



BAYS Coaches Guide

This document is intended for Needham BAYS Head and Assistant Coaches as a guide to procedures, policies and best practices for teams playing in the BAYS League



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Pre Season Check List

The BAYS Site makes final placement about 3 weeks before the season –
Currently listed for Spring 2019. <https://bays.org/bays/organizations/view/NEE>

BAYS Management

BAYS will assign a Division Director to look over several sections. The Division Director will look for Section Captains.

Section Captain is an easy job. 95% of the work is just to input weekly scores on the BAYS website. Volunteer if you'd like, reaching out to your Division Director, or consider accepting if asked. Head or Assistant Coaches are eligible. <https://bays.org/content/section-captain-instructions>

Any real section related issues bring to the Division Director.



Play the Schedule!

BAYS is big on playing the schedule as posted. Postponing games for anything other than field closure is highly discouraged and could result in a forfeit.

Share the full schedule with your team preseason. Find out if you have any conflicts (vacation, religious holidays, tournaments) and proactively prepone a game if necessary.

Seasonal Dates / Events to be aware of:

Fall Columbus Tournaments, Spring Memorial Tournaments, April School Vacation. 8th Grade School Trips, Easter Weekend, fall Jewish Holidays, Graduations, and Bat/Bar Mitzvahs. These are all known conflicts that players and teams have and coaches should be aware of in plenty of time to work on preponing specific games. Communication with your families at the beginning of the season will help lessen any issues.



Player Pass Cards

For MTOC (Mass Tournament of Champions) eligible teams, (Div. 1 and 2, Grades 6-12), you will need to have Player Pass Cards.

All players must have ID picture loaded in GotSoccer. (face only, no hats, glasses, or other people).

NSC will create cards and provide them to Coaches.

During Spring games, Ref will check Pass Cards against the Official Roster and player before each game.

Best Practice: Show the team the cards at a practice, but you should keep them in your possession. In some cases Ref will hold cards during the game.



Weekly Game Best Practice Process

1. Confirm on BAYS site your game time and field.
2. If home, wait until mid week in case field changes, but then reach out to opponent.
3. Confirm with the opponent the logistics, any parking issues, and remind them of the no Dog rule in Needham and no food rule on the turf.
4. Remind Coach Needham Soccer Club take Zero Tolerance very seriously.
5. If away, reach out to opponent if they have not done so by mid week. Confirm details of the game.
6. Share any necessary details with your parents.
7. Post game – report score to Section Captain.



Rescheduling a Game (Prepone or Weather related)

BAYS and NSC do not want rescheduled games if possible. But if unavoidable, or weather related, you as coach take the initiative to find a new date and time.

Known reschedules should always be Preponed (Play before scheduled date).

If you are home, then get 3 dates from NSC Field scheduler, and offer to opponent.

Once a date and time is confirmed, inform Mark Miskin at (BAYSrefassignor@needhamsoccerclub.com). Mark will assign a ref, and change the BAYS schedule to the new date/time and field.

If a home games gets moved/postponed/cancelled for any reason (or opponent last second cancels) etc...Inform Mark Miskin to cancel Referee first then Eric regarding the field.

Failure to inform means a ref still shows, a field unused, NSC paying the ref and a fine from BAYS.



Good Sportsmanship

BAYS is also very concerned about lopsided scores. Scores with more than a 5 goal differential create an automatic alert to BAYS and Club Presidents.

<https://bays.org/content/lopsided-score-management-0>

This can happen as a coach...but do not be a repeat offender.

Zero Tolerance

NSC expects all Coaches to conduct themselves as professional and respectful as possible to all referees, opposing players, coaches, and fans, as well as to your players and fans.

<https://bays.org/content/zero-tolerance-policy>

As a Coach, you are responsible for the behavior of yourself, your other coaches, your players, and your parents.



Zero Tolerance (cont.)

Rules for all:

Coaches and Assistants Coaches - No yelling, complaining or jesters to the Referee, linesmen (AR's), opposing players, coaches or fans.

Players are also expected to follow Zero Tolerance - If you have a player in question, you are responsible for controlling them. Pull them from the game.

And Parents/Fans Too - If you have a Fan/Parent in question, address it early, be proactive. No child wants their team hurt or their playing time limited due to actions of the parent sideline.

In All cases, come to the NSC Board if you need help addressing either situation.



Zero Tolerance (cont.)

If incident occurs during a game that you know was a Zero Tolerance Violation, or feel it might have been, please let us know. Whether you or those associated with your team is the guilty party, or you were victim of something, or you witnessed something. Reach out to the NSC BAYS Dir., or the Boys or Girls Dir. Or Club President or VP. ([Board Members](#))

We want to be ahead of the situation, and do not want to be caught off guard. NSC is notified of any Zero Tolerance situation that involves one of our teams.

Be aware, BAYS is starting to see some unacceptable Player to Player inappropriate language situations rise up. NSC does not want our players ever engaging in that.

You are an adult. Please act like one, lead by example, and generally all will be good.

Any in game concerns, other than immediate safety of a player, do not take any action during the game. On the BAYS site, there is a postgame space for a concern to be submitted.

<https://bays.org/mybays/coach/gamefeedback>



In Season Swaps

Sometimes teams are misplaced, and competitive games are not possible. There can be in-season swaps, either up or down, for teams in extreme cases.

If your team appears to be dramatically too high or too low, please let [Charlie Hurwitch](#), our BAYS Rep., know as well as your Division Director. Around mid season, BAYS will look at moving teams in extreme situations.

Please note, Spring Div. 1 and 2 teams rarely move due to MTOC. Hopefully the previous fall season allowed BAYS to correctly place you in the spring.



Presidents Cup

Presidents Cup is an In-Season optional spring tournament for some non MTOC eligible teams BAYS teams . \$25 fee, with games scheduled during the season across sections. Grades 5 Div 1,2, and 3. Grade 6– 8 Division 3.

<https://bays.org/content/presidents-cup-info>

Have a great season, and please reach out with any questions or help needed.

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