



# ***Barrington Youth Soccer Association***

***Coach's Manual***

***2005 Fall Recreational Season***

# Club Philosophy

It is important that all coaches understand the Club's philosophy regarding the fall season ...

BYSA is dedicated to providing high-quality recreational and travel programs for boys and girls that emphasize individual improvement through proper and age-appropriate instruction. We recognize the essential importance of developing technical skills (dribbling, passing, receiving, ball striking) in youth players and, therefore, make this the focus of our programs. BYSA believes that having a successful program starts with quality coaching and we're committed to providing our players with the best coaching resources of any town-based organization. We're constantly reminded that kids want more of the things they enjoy. Accordingly, we strive to offer programs that remain true to our goal of building the best town program while, at the same time, assuring that they're conducted in a fun and age-appropriate environment.

**1. Standards of Behavior:** Coaches are responsible for setting the standards of behavior. Here are a few guidelines:

- Avoid a disagreement with referees (see Item 15).
- Stay completely off the field and in your half.
- Do not coach or let anyone else coach from behind the goal lines.
- Do not let players taunt anyone (referees can issue a yellow card for this, with the 2nd yellow card becoming a red card. A substitution is allowed only for this type of infraction).
- If a yellow card is issued, a good idea is to substitute the offending player so that he or she can calm down and gets the message that this is unacceptable behavior.
- If a team is short players, the opposing coach is expected to reduce the size of the team so that he or she only has a one-man advantage.

**2. Game Balls:** U6, U7 and U8 Divisions: Each coach for the U6, 7 and 8 divisions will be given 8-10 disks to use as field markers and a game ball. Coaches can keep these at the end of the season.

U10, U12 and U14 Divisions: Before the season starts, the division directors for these divisions will be given the game ball for their division. Coaches can either return the ball and medical kit to the Division Director every week at day's end, or get them to the home coach of the first game the following weekend. Coaches must pass on these items throughout the game day.

**3. Medical Kits:** The Division Director will be given a medical kit for his/ her division. The medical kit must be available for all the games in the division every weekend. Generally, this is passed on with the game ball. At the end of game day, coaches can either return the ball and medical kit to the Division Director or get them to the home coach of the first game the following weekend. If medical supplies get low, contact Willie Gemp at 247-4242 to replenish them. Return the medical kit to 32 Howard Street, as soon after the last game of the season as possible—they are needed for the Barrington Invitational Tournament, which will be held on November 12th & 13th.

**4. Divisional Organization:** If there are questions from the coaches about the schedule, disputes, parent complaints etc., coaches are to contact their Division Director.

Current Division Directors include:

U6	Anthony D'Adamo	245-2587
U7	Heather Mazjanis	247-2841
U8	TBD	
U10	Jeff Duncan	245-7414
U12	Dan Ambrose	246-0035
U14	Tom Bledsoe	246-2194
G6	TBD	
G7	Greg Voigt	245-9606
G8	Leslie Peck	245-1820
G10	Phil Rizzuto	247-7553
G12	Jeff Brenner	245-8031
G14	Donna Moss	247-2337

**5. Rescheduling Games:** Due to the length of the season and the limited number of fields available, rescheduling is not done. Coaches are not to reschedule games between themselves. Cancellations due to weather – see Item 9.

It is possible that one of the Saturdays will fall on a religious holiday. Coaches must be sympathetic to players who do not want to play on a particular weekend for religious reasons; however, there is good precedent to play sports on religious holidays. Due to the limited length of the season, scheduling games on these holidays is unavoidable.

**6. Team Pictures:** Pictures will be taken inside, at the Barrington Middle School on **Saturday October 1st**. Paperwork will be given to you for distribution to players about a week ahead of time. You will receive your photos by mail; there is a possibility that they will not be mailed until after the completion of the season.

**7. Field Condition:** Coaches are responsible for checking that the fields are in good shape and safe to play on each weekend. Coaches involved in the first game should check the field and make sure it is free of debris prior to the game. Checking the field should not take long and can prevent injury. Remember, safety first! Thank you.

**8. Trophies:** BYSA awards trophies for the U6, U7, and U8 players who get a big kick out of getting a trophy. Your Division Directors will provide you with details later in the season.

**9. Game Cancellations:** If it is raining, games will only be canceled if a notice is posted on our website and on the soccer hotline voicemail, or you are contacted by phone and told so, or if the referee at the field determines it is unsafe to play. Encourage your players to use the website (preferable) or the soccer hotline to see if there is a cancellation.

**10. Ratings Meeting:** For U10s and above – the Division Director and the coaches must rate the players in the division at a meeting (usually the same night as the BIT team selection night). This meeting should be attended by as many of the coaches in the division as possible. This year's meeting will be held in **October at the Barrington Senior Center on date to be determined**. The ratings should be done on a scale of 1 to 9 and are relative to the best players in the division. Determine who are the best players in the division in the judgment of everybody present (normally, there are only 2-3 per division). These players are given a 9 ranking, and then all the other players are ranked relative to these players. A rating for an "average" player would be 4 or 5. New or otherwise non-rated players are assigned a rating of 4.5. Each coach will receive a rating form to complete. They must use this form to fill in their ratings. Meeting as a group helps to achieve uniform ratings throughout the division. **Under no circumstances are ratings results to be discussed outside of this meeting.**

These ratings are important for the following reasons: For U10s and up, they are used as one tool to help in team selection for Spring Competitive teams. They will be used next year to have a blind draft for the fall recreational league. Therefore, it is important that this be done as fairly and uniformly as possible.

**11. Barrington Invitational Tournament (BIT): The 25th Annual Barrington Invitational Soccer Tournament** will be held on November 12th and 13th. The Tournament Director is Joanne Judge – give her a call if you'd like to help. The Club needs many volunteers to help during that weekend; parents of all Barrington players are needed to help at the concession stands, serve as a field marshals, etc. The BIT is the Club's primary fundraiser. Funds raised help to cover all the additional expenses of hosting the tournament as well as some other Club expenses. As such, it is very important that the BIT is a success.

Coaches will be asked to solicit parent involvement and are therefore encouraged to **promote** the tournament early and throughout the season.

Division Directors and all the fall recreational league coaches in each division must choose the BIT teams (U10 and above) at a meeting (usually following the ratings meeting). These teams are meant to be the best of our house league players, however, it is also an opportunity to reward players who have put out extra effort during the fall season and who might not otherwise get a chance to play at this level. Selection criteria include the following attributes (in no particular order):

- attitude and sportsmanship;
- attendance at games and practices;
- ability and talent; and
- dedication and enthusiasm.

Coaches are encouraged to inform the players and parents at the beginning of the season of the criteria to be used for the BIT selection. Since there are a limited number of players that will be

selected and each recreational team will be represented equally, the BIT Teams may not be comprised of all of the “best” players. Furthermore, poor attitude, sportsmanship and/or attendance would warrant not selecting a good player.

Team selection – all players selected should get roughly equal playing time during the tournament. These teams are **not** the East Bay teams. (Separate tryouts will be held for the East Bay 2006 teams). The meeting to pick the tournament teams will be held following the ratings meeting. To fairly pick players it is essential that all coaches attend. Division Directors and the fall coaches will also have to decide who will be the coaches of the BIT teams. Generally, coaches are picked the night of the team selections. All initial selections are tentative subject to the approval of the BYSA Board of Directors.

**12. Training Sessions:** BYSA’s arrangement with Challenger Sports affords our players training from professional British soccer players. Each team will have a scheduled time with one of the trainers. It is important that the individual coaches participate in these sessions to assist, as well as to be able to teach and enforce the skills.

**13. Practices:** Due to the extreme field shortage, all coaches (80 teams) must be patient with each other as you work out a practice schedule amongst yourselves. Rather than set a schedule for you, we allow you all to work it out. Please do so in a cooperative manner! You will always be sharing a field with at least one other recreational team. The following guidelines must be followed. Please keep in mind that the reduced number of fields are being used by the school teams as well as other youth sports leagues. Don't forget – we're all in this together!

**Barrington High School Fields:** Absolutely no access, except for the field behind the Tennis courts.

**Barrington Middle School:** Games and training sessions only – absolutely no practices!!

**Bicknell Field:** Available for practices

**Chianese Fields:** available for practices, except when being used for clinics.

**Haines Park:** The grassy areas near Washington Road are being used by Little League and Pop Warner football. The remaining areas of the park are available for soccer practices.

**St. Andrew's School:** No access except for their staff that make specific arrangements with the school.

**St. Andrew's Farm Field:** Games and training sessions only – absolutely no practices!!

**Veteran's Park:** Games only - no practice access!!

There are other grassy areas in town such as the Place, Sherwood Field (outside the fence), Sowams School, and Primrose Hill School that can be used for practice. Be aware that school activities may not allow for a specific practice day. Some coaches elect to practice in a private backyard. You must contact Willie Gempp to obtain an Insurance Certificate to cover this type of practice area.

**14. Schedule Issues:** *Read your schedules very carefully!*

The U6, U7, U8, Girls U12 and U14 Divisions will play their games at the Barrington Middle School.

The U10 Divisions will play at the Chianese Fields.

The Boys U12 and U14 Divisions will play at the St. Andrews Farm Field.

**15. Referees:** All coaches and parents must give all of our referees the respect that they deserve. In addition to developing players, the program also develops referees. Therefore, you must be patient with these young people as they develop their referee skills as well as their ability to deal with adults. Verbal mistreatment of referees by coaches, parents or players will not be tolerated. Treat these young people as you would expect other parents to treat your own child. Each referee will record coach behavior as part of their game report, with an excellent, satisfactory, or unsatisfactory rating.

Referee Absences: If there is not a referee(s) on the field for your game, please call the Fall Rec. Referee Coordinator, Willie Gempp at 247-4242. For the U6-U8 age groups, you should begin the game on time without the referee.

*Standard assignments are:*

U6-U8 games - 1 referee;

U10 games - 2 referees;

U12 & U14 games - 3 referees.

**16. Barrington Trash Policy:** The Town of Barrington's policy regarding their "trash-in trash-out" policy is in your Coach's Packet, please review it with your players and their parents. **This policy applies to anywhere you practice as well as where you play games.** Picking up trash is an essential skill that we must teach our children as responsible citizens. Do not leave your practice or game area without completing this task!

**17. Playing Time:** The Club has a 50% playing rule for recreational soccer for **all** age groups. This means, that to the best of your ability, you need to ensure that all of your players play **at least** half of every game. Of course, issues such as injury and medical conditions may understandably affect this rule.

**Attention U10 Coaches:** Our rules stipulate that U10 games have 4 quarters and that substitutions be allowed only at the quarter (exception for exhaustion, injury or illness). This rule is designed to make it easier for you to ensure that all of your players play at least 50% of the game. **Do not** ask the referee to change this policy at game time. This confuses them and is contradictory to their training.

**18. Parking at Fields (field-specific issues):**

Barrington Middle School – use the parking lots as first choice. Parking is allowed on the west side of Middle Highway, but there is **NO PARKING** on Lincoln Avenue.

Chianese Field – park in the parking lot near the baseball field, the strip of spaces on Centennial Road, the parking lot adjacent to Princess Hill Avenue or on Princess Hill Avenue. There is no parking on Foote or Centennial without a “Residents” sticker - **You will be ticketed!**

Haines Park: Use the parking areas if possible. Be very careful when parking on the main road – park only on one side and be watchful for children running between the cars.

St. Andrew’s Farm – Use the parking lot whenever possible. **NO PARKING** on Middle Highway.

**Use common sense when parking anywhere for a game.**

*Thank you for volunteering your time, energy and talents to be a BYSA Coach. Good luck, have a great season and a lot of fun!*

## Notable Dates

September 10	Season Begins
TBD	East Bay Soccer Tryouts (flyer being mailed to all eligible players)
October 1st,	Team Pictures
October TBD	Ratings Meeting (U8 and up) and BIT Selections (U10 and up)
October 29th	Last Game of Season
November 12th & 13th	Barrington Invitational Tournament

## Contact Information

<b>Director:</b>	Willie Gempp	247-4242
	w.gempp@barringtonsoccer-ri.org	
<b>Registrar:</b>	Pat Stoddard	245-7449
	pstoddard@barringtonsoccer-ri.org	
	Please call or email with any roster changes/issues ASAP	
<b>Fall Coordinator:</b>	Eric Carlson	245-5806
	e.carlson@barringtonsoccer-ri.org	
<b>BIT Director:</b>	Joanne Judge	247-5957
	joannejudge@cox.net	
<b>Referee Coordinator:</b>	Willie Gempp	247-4242
	refs@barringtonsoccer-ri.org	

**Website:** [www.barringtonsoccer-ri.org](http://www.barringtonsoccer-ri.org). *Encourage your parents to visit the website frequently for information.*

### Coach Packet Contents

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# *Notes*

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