



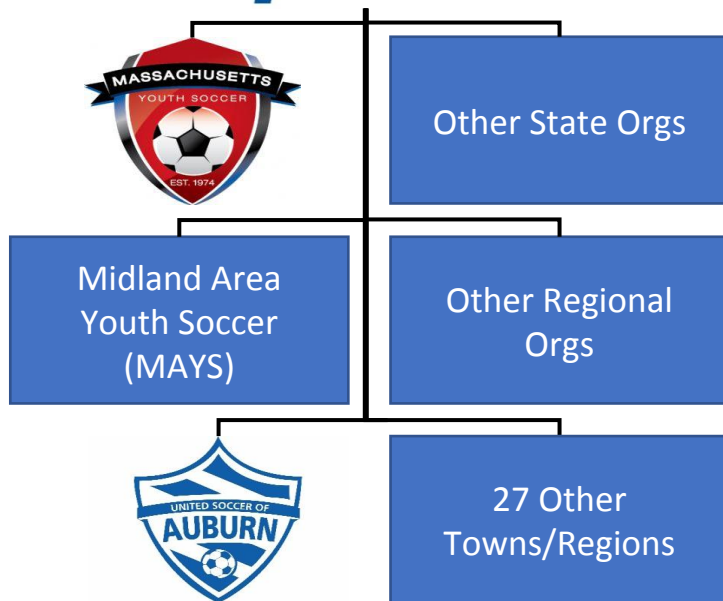
U8 Coach Orientation

Fall 2018

United Soccer of Auburn

www.unitedsoccerofauburn.com

Organization Structure



Governing Bodies



- Bylaws and Laws of the Game are found on
 - US Youth Soccer
 - [Massachusetts Youth Soccer](#)
 - [MAYS](#)
- Basically FIFA with some age-appropriate modifications

Questions/Issues/Concerns



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Philosophy and Objectives



- Fun
- Player and Coach Retention
- Fun
- Develop Players and Coaches
- Fun



USA Policies

- Coach, Player and Parent Codes of Conduct
 - www.unitedsoccerofauburn.com/coaches/code-of-conduct/
- Equal Playing Time
 - www.unitedsoccerofauburn.com/forms-and-documents/
- Playing “Up”
 - www.unitedsoccerofauburn.com/forms-and-documents/



Background Check

- Mass Youth Soccer Registration
 - MUST do this first
 - NOT the CORI check
 - [MA Youth Soccer Registration](#)
- CORI Submission
 - Reply to the e-mail you will receive AFTER Mass Youth Registration
- List is maintained by Mass Youth Soccer
 - Not on the list – not CORId.

Passcard



- Mass Youth uses coaching credentials that must be worn at all practices and games.
 - No passcard = no coach
 - You cannot be on a sideline without a passcard
 - Photos must be a clear head shot.
 - No sunglasses, no other people, etc.

2016-2017

Massachusetts Youth Soccer Association

Shaun M Kennedy



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SportsManager APP



- Communicating with your team.
 - Last season we introduced a new APP (Phone Friendly Webpage). Logging in as a coach on the old site will auto direct you to the new APP
 - www.sportsmanager.us/teamapp/
 - Log in as a Coach/Director
 - Your e-mail and password. Use password reset if you forgot.
 - Select the team you want to e-mail
 - Select “E-mailing”
 - Compose your e-mail
- All team communications should be done through Sports Manager and not your personal email account.



Cancellations

- Weather
 - In most cases coordinator will make the call
 - Soccer is played in the rain
- At the field (weather or conditions)
 - Use best judgment – safety first
 - If you hear thunder you can be struck by lightning. Get indoors.
- Team conflicts
 - Go through coordinator

Field Setup



- On game days, one of the teams can supply a game ball from their own equipment bag.
- The last coaches to use the field for the day (practices and games) are responsible for chaining the goals together. This is for both Mary D and Bryn Mawr.
- Goals can be chained to one another. Keep anchor bags with the goals.



Referees

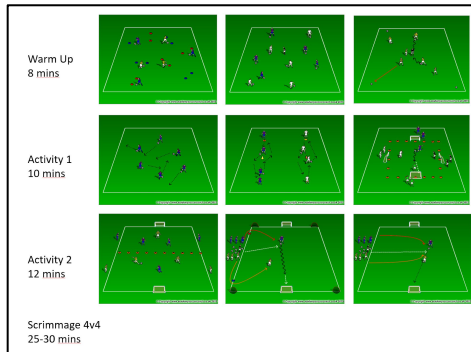


- The referees are young players (ages 11-13) who volunteered to help out.
- Do not address referees during match (see MAYS guidelines)
- There will be a scheduled referee for every game. If for some reason they are absent, then the coaches can referee the game themselves.
- Remember that our referees are learning as well. Please do everything you can to support them.



Practice Plans

- Sample Practice Plans can be found here [Forms and Documents](#).
 - Come to practice with a set plan of activities.
 - Bring backups in case something does not work out as planned.





Coaching Guidelines.

Most Important Jobs of the U8 Coach?

- Keep the kids safe.
- Teach the kids to enjoy soccer.
- Teach the parents how to enjoy their kids' soccer constructively.
- Teach the kids some soccer skills ...and constantly improve yourself as a coach, i.e. through license courses.
- Reinforce good soccer, not big kicks. Keep it all positive: participation=success.
- Deemphasize game results.
- Get them into good habits: show up early with the right equipment.
- Encourage Parent/Coach Communication

Safety

- Your equipment bag will a First Aid Kit.
- Check the field for hazards.
- Do not leave them unattended or unsupervised (by a CORI checked adult).

Love of the game

- Your enthusiasm is contagious.
- Activities and games not "drills."
- Make it fun so they want to come back.



Game Management

- Equal playing time
- Do not address referees during match (see MAYS guidelines)
- Sportsmanship is paramount
- Coaches are responsible for the team's spectators and shall address any issue with spectator who is interfering with the match.
- Do your best to keep the games close in score. Don't let a game get out of control with scoring. Pull dominant players back on defense or emphasis passing.



Basic U8 Game Rules

- Teams are 5v5. 1 Goalkeeper and 4 field players. Formations are up to the coach.
- Size 3 ball
- No official scorekeeping
- No offsides
- No heading the ball
- No slide tackling
- Coaches can substitute on any restarts. Throw-ins (either team), Corners, Goal Kicks, Etc. There are no limitations on number of substitutes.
- 4 x 12-minute quarters
- Throw-ins are used, but second (and maybe third, ref's discretion) chances are given for illegal throws.
- Defending team should retreat to midfield line on goal kicks.
- There should not be ANY direct kicks. Everything is indirect. Also, penalties inside the goal area that would normally be a PK are instead indirect kicks taken from the top of the goal area. This is to avoid injury. The goal box is too small to be having kids drill a PK at a keeper from 6 feet away.