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Responsibilities of a Recreational Soccer Coach

One of the most important responsibilities NFWASA and each coach have is to maintain the integrity and spirit of recreational soccer. There are currently three avenues for youth to pursue their soccer interests – Recreational, Academy and Select (Club). Recreational soccer is available for ages U4 through U19, Academy is available for ages U7 through U10 and Select is offered for U11 through U19.

Youth can play both recreational and academy at the same time, noting that the recreational team takes precedence, but CANNOT play on both a recreational and select team. As NFWASA is strictly an outdoor recreational program, information is provided herein specific to what this entails for the coaches and players, these rules also apply to parents and any other team members. Additional information can be found in the NFWASA and NTSSA by laws, chapters 3 and 4 for Academy and Select participation. These guidelines are specific to outdoor play and do not apply to indoor teams.

Recreational Guidelines:

1. Coaches are highly encouraged to review the Code of Ethics in chapter 11 of the NTSSA by laws.
2. Every player on the team roster is and must be afforded equal opportunities.
3. At no time is a coach, parent or anyone affiliated with the team to discourage a player from participating in any outdoor activities.
4. Every player on the team roster is invited to all team activities including practices, games and tournaments and is never to be excluded unless it is by their own request.
5. Every player on the roster must play at least 50% of every game, league and tournament, unless otherwise dictated for disciplinary actions per the by laws. In the instance of disciplinary actions, the by laws are very specific to the guidelines.
6. Coaches returning from a previous season are to contact all players on the roster when communicating information related to an upcoming registration or other NFWASA and NTSSA soccer activities related to a new season.
7. At no time is a coach to discourage any player from participating in any team related activities, especially for reasons such as playing skill or ability as well as race, creed, language (English, Spanish), etc. This includes all practices, exhibition games, league games and tournament play.
8. A guest player for tournament play can only be utilized by permission from the coach to which the player is rostered and only if the rostered team is not participating in a tournament on the same weekend.
9. If a coach forms an indoor team, it is not required for the coach to use all players on the outdoor roster, indoor rules are completely separate from those associated with outdoor recreational play.