

## FC Berna Travel Team Player Commitment Policy

Soccer, as well as many of the other great sports your child(ren) can play, is designed to help develop a sense of teamwork, as well as individual skills and abilities. FC Berna Travel teams participates in the Mid NJ Youth Soccer Association (MNJYSA) league which expands the level of competition available to players at each age group. The MNJYSA league requires we notify them of the number of teams for each age group and a rough idea of where they should be placed approximately two and half months before the season begins. This means we need to put this information together right after tryouts are completed. We look at the ability of players that are signed up, and identify teams based on the current registrations.

With the above information in mind it is very important to remember that just as in baseball, lacrosse, football, and softball, soccer is a very team focused sport. For this reason we have established guidelines for players as far as attendance to practice and games as follows;

Practices – players are expected to attend a minimum of 75% of practices across the entire season and at least one team practice per any week. Not attending practice may decrease game playing time.

Games – players are expected to attend a minimum of 75% of games during the season. Over the course of the season players should see equal playing time as other players matching the number of games they attend. Players not meeting minimal practice sessions may see decrease in game playing time.

We have established these guidelines so that players and teams are all treated fairly. It is not fair for a team to have a player or group of players that are only available for a limited number of practices or games. This does not promote teamwork.

Please take time to consider your child's schedule. If he or she is unable to meet the above expectations, and you wish to withdraw him or her please contact Paul Silva at [PSilva1@yahoo.com](mailto:PSilva1@yahoo.com).