

Parent Education Handbook

Arlington Soccer Club



ARLINGTON SOCCER CLUB OVERVIEW

The Arlington Soccer Club (ASC) is a volunteer non-profit organization dedicated to the advancement of the game of Soccer in Arlington, Massachusetts.

ASC provides over 2,000 boys and girls from ages 4 through 20 an opportunity to play organized soccer every Spring and Fall season.



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Our Director of Coaching, Board of Directors, and administrative staff are dedicated to providing the best environment for *all* players to develop.

This handbook provides information on what ASC's mission and philosophy looks like during the season. It also provides an insight to what you can expect your child's learning and playing environment to look like. Finally, it gives clear guidance on what you can expect as a parent of a player playing for Arlington Soccer Club.



Mission Statement and Coaching Philosophy

ASC Mission Statement

The mission of the ASC is to provide a fun environment for children to play the game of soccer while promoting good sportsmanship and the skill development of all players.

ASC Coaching Philosophy

The ASC promotes the development of individual technical skills as the foundation for success in soccer. The ASC believes that player development, participation, and enthusiasm for the sport of soccer is more important than the outcome of any game.

ASC PROGRAMS

	TOPSOCCER	CLINICS	INTOWN LEAGUE	BAYS LEAGUE	GIRLS PREMIER
PARTICIPANT AGE	5yrs - 20 yrs old	Pre-K - Grade 1	Grades 2 – 4	Grades 3 and 4 Select Grades 5-12	Girls Grades 9-12
PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS	A coed program offered to players with intellectual, emotional, or physical disabilities or differences in an adaptive soccer environment.	A coed program geared toward introducing the game of soccer through age-appropriate activities. Players will learn the basics of dribbling, shooting and team play in a fun and engaging way led by professional and volunteer coaches.	Provides single gender teams the opportunity to play and learn the game of soccer in a relaxed atmosphere without having to travel to other towns. Teams will compete against other ASC teams.	Teams in this program are comprised of single gender players of equivalent skill and compete against similar teams from other towns.	Competitive environment within the New England Club Soccer League (NECSL). This team(s) is coached by our Director of Coaching Paige Forster.

ASC ORGANIZATION CHART

Club Officers, Age Group Directors, and Youth Programs Organization

Travis Baggett
Club President

Paige Forster
Director of Coaching

Develops and leads coaching plans for all levels of youth soccer.

Supervises Professional and Volunteer Coaches, providing feedback and development plans appropriate to age and competition levels.

Works with Development Director and Program Directors to develop

Try Out evaluation plans

Patsy O'Brien
Vice President

Michelle O'Day
Secretary

Dean Carman
Treasurer

Peter Hedlund
Immed. Past President

Tahir Majid

1st Grade Clinic

Jane Morgan

Kindergarten Clinic

Dave Erbe

Pre-K Clinic

Oliver Donnelly

Intown Grade 2

Steven Cornelissen

Intown Girls Grades 3 & 4

Michelle O'Day

Intown Boys Grades 3 & 4

Chris Connelly
Steve Moniak
Scott Scheibner
BAYS Boys Grades 3 - 12

Patsy O'Brien
Charlotte Poage

BAYS Girls Grades 3 - 12

Volunteer Coaches (280 - 350) / Professional Coaches (5)

1st Grade
16 Teams

Kindergarten
14 Teams

Pre-K
10 Teams

Intown Boys
16 Teams

Intown Girls
12 Teams

2nd Grade
22 Teams

BAYS Boys
~30 Teams

BAYS Girls
~28 Teams

Youth Soccer Players (~2,000)

ASC ORGANIZATION CHART

Functional Directors

Jana Chhaduri DEI Director

Oversees progress on the stated DEI mission of the ASC, including improving gender, economic, and racial diversity, adaptive programming for differently-abled players, building community partnerships, and fostering a culture of DEI.

Ronan O'Hagan Development Director

- Works with Director of Coaching to develop Coaching plans for In Town, BAYS, and Select Teams.
- Works with Director of Coaching to develop try-out plan for Select Teams.

Lauren Backman Equipment Director

- Orders and distributes uniforms for 2,000 ASC youth soccer players, in fall and spring seasons.
- Maintains equipment and supplies to support routine and annual club activities.
- Organizes biannual equipment distribution to ASC coaches.
- Resolves time sensitive uniform and equipment Issues.

Matthias Ritzkowski Website Administrator

- Manages and maintains ASC website.
- Publishes ASC club news, community messages, and registration information.

Ben Dobbs Fields Director

- Works with Town Parks and Recreation Department to secure fields for Spring and Fall programs.
- Coordinates with Program Directors to determine field needs for games and practices.
- Monitors weekend field conditions and communications.

Chris Carlsmith Referee Director

- Recruits youth and adult soccer referees for all game levels.
- Trains referees and communicates policy updates regarding organization rules and changes.

Henry Brush BAYS Representative

- Represents the club on the BAYS Board, assists with the operational function of the BAYS league.
- Specifically works within the BAYS Grade 3 age group at present.

Travis Baggett Winter Programs Director

- Works with Director of Coaching to develop off-season programs for club participants.
- Works with Town to secure space for Winter Programs.
- Evaluates success and solicits feedback on Winter Programs.

ASC EMPLOYEES

Paige Forster Director of Coaching

Develops and leads coaching plans for all levels of youth soccer.

Supervises Professional and Volunteer Coaches, providing feedback and development plans appropriate to age and competition levels.

Works with Development Director and Program Directors to develop Try-Out evaluation plans for Competitive Teams.

Lauren Backman Locke Club Registrar

Manages registration for 2,000 ASC participants (fall and spring).

Manages registrations related to tryouts, online and winter programs.

Main point of contact for youth athletes and their families.

Laura Fuller Risk Manager

Guides ~300 ASC Coaches through credentialing process.

Resolves issues with background checks and training certifications

Prints and distributes Coaches' IDs.

Paul Athanasiadis Referee Assignor

Assigns referees to home games.

PARENT AND PLAYER EXPECTATIONS

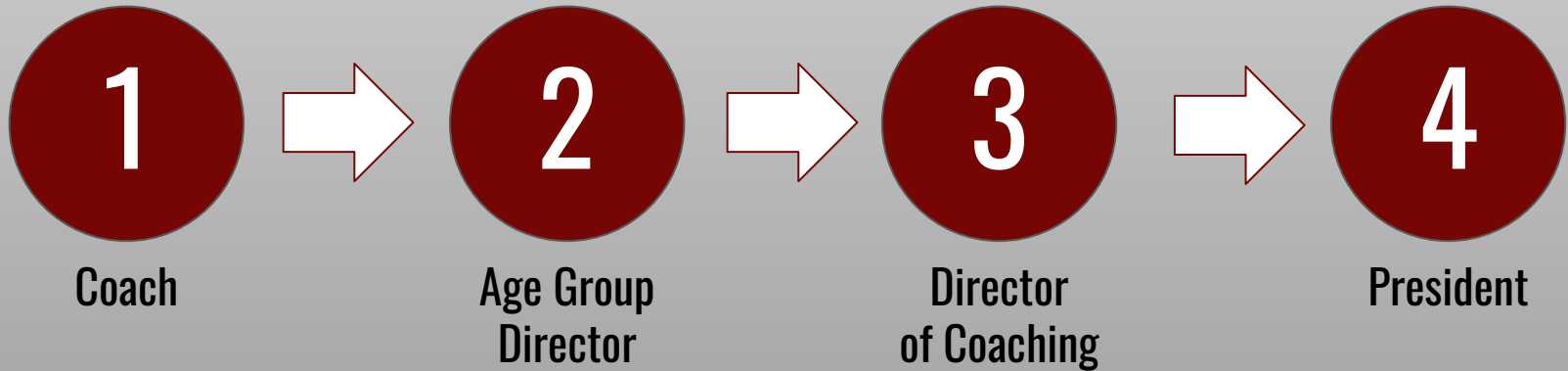
Our expectations are inline with those of Massachusetts Youth Soccer Association (MYSA). Our club is sanctioned by MYSA and therefore we follow all policies, codes of conduct or other that it provides. We expect all players and parents to be familiar with the following documents:

- Zero Tolerance Policy
- Player's Code of Conduct
- Coach's Code of Conduct
- Parent's / Guardian's / Spectator's Code of Conduct
- Soccer Officials Code of Conduct

All can be found here: <https://mayouthsoccer.org/codes-of-conduct/>

COMMUNICATION

Communication is a huge part of what makes ASC so successful. For questions related to your child's team please follow the below guidance:



If the issue concerns the coach, please go directly to #2 - Age Group Director

WHAT TO EXPECT AT **PRACTICES** FROM ASC CLINICS - GIRLS PREMIER PROGRAMS

- 1 GAME LIKE
- 2 FUN
- 3 CHALLENGING
- 4 POSITIVE
- 5 ORGANIZED

WHAT NOT TO EXPECT AT PRACTICES FROM ASC CLINICS - GIRLS PREMIER PROGRAMS

1

100% COACH CENTRIC

2

DISORGANIZED

3

FITNESS ORIENTED

4

LINED PRACTICES

5

DISENGAGING

WHAT TO EXPECT AT **GAMES** FROM INTOWN - GIRLS PREMIER PROGRAMS

1

WARM UP

Provide touches on the ball and create decision-making situations.

2

PLAYING TIME

50% minimum of each game.

3

PLAYER POSITIONS

Thru grade 5, players exposed to different positions over the course of the season. By grade 6, players develop more position-specific skills and may not rotate as much.

4

COACH/PLAYER BALANCE

Coaches manage game day activities and provide general principles of play thru guided information and feedback. Coaches will not "joystick players".

WHAT NOT TO EXPECT AT **GAMES** FROM ASC CLINICS - GIRL PREMIER PROGRAMS

1

CONSTANT "COACHING"

AKA - JOYSTICK Coaching

2

ARGUING WITH OFFICIALS

ASC has a ZERO tolerance policy

3

PERSISTENT SUBBING

Players need time to get into the flow of the game. Coaches should pre-plan sub rotation to allow players enough game time before changes are made.

4

NEGATIVITY

Coaches, parents and players will not speak negatively to any player. We keep a positive and fun environment for players to grow and develop in a safe and enjoyable way.

HOW TO BE THE BEST PARENT FOR YOUR PLAYER(S)

ABIDE BY
ASC
POLICIES

KEEP THE
CAR RIDE
POSITIVE

ONLY
POSITIVE
CHEERING
AT GAMES

SUPPORT
THE
COACHES

PRAISE AND
ENCOURAGE