

Torrington Youth Soccer STARTING A TRAVEL TEAM

- A. A “new” team shall be defined as a team consisting of players new to the club, players moving from in-house teams, and/or players who have previously played on other TYS teams.
- B. New teams, as defined above, may only be formed to begin play in the fall season. Coaches who wish to begin play in the spring must petition the board by the January board meeting. The TYS board has the right to deny a petition for spring formation based on, but not limited to: field availability, lack of referees, or age/grade appropriateness.
- C. Any prospective coach interested in forming a new team must take the following steps:
 - 1. Alert the TYS travel coordinator or president of his or her intentions.
 - 2. Complete the club’s application to coach a travel team and return the application to the club president. (Available from the travel coordinator.)
 - 3. Present his or her intentions and possible roster at a scheduled board meeting.
- D. At that meeting, or at a subsequent meeting if the Board so decides, the Board will determine the following:
 - 1. Whether the prospective coach, the board, or both are to canvass for players.
 - 2. Whether the formation of the new travel team will disrupt any existing travel teams.
 - 3. Ultimately, whether a new travel team will be formed.
- E. After determining that a new team will be formed, the Board shall, at its sole discretion, determine the head coach of the new team. The new head coach shall have the right to name his or her assistants. The Board shall use the following criteria for the evaluation and eventual selection or approval of the head and assistant coaches:
 - 1. Soccer, (and/or other sport) coaching experience, including licenses, previous coaching work, etc.
 - 2. Previous club involvement.
 - 3. Soccer playing experience, or other involvement with the sport (e.g. referee.)
 - 4. Personal references.
 - 5. Discussions and presentations to the board of one’s coaching philosophy, plans, and goals for the team.
 - 6. Any past or present disciplinary issues with TYS.

For all of these issues, the TYS Board shall have the final right of determination for all teams formed under the sanction of Torrington Youth Soccer.

This policy will be posted on the TYS website and is subject to change with board approval if necessary to comport with the TYS Mission Statement.