

GATEWAY YOUTH ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION BY-LAWS

Revisions

Revised 2/6/2018

1. Article XVI (A,7) – Amended to allow discretion of coordinator as long as it supports our purpose
2. Article XVI (A,9) – Added Director of Soccer Development Position

Revised 5/4/2017

1. Article XXII – Added to reflect roster requirements

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1. Article IV – Formatting edits
2. Article IV (B) – Split into three sections; Added requirement for basketball CORI check
3. Article V – Formatting edits
4. Article VI – Added “Director of Pioneer Valley Soccer”
5. Article VII (A) – Removed language regarding Sports Directors; Formatting edits; Added section (6)
6. Article IX (H) – Added election of Sports Directors by the Executive Board
7. Article XVI – Deleted “Roster Coordinator”; Formatting edits
8. Article XX – Formatting edits

GYAA-By-Laws Revised 2/1/12

Revised A. 1/16/2011-removed references to softball from Article VI and Article VIII C. Executive Board. Note: Softball has been removed from GYAA and adopted by Little League. At this time a softball program is not present in GYAA. The GYAA E-Board may consider reinstating Softball as stated in earlier revision of said By-Laws.

ARTICLE I-NAME

The organization shall be known as the Gateway Youth Athletic Association and herein after referred to as GYAA.

ARTICLE II-PURPOSE

The purpose of GYAA shall be to develop the ideals of good sportsmanship, teamwork, self-confidence, physical fitness and enjoyment of sports through all sports programs offered through GYAA.

ARTICLE III-OBJECTIVE

- A. To provide coached practice sessions and games to teach skills to children in all coached GYAA sports programs.
- B. To provide the development of healthy attitudes through the participation and enjoyment of sports. Coaches will bear in mind at all times. (GYAA participates in competitive leagues. We play to be competitive and win. Every player will play in every game. The best players will play more.) Recreational leagues in soccer and basketball and u-8 through u-10 in soccer will not be required to follow this rule for they are non-competitive leagues.

- C. To provide fair treatment to all GYAA sports programs, including all players, coaches, parents, and all others associated with GYAA. (Fair treatment shall refer to such issues as status, playing conditions, uniforms, equipment, and overall funding.)

ARTICLE IV-MEMBERSHIP

A. Organization Membership

1. Associate Members - any parent, guardian, or person responsible for the care of any child participating in GYAA sponsored sports programs. These members may vote at the election of Executive Board Members (except Sports Directors).
2. General Board Members - Members of the general board shall include the Executive Board Members as defined by ARTICLE-VI, the appointed positions as defined by Article XVI, and the Coach Representatives ARTICLE XVIII. General Board Members have no requirement to attend 50% of meetings, may vote on matters brought before the General Board, and participate in the election of the Executive Board Members.

B. CONSULTANT MEMBERS these two spots are reserved for PVJSL coordinator and MYSA CORI checker (kids safe)

1. The PVJSL coordinator is the liaison between PIONEER VALLEY JUNIOR SOCCER LEAGUE and GYAA. He or she will be in charge of attending PVJSL meetings, turning in registration packets, reporting information to and from PVJSL and GYAA.
2. MYSA CORI checker is in charge of doing all soccer and basketball coach's CORI checks. He or she will turn in GYAA kids safe forms and report to GYAA a yes or no answer on coaches coaching. They are not to be questioned by GYAA nor should they give a reason (JUST YES OR NO).
3. PVJSL and CORI Checker Coordinator positions are volunteered. If for any reason he or she would like to resign they are required to submit a written letter of resignation and give sufficient notice of resignation. GYAA president is required to call PVJSL and MYSA to report all resignations and new volunteers for these two spots. These two spots are NON EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS, but will be able to vote at the election of Executive Board Members.

C. PLAYER MEMBERSHIP

1. GYAA shall accept male and female membership through registration
2. Membership in each sport will require the payment of a registration fee as established by GYAA. Financial hardship cases will be handled by and approved by the GYAA Executive Board.
3. GYAA will follow all the rules of membership through all organizations we are umbrellaed under. Example PVJSL, MYSA, SUBURBAN BASKETBALL and all other leagues that we may play under with GYAA sports programs in the future.

ARTICLE V – MEETINGS

A. EXECUTIVE BOARD

1. Meetings of the Executive Board shall be a set day of the month, which is herein established as the first Tuesday of each month and shall remain as such until changed by the majority vote at a General Board Meeting. Executive Board Meetings will immediately precede or follow General Board Meetings. At an Executive Board Meeting, one half of the Executive Board Members must be present for a quorum.
2. Items to be handled at Executive Board Meetings shall include but not be limited to:
 - Requests or complaints by General Board or Associate Members
 - Member, coach or referee problems
 - Uniform and equipment acquisition requests
 - Changes to or problems with sports programs
 - Determination of special events to be held

B. GENERAL BOARD

1. General Board Meetings will immediately precede or follow Executive Board Meetings as determined by the Executive Board.
2. Items to be discussed at General Board Meetings will include but not be limited to:
 - Items brought before the General Board by the Executive Board
 - Exchange of ongoing program information needed to perform Executive and General Board responsibilities as described in the By-Laws
 - By-Law amendments
3. GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS
 - a. Meetings for all Associate and General Board Members (Article IV) will be held for the following purposes:
 - Election of officers
 - Special hearing of a specific issue or issues as requested by a majority vote of the Executive and/or General Board
 - b. Public notification of these meetings shall be made, as a minimum, at least one week in advance on our website gogatewaysports or in local newspapers. The notice shall detail the time, place and agenda of the meeting.
 - c. Suggested order of business for executive and general board meetings
 1. Roll Call
 2. Reading of minutes or entertain motion to dispense with reading
 3. Vote to accept minutes
 4. Committee Reports
 5. Old business
 6. New business
 7. Adjourn
 - d. The President shall preside over and maintain order at all meetings of GYAA.

- e. Special meetings of the Executive or General Board may be called by the President in an emergency or by membership request in the form of a petition signed by any five members who are either an Associate member or a General Board member.

ARTICLE VI-EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Executive Board will consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Roster Coordinator, Director of Recreational Soccer, Director of Recreational Basketball, Director of Suburban Basketball, and Director of Pioneer Valley Soccer.

ARTICLE VII-EXECUTIVE BOARD

- A. OFFICERS: Elected positions of the Executive Board are the President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Roster Coordinator, and Sports Directors.
 1. PRESIDENT: The president shall be responsible for general administration of GYAA, preside over and maintain order at all meetings of GYAA and enforce due observance of the By-Laws. He/she shall be responsible to ensure that all officers perform their respective duties; make appointments to the various Coordinators and Town Representative positions; and appoint positions and committees not otherwise provided for. President will have final say pertaining to any GYAA matter if the Executive Board cannot come to or reach an agreement on said matter.
 2. VICE PRESIDENT: The Vice President shall perform the duties of the President in his/her absence. In case of the resignation, death, or removal of the President, he/she shall assume that office. Additionally, the Vice President shall be in charge of all publicity, newsletters, meeting and agenda notifications to local newspapers as well as the advertising of vacant positions. The Vice President shall maintain and distribute all detailed job descriptions. The Vice President shall chair any By-Law or Nominating Committee requested by the President.
 3. TREASURER: The Treasurer shall be responsible for collection of all monies due to GYAA and for the payment of authorized expenses as voted by the Executive Board. The Treasurer shall maintain records of all financial activity, present results annually at a General Board Meeting and update the Executive Board at the monthly meetings. He/She will compile budgets and fee recommendations for each sports program; and be responsible for filing yearly GYAA taxes.
 4. SECRETARY: The Secretary shall record all business transactions of GYAA. Duties shall include keeping minutes and attendance of GYAA General and Executive Board Meetings and handle outside correspondence and monthly meeting notification cards. Minutes and upcoming agendas are to be mailed to the members of the Executive Board at least one week prior to the subsequent meeting.
 5. ROSTER COORDINATOR: The Roster Coordinator will be responsible for the distribution and receiving of all GYAA tryout applications; be responsible for putting together team rosters for all GYAA Competitive and Recreational sports programs. Make sure all rules of GYAA tryout applications are followed. Other responsibilities include, collection and

distribution of all rosters of said sport to the respective people in charge of that sport, annual entry in Sports Manager (online application) system, and maintain a copy of said rosters. Roster Coordinator is responsible for the maintenance and updates of the GYAA website(s).

6. SPORTS DIRECTORS: The Sports Director shall be the central person ensuring all the basic elements of the program such as scheduling, equipment, and uniforms are being provided for by the various coordinators. He/she shall:
 - 6.i. Be the liaison between the coaches and the Executive Board and shall represent GYAA at all league meetings.
 - 6.ii. Be responsible for administering the annual election of the coach Representative that is to sit on the General Board from his/her sports program.
 - 6.iii. Secure facility resources needed for each sport (school use).
 - 6.iv. Work with the roster coordinator on player registration, insurance coverage, and fee submission and coordinate with MYSA and other governing entities.
 - 6.v. Be part of tournament committees for their respective sport to represent GYAA and work with volunteer coordinator to promote community involvement.
 - 6.vi. Work with the PVJSL Coordinator and PVJSL to ensure event hosting (playoffs, jamborees, tournaments, etc.).
 - 6.vii. Work with PVJSL Coordinator for registration submission to PVJSL.
 - 6.viii. Because the Sports Director(s) are part of, and elected by the Executive Board, they will be evaluated by the Executive Board after they have completed two of their respective seasons in their sport(s) program.

B. EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Executive Board shall direct the activities of GYAA in a manner consistent with the By-Laws. The actions of the Executive Board shall be binding unless changed by a two-thirds majority vote of the General Board (Article IV). The Executive Board will proceed as follows for Associate Members and General Board Members whose conduct or behavior is not in keeping with the By-Laws;

First offense – Written warning

Second offense – one game suspension

Third offense – Proceed under Article XI

The Executive Board is responsible for the allocation of all funds. Capital expenditures such as the purchase of uniforms/equipment and expenditures for field maintenance are decided by a majority vote of the Executive Board. All funds raised or contributed shall be placed in a common treasury for use as directed by the Executive Board. The Executive Board will review and set registration fees after consideration of the cost of running each sport program. The sports that are to be supervised by GYAA shall be Basketball and Soccer. Other sports may be added by a majority vote of the Executive Board after due consideration and in the best interest of the youth.

ARTICLE VIII-TENURE OF OFFICE

All members of the Executive Board will serve for two years, a year being that interval of time from March 1st through February 28th of the following year. A member of the Executive Board may only serve two terms in a position unless approved by a majority vote of the Executive Board. An Executive Board member shall abstain him/herself from any meeting during a vote on their position.

ARTICLE IX-ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE BOARD

- A. Elections will be held in February based on Nominations by the Nominating Committee or any General Board Member. The Nomination Committee will be appointed annually by the President and chaired by the Vice President for the purpose of finding qualified candidates for both the Executive Board and the Appointed Positions. Successful candidates will assume office on March 1st of that year.
- B. Nominees for office must provide written acceptance of the Nomination before their name will be placed on the ballot.
- C. Election of officers will be staggered. The President and Secretary elections shall be held one-year and the Vice President and Treasurer elections being held in the subsequent year. Partial terms will be used in the case of unexpected vacancies.
- D. All voting will be done by written ballot.
- E. In the event that there are not nominations or acceptances for a particular office, the Executive Board may appoint someone to the vacancy until the next scheduled election.
- F. For each office, the candidate polling the majority of votes of those present will be declared the winner. In the event there is no majority vote on the first election, the two candidates will participate in a run-off election. In the event of a tie, the Executive Board will, by written ballot cast the deciding votes. If a tie still exists, the President will make the final and binding appointment.
- G. No member of the Executive Board shall be eligible to be assigned as a "head coach" of Pioneer Valley Junior Soccer or Suburban Basketball, also referred to the individual team's coach in Article XVII. However an Executive Board member shall be eligible to be assigned as an assistant coach. If for any reason GYAA cannot place a qualified coach then we will ask a board member to coach. THIS APPLIES ONLY IN THE CASE OF AN EMERGENCY (cannot find a qualified coach)
- H. Sports Directors are elected by the other members of the Executive Board by a majority vote. If a tie still exists, the President will make the final and binding appointment.

ARTICLE X-REMOVAL OF EXECUTIVE BOARD

- A. Executive Board Members whose conduct or behavior are such that they are deemed to be detrimental to the By-Laws and/or objectives of GYAA may be removed from office by a majority vote of the Executive Board or a two thirds vote of the General Board(Article IV).
- B. Any Associate or General Board Member may initiate charges of removal against any Executive Board Member of GYAA. The charges of removal must be

submitted in the writing to the Executive Board and must include the signature of the person filing the charges.

Upon receipt of the charges, the Executive Board must initiate appropriate action within 14 days. Appropriate action is defined as any act or acts necessary for the Executive Board to assimilate all pertinent facts concerning the charges. During the same 14-day period, the Executive Board will, in writing, notify the Executive Board Member against whom the removal charges have been filed.

The Executive Board will notify the participants to appear at a hearing pertaining to the matter.

The Executive Board will notify the participants involved of their findings at a special meeting with in the 14-day period following the receipt of a letter from grieving person or persons.

- C. Any officer missing three consecutive meetings will be asked to resign unless he/she has valid reasons. Any Sports Director missing three consecutive meetings during their applicable sports season (Soccer - to and Basketball - to) will be asked to resign unless he/she has valid reasons.

ARTICLE XI- REMOVAL OF COACHES, ASSISTANT COACHES, AND REFEREES

The Executive Board reserves the right to suspend Coaches, Asst. Coaches, and Referees for allegation of any misconduct or behavior posing a risk of any child's welfare. Permanent suspension will require the unanimous vote of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE XII- AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS

- A. Any General Board Member may initiate, in writing, through the Executive Board, action to amend the By-Laws.
- B. The Executive Board will schedule the proposed amendment on the agenda for the next General Board Meeting, or a special meetings as deemed necessary and /or appropriate by the Executive Board.
- C. The proposed amendment will be voted on at the next duly authorized meeting.
- D. It will require a two-thirds vote by the General Board present to ratify the proposed amendment.

ARTICLE XIII- SETTLING DISPUTES

The Executive Board shall have the power to resolve any, or all questions, or disputes not covered under the By-Laws.

ARTICLE XIV- ACCEPTANCE OF GRATUITIES AND SPONSORSHIPS

- A. Coaches, Assistant Coaches and teams shall not be allowed to accept jerseys, shorts, socks, trophies, jackets, or any other gratuities, or participate in independent fundraising without the prior approval of the Executive Board.
- B. Executive Board shall be required to approve all sponsorships. The Executive Board shall set and amend sponsorship prices and teams for each sport and league. Funds from sponsorships shall be placed in the common treasury.

ARTICLE XV- PLAYERS APPAREL

Player's apparel shall be approved by GYAA.

ARTICLE XVI- APPOINTED POSITIONS

A. The President shall appoint the following positions:

1. COORDINATORS

Each Coordinator's primary responsibilities are listed below. It is the responsibility of each Coordinator to make all contacts and communications necessary to fulfill those responsibilities. All Coordinators shall be responsible for developing a list of volunteer jobs and descriptions, which apply to his/her specific area of responsibility, and submitting such list to the Volunteer Coordinator.

2. VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

The primary responsibility of the Volunteer Coordinator is to develop and maintain a description of volunteer jobs, (which shall be obtained from each specific Coordinator), and a list of volunteers for those jobs: and to fill requests for volunteer help by other Coordinators as well as Officers, Sports Directors & Town Representatives.

3. EQUIPMENT COORDINATOR

The primary responsibility of the equipment coordinator is to purchase, distribute, collect and maintain equipment; maintain equipment records and provide estimates of required purchases for upcoming seasons.

4. FACILITIES AND SCHEDULING COORDINATOR

The primary responsibility of this position shall be to coordinate, schedule, and maintain records in relation to the use of school and/or town facilities used by GYAA for its sports program.

5. UNIFORM COORDINATOR

The primary responsibility of the uniform coordinator is to purchase, distribute, collect and maintain uniforms; maintain uniform records and provide estimates of required purchases for upcoming seasons.

6. SPECIAL EVENT COORDINATOR

The primary responsibility of any Special Event Coordinator is to set up and chair a committee for a specific special event. The committee shall coordinate and implement all facets of that event. Special events have included Jamborees, P.V. Playoffs, P.V. Concession Stands, and Summer Sports Camps.

7. FUND RAISER COORDINATOR

The primary responsibilities of the Fund Raiser Coordinator are to review fund raising ideas, submit fund raising suggestions, and implement fund raising activities that support the mission statement of GYAA outlined above. Chair the sponsorship committee.

8. TOWN REPRESENTATIVE

The primary responsibilities of this position are represent the respective town at all General Board Meetings; assist Roster Coordinator with sign-ups, Sports Coordinator in filling coaching positions, Uniform Coordinator in collecting uniforms, and other Coordinators as needed on the town level; present financial hardship cases to the Executive Board and present team/player problems to the Executive Board.

9. DIRECTOR OF SOCCER DEVELOPMENT

The primary responsibilities of this position have been established by MA Youth Soccer and include but are not limited to: Maintain/Record Coach Licensing/Certification Changes, Develop/Oversee Coach and Player development initiatives, disseminate information of new strategies based on the US Soccer Profile of a Coach, create networking opportunities to advance the soccer program. Updates to these responsibilities will be determined by MA Youth Soccer and/or the league President.

B. The president may appoint additional positions as he/she deems necessary.

ARTICLE XVII- COACHES AND ASSISTANT COACHES RESPONSIBILITIES AND GUIDELINES

A. All coaching positions will be assigned each season by the Executive Board. All assistant coaching positions will be appointed by the individual team's coach, with the prior approval of the Executive Board.

B. All Coaches and Assistant Coaches shall be responsible for:

1. Promoting the skills of each sport in a sportsmanship like manner
2. Maintaining control of players at all GYAA functions
3. Making sure all players have playing time
4. Not using abusive language, statements and gestures
5. Disbursing and collecting of uniforms and equipment assigned to his/her team
6. Disbursing GYAA literature and fund raising materials to his/her team. It will also be the coaches' responsibility to collect any monies related to these functions.
7. Confirming that players satisfy their financial obligations and any forms required by the GYAA activities if he/she has not registered, paid the registration fee or completed the medical and facility use waivers.
8. Writing up games and tournaments for his/her team for newspaper articles and submit them to the Vice President for publication. This is at the position of each coach.
9. Coaches- suspending any player whose conduct is detrimental to the best interests of GYAA. Appeals can be brought to the Executive Board.
10. Notifying the Executive Board of any player suspension or disciplinary action taken by the coach or league.
11. Not accepting gratuities as detailed under Article XIV. Coaches or Assistant Coaches in violation will be asked to resign.
12. Not leaving unattended children at the end of a game or practice.
13. Coaches- Choosing a Team Parent for his/her team if so desired.
14. Coaches- Complete the "Coach Sign-up & By-Law Acknowledgment Form." Assistant Coaches- Complete the "Assistant Coach Sign-up & By-Law Acknowledgment Form."
15. Completing his/her own medical and facility use waivers.
16. Attend all coaches meetings. If unable to attend must send the Team Parent or other representative.
17. Coaches- may request parents, guardians or other interested parties who are in violation of Article XX subsections 6, 7 or 8 or whose behavior is

detrimental to the best interests of GYAA to leave the field or gym. Notify Executive Board.

18. Coaches must abide by the rules and regulations of all umbrella organizations affiliated with the GYAA.
 19. Coaches and Parents may not under any circumstance report to PVJSL, Mass youth soccer or any other affiliates umbrelled under our sports programs of Any allegations of unfair play or suspected cheating. This will be brought forward to the GYAA Executive Board and we will handle said allegations.
- C. Any of the above responsibilities of an administrative nature can be delegate to the Team Parent by the Coach. The Coach still maintains primary responsibility for the above.

ARTICLE XVIII- COACH REPRESENTATIVE

- A. The primary responsibility of this position is to represent the coaches from the respective sports program at all General Board Meetings. When voting on matters presented to the General Board, the vote of the Coach Representative should reflect the majority of the coaches of that specific sports program. When the coach representative has advance notice of an upcoming vote, it is his/her responsibility to poll the coaches of his/her sports program prior to the vote and present the results of that polling to the General Board.
- B. The election of the Coach Representative will be administered annually by the applicable Sports Director at a coaches meeting in the beginning of the season of the respective sport.

ARTICLE XX- GUIDELINES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARENTS, GUARDIANS AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES

- A. Provide children with proper equipment; Soccer - shin guard, cleats and soccer shorts; Basketball - sneakers and gym shorts
- B. If the child is unable to attend a practice or game notify the coach or team parent as applicable.
- C. If child is found waiting for a ride after a game or practice, the coach may assess a game suspension. Consequences of a second offense (including removal from GYAA) will be determined by the Executive Board.
- D. Payment of all fees as set by the Executive Board. Financial hardship cases should be brought to the member's Town Representative.
- E. Return all uniforms to the coach or team parent as applicable. Responsible for lost or damaged uniforms.
- F. Refrain from coaching or instructing players. Coaches and Asst. Coaches of the team in play should be the only persons coaching and instructing the players.
- G. Refrain from making any comments or gestures regarding referee decisions.
- H. Not using abusive language, statements and gestures.
- I. Players or parents/guardians of players with concerns regarding a coach's actions, coaching methods, or playing ethics should first approach the coach with their concern. This should be done after a game or practice, not during one. If satisfaction is not achieved or the parent/guardian does not wish to approach the coach, the concern may be taken to the member's Town Representative, or to any member of the Executive Board.

Individuals in violation of items G, H or I above or whose behavior is detrimental to the best interests of GYAA may be asked to leave the field or gym by the coach or any General Board Member. The problem will additionally be dealt with as under Article VII, subsection c, second paragraph.

ARTICLE XXI

GYAA as a body will not support any political causes and/or activities which do not pertain to the purpose and objectives of GYAA.

ARTICLE XXII. Roster Requirements for all sports

- 1) First priority is for all players to be placed on age-appropriate, gender-appropriate teams.
- 2) Age group/brackets will be determined by league to which sport is aligned. For all recreational teams, age groups will be determined by respective program directors and confirmed by majority vote of the executive board.
- 3) Roster maximums must be followed for each team/sport. The roster maximums are as follows:

Players on Field/Court	Maximum Roster
5v5	12
6v6	13
7v7	14
8v8	15
9v9	16
10v10	17
11v11	18

- 4) Tryouts will be held for PVJSL (traveling soccer league) prior to each season. Tryout date to be announced by PVJSL director and announced at least 30 days in advance. Tryouts will be attended and monitored by PVJSL director, Roster Coordinator, and a minimum of two additional licensed coaches. Grading system for players will be determined by PVJSL director and all coaches and members invited to attend will have equal input into the overall grading results. Players that attend the tryout will be given first priority towards roster maximum requirements provided they register prior to the deadline referenced in item #6 below.
- 5) Roster minimums will be determined by league to which sport is aligned. For all recreational teams, minimums will be determined by respective program directors and roster coordinator.
- 6) Registration deadlines will be determined by respective sports director and confirmed by majority vote of the executive board. For all traveling league teams, deadline will be set for 30 days prior to the first game of the season, or as determined by league whichever is earlier. Exceptions (due to extenuating circumstances) to these deadlines will be allowed by a majority vote of the executive board.

Exceptions to any of the above-listed rules will be allowed for any of the following reasons:

- (a) Co-ed teams will be allowed in recreational programs at the discretion of the respective program director.

- (b) Co-ed teams in other programs will be allowed provided:
 - (I) there are not enough registrations to meet roster minimums for gender-specific teams
 - (II) to accommodate additional registered players beyond established roster maximums that will allow for additional teams to be formed provided those teams meet the remainder of the outlined rules.
 - (III) Any such team formed would need approval through majority vote of executive board.
- (c) Players will be allowed to play “up” in age group(s) provided it is necessary to meet roster minimums in the older age bracket and approved by the respective program director and roster coordinator. Player allowed to “play up” will be determined through the additional requirement of the tryout process in PVJSL, or as required by the league to which that sport is aligned.

GATEWAY YOUTH ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
COACH SIGN-UP & BY-LAW ACKNOWLEDGMENT FORM
SEASON OF _____

NAME

ADDRESS

PHONE

SPORT

List previous experience with GYAA or other coaching experience:

Reasons for applying for coaching position:

If granted a coaching position I would appoint _____ as my assistant coach.

If granted a coaching position for GYAA, I accept the responsibilities and guidelines outlined in Article XVII of GATEWAY YOUTH ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION BY-LAWS, which I have read and received a copy of. I understand that failure to follow these responsibilities and guidelines may result in suspension and/or removal from the coaching position.

Signature

Date

GATEWAY YOUTH ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

ASSISTANT COACH BY-LAW ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM
SEASON OF _____

NAME

ADDRESS

PHONE

SPORT

If appointed to a GYAA Assistant Coach position, I accept the responsibilities and guidelines outlined in Article XVII of GATEWAY YOUTH ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION BY-LAWS, which I have read and received a copy of. I understand that failure to follow these responsibilities and guidelines may result in suspension and/or removal from the Assistant Coach position.

Signature

Date

MYSA Coaches Code of Conduct

The Board of Directors of Massachusetts Youth Soccer Association and the leaders of the affiliated leagues are concerned about the conduct of all coaches and referees during games at all levels, from recreational to premier to OOP.

We want to ensure that games are fair, positive and enjoyable experiences for all of the children and adults involved. A soccer game should be friendly and unifying- a spirited social and athletic occasion for players, coaches, referees and spectators.

To clarify expectations of coach conduct, we jointly expect all coaches to conform to this code of conduct.

- Before, during and after the game, be an example of dignity, patience and positive spirit.
- Before a game introduce yourself to the opposing coach and to the referee.
- During the game, you are responsible for the sportsmanship of your players. If one of your players is disrespectful, irresponsible or overly aggressive, take the player out of the game at least long enough for him/her to calm down.
- Encourage them to applaud and cheer for good plays by either team. Discourage them and you may need to be forceful and direct from yelling at players and the referee.
- During the game, you are also responsible for the conduct of spectators rooting for your team.
- During the game, do not address the referee at all. If you have a small issue, discuss it with the referee calmly and patiently after the game.