**Towanda Area Youth Soccer Association Attendance Policy**

Towanda Area Youth Soccer seeks to provide a quality experience for boys and girls age 4 to 15. Our Board and coaches are all volunteers that invest a great deal of time, energy and even their own money to help your children. Soccer is a fun yet competitive TEAM sport and as such requires a commitment from players and parents. With this in mind, we ask that players and parents understand the following:

1) Attendance at practices and games is expected. This is a team sport and dedication by the entire team is necessary.

2) Parent and coach phone numbers (and email addresses, if applicable) will be exchanged and common courtesy is expected. Parents will be notified of game/practice changes due to weather or other issues. Coaches must be notified at least 24 hours (except in case of an emergency) prior to game/practice if the child will be unable to participate or the absence may be considered unexcused.

3) There are many accepted reason for absences: illness, injury, vacations, conclusion of summer activities (ex. baseballall-stars), and any logical circumstances that are beyond the parents’ and the child’s control.

4) Parents should understand that those players that consistently attend and participate in practices and games will earn more playtime.

5) Participation in another activity is fine if the other activity does not conflict or is flexible in working around the soccer schedule. We want to teach children commitment to their team.

6) It can be difficult at times to get a child to and from practice/ games. BUT promptness is very important.

a) Arriving late is an issue because players that are late miss warm ups, which places them at an increased risk of injury. Additionally, late players make it difficult for the coach to effectively carryout the planned practice.

b) At the end of practices and games, coaches often discuss important learning points and convey details such as practice and game dates and times. Leaving early from practice/games therefore is also not acceptable.

c) Children not being picked up timely at the end of practice/games will not be tolerated. Some coaches have multiple teams and waiting for you to pick up your child affects the next team’s practice/game.

Additionally, it is unacceptable to expect our coaches to volunteer more of their time. Therefore, repeated

violations of the above can affect the child’s playing time and result in extra work during practice. A suggestion might be to make arrangements with another family and avoid a potential transportation issue.