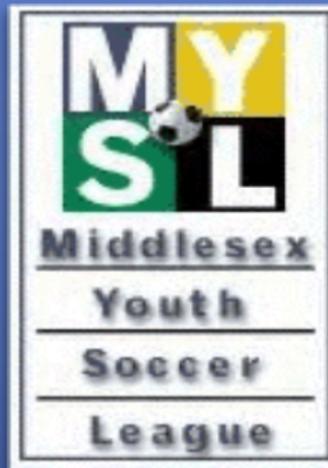




Travel Coaches Meeting

Spring 2022



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Wilmington Youth Soccer Association

Agenda

•Introductions

•Season Overview

- ✓ Practices
- ✓ Coach Sessions
- ✓ Game Day - Rosters, Passcards, Rescheduling, Player Pass, Playing time
- ✓ Referees Update
- ✓ PPE
- ✓ Post Season



Wilmington Youth Soccer Association

**Non-profit Youth Soccer
Organization**

**Led by all
volunteers**

**1,000 kids play
annually/season**

**In-town
Soccer**

**Travel
Soccer**

**Wildcats
FC**

**In-town
Referees**

**Travel
Referee**

**Beyond
TOPS**



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WYSA Organizational Structure



Your Travel Committee

- **Who is responsible for what:**
 - ✓ **Nate Tarin**
 - Chair
 - ✓ **Melissa Fiore**
 - Girls Coordinator, Game Rescheduling
 - ✓ **Brian Mahnken**
 - Boys Coordinator, Player Pass
 - ✓ **Darwin Molina**
 - Travel Refs



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Travel Soccer Structure



3rd Grade (u9) – 12th Grade (u18)

Billerica, Burlington, Charlestown, Chelmsford, Everett, Lowell, Malden, Medford, Melrose, Reading, Somerville, Stoneham, SWOB, Tewksbury, Wakefield, Waltham, Westford

Training as a “grade” 1 night a week (TBG)

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Team training 1 night a week

Volunteer Coaches with ability based team placements

TD & Professional Coaching Clinics, Lesson Plans, and Training

Travel Soccer

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Fields & Severe Weather

- **WYSA and Your Priority is to keep the kids safe**
- **Carry In/ Carry Out Policy** – please spread the word
- **Check WYSA's website and social media pages** for game cancellations or field closures (encourage parents to do the same)
- **When you see lightning or hear thunder seek shelter**
 - Waiting period before returning to the fields is 30 min after lightening
- **On game days and practices, WYSA will make the decision**
 - On practice days the coaches will be responsible for the safety of the team on the field, please use your discretion if fields are open
 - Coaches are CORI checked
 - Parents should plan to pick up their children on the field



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Player & Coach Development

✓ **Chairperson:** TJ Lawrence

✓ **Objective:**

- *To develop age appropriate soccer skills through fun small sided games.*

✓ **How will we be doing that?**

- Technical Director –John Bavota
- Assistant Technical Director- James Payne
- Offer Player Development Programs year round
- Offer Coach Development & Education Programs
- Expanding Parent Education sessions



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WYSA Coach Education Clinic

As a Coach, do you want to improve your understanding of the game and make yourself and the players around you better?! If so, we would like to extend an invitation to join Coach John Bavota and Coach James Payne for a

FREE Coach Education Clinic

being held at the Shawsheen Elementary School Fields/Yentile Farms

Saturday, March 26th

In-town Coach Education Clinic - 1:00pm

Travel Coach Education Clinic - 2:30pm

Tentative Rain/Field Conditions date TBD

Clinic Focus:

- **Coach and Player Expectations** - Practice Set-up and Flow
- **Coaching Cues** - Curriculum Overview

Register now on SportsPilot:

Link <http://reg.sportspilot.com/100011/leagues>

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Coaching Development

- **Train By Grade:**

- TBG - 3rd Grade on Wednesday and 4th Grade on Thursday
 - TD will email weekly session plan, as well as, provide Coach Education Clinic (4:45pm-5:00pm ay Shawsheen) to go over session plan activities
- Provide links to Coach Education Resources - Mass Youth Soccer, United Soccer Coaches, yougotmojo(APP), plus more
- Soccer Equipment available at clubhouse

- **Youth Soccer Coach Education:**

- Foundations of Coaching(Online) and Grassroots Courses
- Reimburse for completed course work
- Coach Mentor Program



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Referee Status:

- 169 Saturday games on the schedule – not enough referees to cover them
- Continue to lose referees– ***Abuse is the primary driver***
- MYSL continues to figure out how to keep our refs
- ***Coaches shouting from the sideline needs to stop!***
- ***Parents abuse from the sideline needs to Stop!***
Coaches it's your job to stop this- if referee ask you to go talk to your parents, do so.
- Otherwise:
 - Asked, warned (yellow) and dismissed (red card) to the coach, not the parents.
Head Coach gets dismissed

New Law Changes will be difficult for everyone

- Handball- New changes intended to simplify the process. Most referees will struggle, do not argue the call or no calls. Remind parents about it!!



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Referee Population Update

Ref Type	City	2021	2022
+ New		66	50
+ Recert		62	21
- Experienced	Billerica	4	2
	Burlington		4
	Chelmsford	2	
	Everett	2	1
	Lowell	3	4
	Malden	7	2
	Medford	4	4
	Melrose	3	1
	Reading	1	3
	Saugus		1
	Somerville	4	4
	Stoneham	5	7
	Tewksbury	3	
	Waltham	2	3
	Westford	8	6
	Wilmington	6	11
Experienced Total		54	53
Grand Total		182	124

Referee Status:

-Still waiting on full recertification update but currently sitting at 124 for Middlesex.

-Anticipate this number to be closer to 200 by start of the season

Referee Breakdown:

- 0-1 years experience: Almost 40%

- 2-4 years experience: 15%

45% of Experienced are active are older folks, who do other leagues

- 4 out of the 11 in Wilmington rarely referee for MYSL. Others are former board member/coaches who have stepped



City	2021	2022
+ Billerica	20	4
+ Burlington	4	8
+ Charlestown	1	1
+ Chelmsford	23	10
+ Everett	2	2
+ Lowell	6	6
+ Malden	11	7
+ Medford	8	4
+ Melrose	9	5
+ Reading	11	6
+ Saugus		1
+ Somerville	7	7
+ Stoneham	14	13
+ Tewksbury	14	7
+ Waltham	12	8
+ Westford	21	20
+ Wilmington	19	15
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	Burlington		3
	Charlestown		1
	Chelmsford	13	9
	Everett		1
	Lowell	2	1
	Malden	1	4
	Medford	2	
	Melrose	3	4
	Reading	5	3
	Somerville	2	1
	Stoneham	4	2
	Tewksbury	7	3
	Waltham	5	2
	Westford	5	11
	Wilmington	9	4
New Total		66	50

Breakdown by Town:

- WYSA has most experienced crew
- 11 of 20 in Westford are brand new





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Law 12 – Fouls and Misconduct

Handball

Revised wording for 2021/22

- ▶ Not every 'handball' is an offence
- ▶ The simpler wording reflects football's desire for match officials to use their judgment in determining the 'validity' of the hand/arm position in relation to what the player is doing in that particular situation.
- ▶ Wording focusses on three main categories of offence:
 - deliberate handball
 - non-deliberate handball – unnatural position of hand/arm
 - non-deliberate handball – scoring a goal immediately after accidental handball by the scorer
- ▶ Accidental handball by a team-mate immediately before a goal is scored or which creates a goal-scoring opportunity are no longer offences.



Law 12 – Fouls and Misconduct

Handball

New text

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Existing text

1. Direct free kick - Handling the Ball

Not every touch of a player's hand/arm with the ball is an offence.

It is an offence if a player:

- *deliberately touches the ball with their hand/arm, for example moving the hand/arm towards the ball*
 - *touches the ball with their hand/arm when it has made their body unnaturally bigger. A player is considered to have made their body unnaturally bigger when the position of their hand/arm is not a consequence of, or justifiable by, the player's body movement for that specific situation. By having their hand/arm in such a position, the player takes a risk of their hand/arm being hit by the ball and being penalised*
 - *scores in the opponents' goal:*
 - *directly from their hand/arm, even if accidental, including by the goalkeeper*
 - *immediately after the ball has touched their ~~or a team-mate's~~ hand/arm, even if accidental*
- ~~○ creates a goal-scoring opportunity~~



Circumventing the Law

The offence of using a 'trick' to circumvent the Law that prevents the goalkeeper from handling a deliberate kick from a team-mate will now apply at goal kicks. The goalkeeper is cautioned if responsible for initiating the 'trick'.

2. Indirect free kick

An indirect free kick is awarded if a player:

- (...)
- initiates a deliberate trick for the ball to be passed (including from a free kick or goal kick) to the goalkeeper with the head, chest, knee etc. to circumvent the Law, whether or not the goalkeeper touches the ball with the hands; the goalkeeper is penalised if responsible for initiating the deliberate trick





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- Drop balls are uncontested
- If it hits the referee, and changes possession, drop ball to the team that last had it
- If it hits the referee but no change in possession...play on





If the goalkeeper attempts to clear the ball but their **clearance is unsuccessful**, they can now **handle the ball** without committing an offence.



- Goalie misplays the ball, can pick it up and play it again as long as it's not deliberate
- Used to be IDFK



Zero Tolerance

A ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY TOWARDS VIOLATIONS OF WYSA INTENT IS EXPECTED AT EVERY FUNCTION THAT IS SPONSORED BY WILMINGTON YOUTH SOCCER. To clarify expectations of conduct, we jointly expect all coaches, players, and member families 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, coaches introduce yourself to the opposing coaches and players.
- During the game, coaches 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.
- During the game, coaches are responsible for the conduct of the parents of your players. Family members are expected to respect supporters of an opposing team. Do not allow them to engage in any conversation that is derogatory or insulting. Explain acceptable player and parent behavior in a preseason meeting.
- Applaud and cheer for good plays by either team. Yelling at opposing players and the referee by member families or WYSA supporters will not be tolerated at any time
- Coaches, if you have an issue with the referee discuss it with him/her calmly and patiently after the game. Yelling at a referee will not be tolerated at any time.
- If you have a major complaint, or if you think the referee was unfair, biased, unfit or incompetent, report your opinion to your League. Your reactions will be taken seriously if they are presented objectively and formally.
- After the game, thank the referee and ask your players to do the same. Member families are encouraged to congratulate both teams on a game well played.

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Postseason 2022

- U12, U14, U16 Divisions 1 & 2
 - MTOC qualifiers for qualifying teams, weekend of June 17th
 - MTOC, weekend of June 24th
- U12 and U14, Divisions 3 – 5
 - Commissioner's Cup, weekend of June 18th

All events will be held at Mass Youth Soccer in Lancaster



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