

TRAVEL COACH'S GUIDE

The following is a guideline for you to use for your travel games. You need to be familiar with the Laws of Soccer as outlined in FIFA's *Laws of the Game*. You are also expected to be thoroughly familiar with the rules and procedures as set by PA West and MASA, which are covered in this guideline.

1. BEFORE GAME TIME

a. You should show up at the field at least **30 minutes** prior to the scheduled game time. You need to make sure the goals are in position with nets, and that the corner flags are installed. Also, the field should be lined so the referees and players can easily see all lines.

b. If you are home, we are required to provide a three-person referee team. We can not use a 2-man system. If you are short a referee, have one of the referees call the referee coordinator or use a club linesman.

c. You need to provide the following to the referee prior to the game:

1. **Original stickered roster**, (not a copy).

2. **Player passes** for all players who are present and passes for up to **three** coaches/managers.

Players arriving late should present their passes to the referee/assistant before they may enter the game.

3. **Two** properly completed lineup cards.

4. **Two** properly inflated soccer balls (if you are the home team).

No game will be played without presentation of the above items. No one plays or coaches without a valid pass.

e. Brief your players and their parents about uniforms and equipment, and before each game, check your players' equipment. Screw-in type cleats are allowed. Just make sure they are all there and secured tightly. **No jewelry is allowed**, including earring studs. A strap must secure eyeglasses. All players must be attired in matching uniforms. All shirts must have a number. In case of color clash, HOME TEAM will change. Goalkeepers must have different color shirts than both teams. Please make sure your players bring both color jerseys to each game.

2. GAME TIME

a. Game duration, numbers of players, and ball size:

<u>Age Group</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>/ #of Players</u>	<u>Ball Size</u>
U-10	Two 25-min halves	/7 players	#4
U-11	Two 30-min halves	/9	#4
U-12	Two 30-min halves	/11	#4
U-13,U-14	Two 35-min halves	/11	#5
U-15,U-16	Two 40-min halves	/11	#5
U-17-U19	Two 45-min halves	/11	#5

b. Coaches should remain in the coaching area on the opposite side of the field from the parents.

c. No one may enter the field without the referee's permission.

The referee will remove any player with visible blood on his/her uniform. The player may not return until all signs of blood are removed.

e. The referee has the final decision regarding postponement or cancellation of the game due to weather.

But most referees will discuss the matter with both coaches. Any game shall be deemed completed after commencement of the second half.

f. **Substitutions** may be made only with the referee's permission after any stoppage of play. (New in 2006).

Substitutions will be made from the halfway line only. You must have the substitutes lined up at the halfway line before the stoppage.

3. AFTER THE GAME

At the end of the game, the referee will write the **score** on, and **sign** the two line-up cards. Then he/she will give the cards to the winning coach (home coach if tie).

Coaches are responsible for putting the corner flags away, putting goals away and for cleaning up trash from the players' and parents side of the field! Get help from your parent on this!