



# Northwestern Soccer

## Coach Selection Policy

<http://www.nyaatigers.org/soccer>

To promote fairness and equality for players across all Northwestern Soccer programs, the Soccer Director and Program Coordinator may accept or decline a volunteer offering to coach or assistant coach, prior to or during the season, per criteria in this policy.

Criteria for accepting or declining a coaching volunteer shall be based on:

- **Needs of the Northwestern Soccer Program** - The number of coaches will be based on the number of players in a given age group and program, with teams sized to ensure an appropriate amount of playing time for the players. No team shall have more than a combination of three (3) coaches and assistant coaches.
- **Player Requests** - In the Recreation and In-House programs, parents may request specific coaches when registering. These requests are given high priority when assigning teams, and will likewise be considered when assigning coaches.
- **History** - Consideration will be given to the coach's experience, including but not limited to adherence to the Coach's Code of Conduct, promotion of the NYAA Code of Conduct, feedback on coaching evaluations, and any negative incidents within Northwestern Soccer, with a referee, another team, or league play.
- **Licensing** - It is highly recommended that all coaches be licensed. Travel coaches must be licensed according to the league their team is participating in. Northwestern Soccer will reimburse any active coach or assistant coach that passes a recognized licensing course and submits a reimbursement form.

Prior to the start of each season, coaches shall review **ALL** of Northwestern Soccer's policies which are posted on the programs website. Any actions in direct violation of any of the program policies may result in suspension from games or banning from all Northwestern Soccer Program activities as determined by the Program and Soccer Directors.