

QUALIFICATION CRITERIA

Your club must meet the requirements for all four Quality Award Components.

1 PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

- For each age group the club maintains and follows a documented player development curriculum that outlines the specific soccer skills to be taught during that year. The curriculum should include the following.
 - Soccer skills (technical and tactical) to be emphasized during that year.
 - Nutrition education
 - Physical conditioning
- U5-U8 players do not participate in organized travel leagues or tournament play.
- U5-U8 age groups play games in the age-appropriate small-sided formats recommended by NYSWYSA.
- U5-U10 players are trained utilizing small-sided training methods.
- During indoor and outdoor seasons U9-U17 teams playing in organized leagues and tournaments participate in a minimum of two team training sessions for each game played (three training sessions per game is recommended).
- U9-U19 teams play a maximum of two outdoor tournaments per year, with a minimum of four weeks between tournaments.

2 COACH DEVELOPMENT

- The club has assigned a clearly identified Director of Coaching who at a minimum has a US Soccer (USSF) National D-license.
- Travel Clubs and Premier Clubs:** At a minimum, all club head coaches and assistant coaches have a NYSWYSA/US Soccer E-license certification within one year of being assigned as a coach.
- Recreational Clubs:** Every season the club schedules and/or offers either a Youth Module Course or an E-license Course to its coaches.
- After receiving a coach license or certification, each coach and assistant coach attends at least one NYSWYSA-approved coach continuing education clinic per year (clinics require approval of NYSWYSA Director of Coaching).

3 PARENT DEVELOPMENT

- At least annually, the club conducts a meeting (either as a club or for each team) at which parents are educated about the game of soccer, and about the expectations each child and parent should have through their long-term participation in a soccer program (e.g. player development goals, enjoy playing "for the good of the game", making their school varsity team, probability of playing in college, etc.).
- All parents annually sign a Zero Tolerance Code of Conduct.
- All club members and parents of players shall be provided a copy of this signed certification promise prior to the start of training each season.

4 RISK MANAGEMENT

- All of the club's head coaches, assistant coaches, team managers, and any other volunteers who routinely interact with players have up-to-date NYSWYSA-approved Risk Management passes.

Club completes this section & returns the form to NYSWYSA, P.O. Box 1247, Corning, NY 14830.

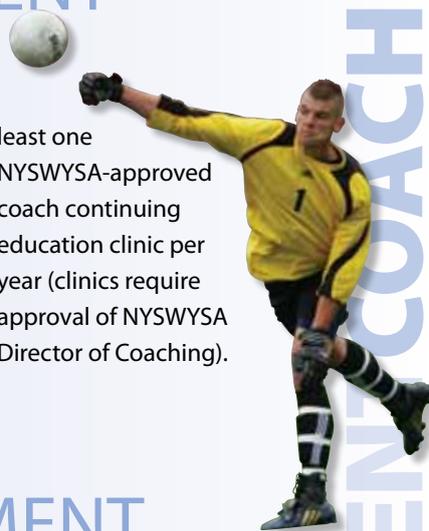
The _____ Club hereby promises to adhere to all of the Qualification Criteria.

Club President Signature

Club President Name (print)

Date

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