

Gates Metros Travel Coach Selection Criteria

Each year, the Travel Coordinator solicits interest and application forms from potential coaches. The Travel Coordinator then presents the candidate(s) to the GYSL Board of Directors for approval. The GYSL wishes to offer the Gates community and potential coaches a sense of the criteria by which applications will be reviewed. This document outlines those criteria.

The Gates Youth Soccer League recognizes that the criteria listed below are somewhat subjective. As a general statement, the GYSL believes that prospective coaches should be judged on good character, ability to motivate players and make soccer fun, licensing and other training, teaching ability, experience, knowledge, demonstrated success in supporting the goals of GYSL or other sporting programs with similar values, organizational skills and commitment. We also want to encourage parents and other adults who might be reluctant to participate in the program to do so and thereby improve their own coaching skills. We point out that different members of the GYSL Board of Directors may value the various criteria to different degrees. Also, criteria are likely to be weighted differently for different age groups and levels of play. Ultimately, the choice of coaches represents the cumulative judgment of the Gates Youth Soccer League Board of Directors, as set forth in a democratic process.

Beyond these general points, specific criteria to be evaluated are as follows:

- Demonstrated commitment to improving coaching skills, as represented by completion of licensing courses and attendance at coaches clinics.
- Feedback from knowledgeable observers (other coaches, referees, GYSL Board members) during practice and game conditions.
- Feedback from parents and players.
- Participation in other coaching experience.
- Commitment to attending practices and games for the vast majority of the season.
- Demonstrated respect for the dignity and feelings of the players (including, but not limited to, ensuring that each player receives a fair share of playing time over the course of the season.)
- Demonstrated adherence to the rules of the game and the spirit of fair play.
- Demonstrated respect for the authority of the referee.
- Demonstrated ability to meet the administrative requirements of GYSL and RDYSL (e.g., rosters, pass cards, score reporting).
- A commitment to meet a higher level of expectation with regard to player training
- A commitment to participation in no more than 5 tournaments in each season.
- An ability to deal with the competitive pressures of parents, players, and coaches, both on the team being coached and those of opposing teams.

Finally, to be chosen as a coach:

- The child of the coach should be of a skill level within range of the skill ability of the division of play of the given team.
- The individual must pass the NYS Risk Management background check.

**Gates Youth Soccer League
Gates Metros Travel Team Coach Application**

Name _____

Phone (home) _____

Address _____

(work / cell) _____

City _____ Zip _____

E-mail (required) _____

Level Requested (check choices)

Boys Girls

U9 U10 U11 U12 U13 U14 U15 U16 U17 U19

Are you willing to coach at another level? Yes No

Coaching Philosophy

The Gates Metros travel program strives to provide a more competitive playing environment than the house league but still stresses sportsmanship, learning skills, self-esteem, teamwork, and enjoyment of the game. While the effort to win is an important part of the game, an emphasis also is placed on the development of the physical and psychological needs of our youth. Since coaches have a tremendous influence with the players, they should be positive role models and provide opportunities to **all** players in both practice **and** game situations.

Do you understand and agree with this philosophy? Yes No

Comments:

Experience

List your coaching experience (please be specific regarding age/level, travel/house, boys/girls)

List other soccer experience such as team play, administration, etc.:

Education/Training

What license(s) and/or certificate(s) do you hold? (copies may be required)

What clinics have you attended?

Are you willing to attend further clinics? Yes No

References

Please list some references (i.e. parents with players who have been part of previous teams, fellow coaches).

Name	Phone Number	Email
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

I have read and will abide by the Metros Travel Coach Criteria. I understand I will need to pass the NYSWYSA background check before being considered for coaching.

Signed _____ Date _____