



## Buffalo & Western New York Junior Soccer League

### COACHES AND COACHING ETHICS

1. Coaches, managers and their assistants are representatives of B&WNYJSL and USYSA and must conduct themselves in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of these organizations.
2. It is the responsibility of the Coach(s) to know and abide by the rules of B&WNYJSL and FIFA.
3. Every club is responsible for the actions of its coaches, managers, players, and their fans.
4. Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their assistant coaches, managers, players, and their parents at all league games and tournament matches where their team represents the league.
5. All coaches, assistants, managers and other officials with authority shall have on file with the local governing authority or State Association, a **NYSWYSA Risk Management Pass**.
  - a. This form shall be completed and filed biannually or as required by the applicable State Association.
  - b. Each coach, assistant coach, or manager shall have in their possession a current coach's pass to be allowed on the team bench.
6. Players and bench personnel shall respect the opponent's bench area and not interfere with the opposition's bench area by being behind or passing in front of this area.
7. A maximum of 3 coaches or managers shall be allowed at the team benches.
8. Coaches, their assistants and managers shall remain in the technical area or coaching box at all times during the game. This is a limited area on the side line near the team bench. This area will extend approximately 5 yards from the centerline to 25 yards from the end line.

For U-10 play, the area will extend 5 yards from the centerline to the top of the penalty box.
9. If the coach and/or assistant coach are less than 21 years old, then the team manager must be at least 21 years old. An adult (21 or older) with a valid coaching or manager's pass must be with the team at the bench for all league games.
10. No players or fans are permitted behind the goal lines during the game.
11. Any coach who the board finds to have knowingly played any ineligible players may be suspended for a minimum of one year (1) from a date determined by the board.
12. All coaches, assistant coaches and managers must abide by the NYSWYSA Zero Tolerance Policy. The policy is online at [www.nyswysa.org](http://www.nyswysa.org).