues and tournaments.
- 2.6.4. “B” and “C” teams are encouraged to play; fall, indoor, spring leagues and tournaments.
- 2.6.5. Seasonal leagues and tournaments are contingent upon commitment from players.
 - 2.6.5.1. No approval from FCSC executive board is required.
- 2.6.6. Options/suggestions should be presented to the team and a team decision should be made for leagues and tournaments.

3. Team Name

- 3.1. All FCSC Travel teams must pick a team name. There is to be no duplication of team names.

4. Team Trainer

- 4.1. All teams utilizing team trainers must have trainers follow the same procedures as FCSC coaches; fill out RG-6 and RG-1 forms.
- 4.2. Trainers sometimes require additional cost to teams (parents). Coaches must have a consensus agreement from the team (parents) to accrue the payments.

Note: Players (parents) should not feel obligated to pay for a trainer and practice participation should not be effected. The player is not responsible for payment to a trainer, the coach is.

5. Players

- 5.1. Players must play age pure; players wanting to play up, must submit a written request, including reason, addressed to the Fox Chase Soccer Club (FCSC) Executive Board. The Board makes the decision.

6. Recruiting Players

- 6.1. Recruiting of players from within the club or outside of the club is prohibited.

7. Number of players on a team

7.1. Teams must carry the maximum per EPYSA roster number.

7.1.1. U9 & U10 – Fourteen (14) per team

7.1.2. U11 thru U19 – Eighteen (18) per team

Note: Exceptions would be to fill a second team and/or place a registered player.

8. Uniforms

8.1. FCSC purchases uniforms every two (2) seasons.

8.2. Each team will be allocated uniforms according to roster number.

Note: Uniform Size Request Form can be downloaded from the FCSC website.

8.3. Players are responsible for their uniforms.

8.4. If there is an add or drop (of a player) from one season to the next, the coach is responsible to retrieve the uniform.

9. Fundraising

9.1. Teams are encouraged to form some type of team collection system. Such as a checking or bank account to cover additional annual costs such as, patches, tournaments, team bags, team jackets etc. It is also suggested to present to parents quarterly financial statements.

9.2. All fundraisers must be approved by FCSC Executive Board.

10. What does FCSC offer Teams?

Note: The below information is contingent upon the financial status of the club. Also, no roll-over of unused funds. Annual calendar year is August to July.

10.1. Two (2) league registration fees plus all referee costs annually

10.2. One Tournament annually.

10.3. One Indoor or Outdoor State or League Cups (including Ref fees)

10.4. Fees for USSF, NSCAA, and EPYSA Coaching Clinics and Conventions.

10.5. If a Coach, assistant coach, or team representative attends ten (10) FCSC Monthly Meetings annually, your team receives an additional \$100.00.

10.6. Usage of Soccer Video Tape Library, see Boys or Girls Travel Soccer Directors for videos.

11. Complaints

11.1. Complaint issued against a FCSC Coach.

11.1.1. In situations where a parent, player or spectator issues a complaint against a coach, the following steps are taken:

11.1.1.1. The coach is notified by the travel director and asked about the situation. Depending on the severity of the complaint the coach addresses the issue.

11.1.1.2. If additional complaints continue, the coach is asked to attend a meeting with the travel director, president and/or any other member of the executive board to discuss the situation.

- 11.1.1.3. The travel director, president and/or any other member of the executive board will make a decision whether or not to hold a parent team meeting.
 - 11.1.1.3.1. This meeting would take place without the coach present.
- 11.1.2. The travel director and members of the executive board hold the right to dismiss a coach from coaching a team with the FCSC.

11.2. Complaint issued against a parent

- 11.2.1. In situations where a coach has a complaint against a parent, the following steps should be taken:
 - 11.2.1.1. The coach is to try and defuse the issue himself.
 - 11.2.1.2. If that does not work he is to notify the Director of Travel and inform them of the complaint.
 - 11.2.1.3. The Director of Travel will offer suggestions and/or ask the coach if he would want him to contact the parent.
 - 11.2.1.4. If the Director of Travel can not defuse the issue of complaint he is to present it to the Executive Board to address.

Note: The FCSC is not looking for coaches to have confrontations with parents.
 - 11.2.1.5. The travel director and members of the executive board hold the right to dismiss a parent from FCSC organization.

11.3. Grievance issued against a League

- 11.3.1. In a situation where a coach has a grievance against a league, the following steps are to be taken. ***Note: The coach is responsible for issuing grievances only. Parents should be informed that they must go through them.***
 - 11.3.1.1. Follow the league grievance rules. Refer to there website.
 - 11.3.1.2. Notify the FCSC club league representative about the situation. Provide supporting information.
 - 11.3.1.3. The FCSC club league representative will review and ask for input from the executive board if needed.
 - 11.3.1.4. If the FCSC club league representative agrees with the grievance he will then submit to the league. ***Note: Any costs affiliate with a grievance report is paid by the issuing team. The FCSC club is not responsible.***

12. Code Of Conduct

- 12.1. A FCSC coach is a representative of the Fox Chase Soccer Club organization on and off the field.
- 12.2. He is to represent the club in good sportsmanship and statue.
- 12.3. A coach is looked upon as a leader and teacher of the game.
- 12.4. He sets an example to the players and helps direct positive atmospheres to encourage the growth of the individual in the game of soccer.