**ASA Travel Coaches Commitment**

To be agreed to by all ASA Travel Coaches at the beginning of each season.

In order to reach all the goals set by ASA and guarantee the safety, enjoyment and development of our ASA youth soccer players and teams, the ASA Travel coach has to know his or her responsibilities and recognize and adhere to the following points:

1. I will adhere to all club, league, NYSWYSA, USYSA rules and regulations, the ASA Youth Soccer Plan and Principles of Good Sportsmanship, Code of Conduct and the provisions of this agreement. Violations may result in disciplinary actions and possible dismissal.
2. I will support, cooperate, and assist in the promotion of soccer and good sportsmanship for the benefit of the youth participating. I am aware that my conduct has a definite impact on the youth, the program, and myself. I will conduct myself at all times in a manner that my personal actions or interaction with my team members and parents set the best example possible.
3. The best interest of the players and team come before the coach’s personal interest.
4. I will do my best to assure there is no bullying or hazing among players
5. I recognize that my team is part of a club and not an independent entity within the Amherst Soccer Association.
6. I am aware that it is my responsibility to communicate often and clearly with my players and their parents, assistant coaches, team managers and the Technical Director.
7. I will show respect to all officials and acknowledge that my team is governed by ASA, BWNYYSL and USYSA rules and regulations, and that the proper conduct of my team’s players, parents, family members, fans, coaches and assistants are my responsibility.
8. I will ensure that my team picks up all trash at the practice and game site before departing.
9. I will adhere to the ASA thunder and lightning policy and immediately leave the field and enter cover or cars when thunder is being heard or lightning seen. I will wait at least thirty minutes after the last thunder or lightning until re-entering the field and will follow the directions of the officials.
10. I will abide by ASA’s decision when fields are determined too wet to play. I will not play, scrimmage, practice, or use any field when this decision is made. Additionally, I will use good judgment as to whether play is appropriate or is likely to cause damage to the field if no “official” decision has been made in regard to wet fields.
11. I will use all assigned team indoor practice times. If my team will not use an assigned indoor practice time I will notify the TD as far in advance as possible to give ASA the opportunity to organize another event during that paid-for-indoor-time. No trades or changes to the schedule will be made without notifying the registrar and TD.
12. During practice sessions I will use the plan as laid out by the TD.
13. I will encourage my goalkeepers to attend the ASA goalkeeper training sessions.
14. I will record practice and game attendance
15. I am aware of the potential hazards of soccer goals, and will inspect my practice and game goals prior to and during the season.
16. During each soccer season I will participate in coaching clinics/meetings conducted by the ASA Technical Director
17. I prepare two player evaluations during each soccer year as requested by the coordinators
18. I will adhere to the BWNYJSL and ASA rules regarding playing time.
19. I will adhere to the policy of attending no more than 3 tournaments annually. Permission for attending more tournaments is required from the coordinator.
20. During each practice session and game I will be dressed in appropriate soccer coaching attire, preferably ASA attire.
21. I will uphold ASA’s standards by my actions in my capacity as a representative of ASA. I am aware that failure to maintain these standards could result in disciplinary action or dismissal.
22. I will obtain my risk management pass and keep it up to date. I agree that the safety of the children is most important and will not do anything to put them in an unsafe environment.

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