



## DASC Policies

\_\_\_\_\_ Inclement Weather: In the event of cancellation due to **inclement** weather **or field closure**, parents & players should be notified via an email at a minimum of **1 hour** prior to practice start time. If notification can't be sent an hour before, all decisions should be made on the field.

Once players have been dropped off by the parents and have left the field, the coach is responsible for the player's safety. If there is very heavy rain or thunderstorms and the session needs to be cancelled, coaches should seek cover, notify all parents, using group emails, texts, or personal phone calls to coordinate the pickup.

\_\_\_\_\_ Child Safety: Coaches must stay until all players have been picked up. Coaches & adults should avoid being left 1 on 1 with individual children if possible. Ask a parent or another coach to stay until the child has been collected.

\_\_\_\_\_ Concussion Reporting: EPYSA Possible Concussion Notification Form must be completed for any possible concussions during practice or games. Duplicate forms must be given to parent and to the DASC Director of Player Development.

\_\_\_\_\_ Mandated Reporting & Keep Kids Safe Law: Any suspected child abuse (by parents or others) is legally required to be reported. Report to PA Childline 1-800-932-0313 first, and then to the DASC President.

\_\_\_\_\_ Coach Attendance: If the head coach will not be attending a practice or game, they must inform the parents by email and cc: the Director of Player Development (DOPD).

\_\_\_\_\_ Coach Uniforms: Uniforms supplied by DASC should be worn during practices and games.

\_\_\_\_\_ Player Uniforms: An extra uniform jersey set will be provided to all travel coaches. Sets must be returned at the end of the season. If not returned, coaches must reimburse DASC \$30/jersey.

\_\_\_\_\_ **CPYSL Fines:** Fines assessed against DASC for game changes or forfeits may be assessed against the coach by majority vote of the Executive Board. If coach fails to pay CPYSL fines, DASC may deduct from coach services payment.

\_\_\_\_\_ CPYSL Guidelines for Spectator Conduct: CPYSL Policy places responsibility on coaches for the actions of team spectators, including parents. If a spectator acts in an inappropriate manner, a coach is encouraged to ask the DOPD and the Executive Board for assistance in resolving the situation. CPYSL policy is to suspend a coach for spectator misconduct. First offense is one (1) game suspension. Second offense is a three (3) game suspension. Third offense is an eight (8) game suspension.

\_\_\_\_\_ Game Playing Time: In accordance with US Youth Soccer's strong recommendation for a minimum of 50% playing time for all players U12 and younger, DASC requires at least 50% playing time for those age groups. Coaches may use their discretion when assigning playing time if practice attendance is poor. Other issues that may affect playing time should be first resolved with the assistance of the DOPD and the Executive Board.

\_\_\_\_\_ Heading: In accordance with US Youth Soccer's policy, all players U11 and younger shall not engage in heading, either in practices or in games. Limited heading in practice for players U12 and U13 programs shall not exceed a maximum of 30 minutes of heading training per week, with no more than 15-20 headers per player, per week. Coaches should be aware of circumstances in which individual consideration is needed. Play-ups must abide by their true-age rules even if playing on an older aged team.