



LEVITTOWN SOCCER CLUB (LSC) TRAVEL PROGRAM RULES AND REGULATIONS

Objective:

The LSC Travel Program is focused toward fielding a team comprised of the best players possible in each age category recognized by LIJSL and ENYYSA. The club recognizes that the LIJSL has many skill divisions and encourages as many teams in each age group to participate. In each of these skilled divisions, the objective is to compete successfully and to advance to the more skilled division.

Age Groups Birthdates:

Age groups begin on August 1, and go through July 31 on the following year. Any player, who wishes to play “up” beyond their age group, must apply in writing to the travel director no later than May 10 for the new U-10 travel teams and June 1 for all other age groups. The Board will review each letter and make a determination regarding the player’s application to try out an age group up. All registered players must show official proof of their birthdates to register with LIJSL.

If a team is not being fielded in the player’s appropriate age group, a player will receive permission to tryout for the age group above. Players will not be allowed to tryout for any team that is a 2-year age group difference. This rule will not apply to teams formed in the U17-19 age group category.

Uniforms:

All players in LSC shall wear the approved uniform during state and league competition. All team apparel will be selected from an approved list, obtainable from the Equipment Director. All apparel will be selected according to the club colors.

Selection of a New Travel Head Coach:

Each year, the LSC will select head coaches for new travel teams based upon a properly completed resume, which is submitted to the Travel Director by May 15th, and an in-person interview with the selection committee. Verbal requests or incomplete resumes will not be considered.

In the event that (2) or more coaches apply for a team, a committee will be formed to conduct the interview of each applicant before making final selections. The committee will submit the name of the coach to the LSC President and/or Board of Directors for final approval. The committee will be formed by the Travel Director, as the chairperson,

and other LSC members. A neutral person could be asked to serve on the committee to aid in the selection. The committee will consist of no more than 5 persons.

All travel head coaches, selected to coach a team, must have or obtain a NSCAA 'C' License within a 1 year period from their selection as a Travel coach. When selecting coaches, soccer coaching licenses or certificates will influence the decision making process.

No Travel Coach or Adult Supervisor, who has a LIJSL Adult Supervisor pass, shall be paid by the team which they are coaching to train or perform any other function.

The travel coach position for LSC established teams will be reviewed every 2 years. An established coach will not have to reapply for his/her team unless there is a challenge for the coaching position. The selection committee will meet to interview and/or select from the candidates, the travel coach for that age group.

Coaches will recognize that they are role models for the players and shall portray themselves, accordingly. The behavior and demeanor of any coach may be a subject of discipline and/or action at the discretion of the LSC Board of Directors.

Fines & Game Misconduct:

Coaches are responsible for the actions of the players on the field and the parents on the sidelines. Any infractions can be subjected to the rules established by the club or ENYYSA and LIJSL. All fines assessed to the LSC by ENYYSA or LIJSL is to be paid by the coach or team within the time frame set the LSC Board. Fines include forfeits, red cards, failure to report scores, forfeited bonds, etc. Failure to pay an assessed fine will prevent the team or player from being registered for the next season.

Should a coach or player receive a red card during the game, you must notify the LSC Travel Director within 24 hours. Coaches are responsible to attend the LIJSL Arbitration hearing, if requested and will be subjected to the fines and/or suspension as per the LIJSL rules. A coach may be subject to further disciplinary action by the LSC Board.

Meetings:

The head coach or a representative of a team must attend all LSC Travel meetings and the required seasonal LIJSL meetings. If a league fine is assessed to the club for a team not attending a required LIJSL functions, the fine will be paid for by the team. There will be a club fine of \$50.00 for missing a LSC Travel meeting. The club fine will be taken from the travel matching funds for the team.

Removal of a Travel Coach:

LSC Board of Directors is the only entity that can remove a Travel Coach from a team. Grounds for removal of a Travel Coach include and not limited to:

- *any type of inappropriate physical contact with a team member, whether in anger or otherwise
- *Fraud or intentional misuse or misappropriation of team funds.
- *Being convicted of any felony
- *Intentional misrepresentation of credentials, such as licensing, coaching experience or other key factors.

In addition to above, the following conduct or situations may, at the discretion of the LSC Board of Directors, may be reviewed for possible termination:

- *Inappropriate or abusive verbal conduct directed at a team member or parent
- *Inappropriate or abusive behavior towards a visiting team sideline or individual parent.
- *Use of alcoholic beverages and drugs at a practice, game, scrimmage, and tournament.

All matters brought to the LSC board, about a coach or team parent, will be reviewed and the decision of the board about discipline will not be reversible. A coach or any individual who is associated with the club can have a disciplinary record filed against them, for up to 2 years. Any other investigated incident within the 2-year period will be punishable by removal of said individual by the club.

Scheduled Age Group Tryouts:

Age Group Tryouts shall be posted on the LSC web site (www.levittownsoccerclub.org) during the club spring registration period. Each player, who registers prior to the tryout, will receive either written or oral communication about the tryout dates. All players must be registered with the club prior to participating in a tryout. Players can complete the registration process at the age group tryout. Parents must read and sign the LSC Parents Code of Ethics prior to the tryout.

In the event that a player could not attend the tryout and had a legitimate reason (i.e. sickness, religion, injury, etc) the coach may receive permission, from the Travel Director, to conduct an individual tryout

U10 Age Group Travel Tryouts:

The U-10 Travel Tryouts will be conducted by an outside training organization and will provide ratings for players over a 2-day period. The 'A' team coach will be provided with the top 18 rated players for their team selection. The coach will select his/her team from this list and the players not selected will be added to the list for the 'B' team selection. The 'B' coach will select their team from the provided rating list of players, which

includes the players not selected for the 'A' team. All players not selected for a U-10 travel team will have the opportunity to return the intramural program if properly registered. Any player not interested in returning to the intramural program can request a refund.

Any U-10 player who is selected but not interested in playing for a specific travel team after his/her selection must notify the coach immediately of their intentions. Any player who is selected by a specific team and is not interested in playing for that team, he/she forfeits the right to be considered for the another team within the age group teams until all players from the entire age group have rendered their team selection decision.

If a U-9 player has requested permission for a tryout in the U10 age travel division , he/she must rated in the top 8 players for the 'A' team only, to qualify to play on that team. If not rated in this category, the player will go back to their own age group.

The number of travel teams in the U-10 age group will be based upon the number of players who tried out for the travel team age group and the availability of qualified coaches. Ratings of lower ranked players will also determine if a team can be fielded.

U11-U14 Age Group Travel Tryouts:

The U-11 thru U14 Travel Tryouts will be conducted by the present team coaches and will be a combined tryout. The combined tryout will take place at the same time and location. The selection process will be scheduled over a 2 day period, if necessary, and players can be separated on the second day of tryouts if the 'A' team coach knows that a player or players will not be selected for that team.

The same team selection format will hold for all teams in this age group. Any player who is selected but not interested in playing for a specific travel team after his/her selection must notify the coach immediately of their intentions and he/she forfeits the right to be considered for the another team within the age group teams until all players from the entire age group have rendered their team selection decision. Any outside player who registers for the club for the 1st time must be seen by the 'A' team coach before being selected by the 'B' or 'C' team in the age group.

U15 and Above Age Group Travel Tryouts:

For Travel teams U15 & above, coaches can hold separate tryouts for the 'A' and 'B' teams for interested players. The tryout date and location for an age group with two or more teams will be the same so players can decide which team to compete for. Any player who tries out for the 'A' team and is not selected, must be considered for the 'B' team. Any outside player who registers for the club for the 1st time must be seen by the 'A' team coach before being selected by the 'B' team in the group.

Team Rosters:

Team rosters and associated forms are the responsibility of the head coach. All forms must be filled out correctly and player/coaches passes must have the picture attached and signed. When the team is registered in LIJSL, players are registered for a full season and cannot be released from the team unless the player and a parent request a release. Releases must be given in written form and there will be no full refunds of the travel registration fee after a team is registered. If there is a refund issued, the team uniform costs will be deducted from the refunded fee.

Player/Adult Supervisor Passes:

Passes are property of the LIJSL. At the end of each playing season, the player and adult supervisor passes must be returned to the Travel Director/Club LIJSL Registrar. Coaches are required to obtain the ENYYSA Risk Management authorization before an adult supervisor pass will be issued. The Risk Management authorization will be good for a 2-year period. A fee must be paid to obtain this authorization.

Practices:

Coaches should take into consideration the age of their players when planning the number of practices a week and the length of the practice sessions. Coaches will allow time off in the summer when teams are fielded for the full year. Weather conditions should be taken into consideration during practices and players/coaches must leave the field immediately whenever lightning or thunder is present in the area. No team player is to be left at the field unattended following a practice or game. Coaches or an adult team supervisor are required to attend all practices, including a practice under the direction of a trainer.

Playing Time:

For LSC travel teams, each player shall be entitled to 30% playing time for 'A' teams and 50% playing time for all other teams over the course of the season in divisional and tournament competitions. State and League Competition Cups will be at the discretion of the coach. A coach may request a waiver from this requirement, from the travel director, based upon disciplinary problems or poor attendance at practices.

Guest Players:

A player within the Levittown Soccer Club may not play for another team within LSC without permission of the player, parent(s), current coach, and guest coach. This rule applies to all tournaments and league games, whether sanctioned by LIJSL or not. For guest players obtained outside the LSC club, the coach must follow established guidelines of the LIJSL.

Game Protests:

Any coach wishing to protest a game must contact the Travel Director and follow the LIJSL League, State Cup and Challenge Cup protest rules. All protests are submitted with the appropriate fee, which is paid for by the team within the time frame of 48 hours, and the team must submit the proper forms.

Player Transfers:

LIJSL has established guidelines for rostered player transfers from one club to another club during the seasonal year. Within the LSC Travel program, player transfer from one team to another team within the club during a seasonal year will follow the same waiting period guidelines established by the LIJSL. The waiting period for player transfers is 30 days from the day the LSC Board is notified in writing for internal transfers. The LSC Board reserves the right to “waive” this policy based upon the individual circumstances.

Injuries:

All coaches must notify the Travel Director or Club President immediately when a player is injured during a game or practice. An injury report form must be filed with the Travel Director within 72 hours of the injury date. Forms are available at the www.lijsoccer.com website. The Travel Director will submit the forms to the league for secondary insurance for the player.

Team Finances:

The LSC Treasurer will request that each travel team establish a team account at a bank selected by the club. Every travel team will be required to keep a log of all expenditures and collections. The board will require a copy of the account to be maintained and submitted to the club Treasurer, if requested. Coaches shall make a good faith effort to inform the parents of players before tryouts what the anticipated team costs are to be for the year, including, team training fees, tournament fees, team equipment and uniforms (bags, training suits, etc). The LSC Treasurer will request that each team establish a team account at a bank selected by the club.

Team Trainers:

The LSC Board of Directors must be notified of any paid trainer prior to holding a training session for the seasonal year. A trainer must obtain a LIJSL Trainer’s Pass to be on the coaching sideline for any league game or competition. Trainers must show proof of liability insurance and must submit a copy to the LSC Travel Director for the seasonal year. The head coach must maintain a copy for his/her files.

Team Training or Tournament Reimbursements:

The club has established a matching fee program for training for the U10 through the U14 age divisions. The board of directors will allocate an amount of money to be matched for a qualified trainer or training group. This does include payment to a goalie trainer. The trainer and training group must be recognized by the club to receive the reimbursement. (Holds Approved Liability Insurance) The reimbursement amount is established by the LSC Board for each seasonal year.

U-15 and above Travel teams can use the matching funds to attend sanctioned tournaments during the seasonal year. The club will match the entrance fees for the sanctioned tournaments.

Fundraising:

All travel teams are permitted to fundraise during the seasonal year after notifying and completing club fundraising request forms. The team must submit a fundraising request to the Board of Directors for approval prior to the fundraising event. The money raised may be used for tournaments fees, player equipment, training fees and team supplies. The team will inform the club Treasurer of the monies collected after the fundraising event.

If a player leaves the team, the money in the account stays with the team. It is understood that the money is the team's fund not the individual player. The head coach will seek team approval for all major purchases. (Major Expenses > \$100.00) If a team disbands, all monies still in the account revert back to the LSC General Fund.

LSC Travel Program Rules and Regulations

The program rules and regulations will be reviewed by the board on an annual basis and changes will be highlighted. The board has the right to adjust the rules and regulations as needed to maintain a competitive program in LIJSL and ENYYSA.

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