



AMERICAN YOUTH SOCCER ORGANIZATION
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REGION 83
FIVE CITIES

SELECTION OF POST-SEASON COACHES

The following "factors" are proposed as the criterion to be weighed in selecting the post season coaches. These are in order of importance, but none is intended to be determinative standing alone (except where noted):

Level of Certification/Training (this will be determinative for all-star coaches, but not for tournament coaches, as per Area Q rules)

Good Sportsmanship - specifically a lack of corroborated instances of poor sportsmanship (league & prior post season)

Positive Coaching - presence of corroborated instances of positive coaching (league & post season)

Level of 2004 league season player retention - specifically, how many of the coach's 2004 league & post season players registered to play in the 2005 league season

Peer ratings (from fellow coaches) - we will make up a quick evaluation form for all coaches to confidentially complete for the tournament team coach candidates, e.g., on a scale of 1 to 10, how strongly do you feel that this coach should be a 2005 post season coach

Years of service/experience as post season coach

Years as a registered volunteer

Requirement: head coaches must have been a current (FS2005) regular (league) season head coach in the division where they are seeking to serve as a post-season head coach; assistant coaches must have been a current (FS2005) regular (league) season head or assistant coach in the division where they are seeking to serve as a post-season assistant coach (This is determinative)

Process: Exec. Board to nominate & submit proposed list of coaches to Post-season Director from coaches submitting a letter of intent (due October 15, 2005); Post-season Director to recommend or not & submit to RC; RC to appoint & submit to Board for approval or not appoint, and send back to Exec. Board; Board to approve, or not approve and send back to RC. After board approval of head coaches, the head coaches may submit names of proposed assistant coaches to the

Exec. Board for nomination. The process will then be the same for approving head coaches, except that focus shall be on qualification, as opposed to selection.

Designation as an “all-star team”: Designation of a tournament team as the all-star team to represent Region 83 in the Area all-star playoffs will not be made until the Sunday before the all-star tournament. This designation will be made by the Post-Season director recommending this designation to the RC, and the RC designating the team. It is anticipated that in most cases the team that will be selected as the all-star team will be the team whose head coach selected his/her players first, however, if another team demonstrated consistently superior performance in the Area Q tournaments leading up to the Area all-star playoffs, or such team has not demonstrated Good Sportsmanship in all tournaments leading up to the Area all-star playoffs, another team may be selected to represent Region 83 in the Area Q all-star playoffs. A head coach not exhibiting Good Sportsmanship or Positive Coaching, may be subject to the Due Process procedures outlined in our Regional Guidelines, and, as with any league season coach may be subject to suspension or termination by the RC.

Selection of players: No players will be contacted about post-season play until after the final game of the Ken Claassen Memorial Playoff on November 20, 2005. This includes inquiries as to availability or interest. Post-season coaches are strongly encouraged to observe all players in their division during the final weeks of the season and during this playoff.

In divisions where multiple tournament teams are formed, one coach will be designated at the time of appointment to select all of their players first (the “A” team). Additional teams will be designated “B” teams, with the possibility of one additional team being designated a “Development” team. The coach of the “Development” team will select all of their players immediately after the coach of the “A” team, but may only select from among players in their division that are the younger of the two ages in the division, e.g., among the 8 year olds in the U10 division, 10 year olds in the U12 division, or the 12 year olds in the U14 division. After the coach of the “A” team and the coach of the “Development” team have selected all of their players, the remaining “B” team coaches will select their players in a reverse serpentine draw.

Once a player has been asked to play on a team, that player is ineligible to be selected by another coach, regardless of whether the player accepted the invitation or not, except that a player whose parent is a head coach may elect to play on their parent's team, if selected, regardless of whether they were invited previously by another coach.

All of Region 83's tournament team selection guidelines, as used in the past, will remain in effect, e.g., players must have played in at least 50% of regular (league) season games, and players must be drawn from league season teams as has required in the past. Final player selection is subject to the approval of the RC, whose responsibility it is to approve all rosters, league and post-season. The RC shall consult with the Post-Season Director before approving any tournament team roster.