



The Gates Metros Travel Soccer program (Gates Youth Soccer) is seeking applicants for coaching girls or boys in youth travel soccer for all ages for the 2016-2017 season. We have immediate openings for younger travel soccer teams (U09) and will consider/review applications for any age group. Please include with your application any previous coaching experience and/or any information you would like us to consider when reviewing your application. Please also refer to the coach selection criteria to be sure you understand our candidate selection process.

If you are interested in applying to coach for any age group, please complete and sign the [Application to Coach](#) and send to

**Gates Youth Soccer
Attention: Bill Hewitt
2117 Buffalo Rd
PO Box 191
Rochester, NY 14624**

Or scan your application to file and send by email to info@gatessoccer.org with a short message indicating your application is attached.



Applicant Name: _____

Home Address: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Alt. Email Address: _____

Age Group Desired: (circle one) U8 U9 U10 U11 U12 U13 U14 U15 U16 U17 U19

Gender: (circle one) Girls Boys

Coaching / Club Experience: Please list any organizations and coaching positions here:

Current Coaching License(s) or Certificates:

Coach Candidate Selection Criteria

Each year, the Travel Coordinator solicits interest and application forms from potential coaches. The Travel Coordinator then presents candidates to the GYSL Board of Directors for approval. The GYSL wishes to offer the Gates community and potential coaches a sense of the criteria by which applications will be reviewed. This section outlines those criteria.

The Gates Youth Soccer League recognizes that the criteria listed below are somewhat subjective. As a general statement, the GYSL believes that prospective coaches should be judged on good character, ability to motivate players and make soccer fun. Licensing and other training, teaching ability, experience, knowledge, demonstrated success in supporting the goals of GYSL or other sporting programs with similar values, organizational skills and commitment are valuable qualities as well. We also want to encourage parents and other adults who might be reluctant to participate in the program to do so and thereby improve their own coaching skills. We point out that different members of the GYSL Board of Directors may emphasize the value of the various criteria to different degrees. Also, criteria are likely to be weighted differently for different age groups and levels of play. Ultimately, the choice of coaches represents the cumulative judgment of the Gates Youth Soccer League Board of Directors, as set forth in a democratic process.

Beyond these general points, specific criteria to be evaluated may include:

- Demonstrated commitment to improving coaching skills, as represented by completion of licensing courses and attendance at coaches clinics.
- Feedback from knowledgeable observers (other coaches, referees, GYSL Board members) during practice and game conditions.
- Feedback from parents and players.
- Participation in other coaching experience.
- Commitment to attending practices and games for the vast majority of the season.
- Demonstrated respect for the dignity and feelings of the players including, but not limited to, ensuring that each player receives a fair share of playing time over the course of the season.
- Demonstrated acknowledgement of the rules of the game and the spirit of fair play.
- Demonstrated respect for the authority of the referee.
- Demonstrated ability to meet the administrative requirements of GYSL and RDYSL (e.g., rosters, pass cards, score reporting).
- A commitment to meet a higher level of expectation with regard to player training
- A commitment to participation in no more than 5 tournaments in each season.
- An ability to deal with the competitive pressures of parents, players, and coaches, both on the team being coached and those of opposing teams.

Finally, to be chosen as a coach:

- If the coach candidate is a parent of a player for the candidate team, then the child/player should be of a skill level within range of the division of play for the given team.
- The individual must pass the NYSWYSA Risk Management background assessment.



With my signature I, (print name) _____, hereby acknowledge that, should I be appointed to a coaching position, I agree to comply with all rules, regulations, and expectations as outlined by the GYSL and RDYSL, amended or otherwise. I also acknowledge that my term as coach is entirely at the discretion of Gates Youth Soccer and that my term as coach is subject to review or termination at any time, should the BOD determine if necessary. I also understand that my eligibility to coach will, in part, be determined by the results of a mandatory Risk Management profile assessment (RMA) conducted by New York State West Youth Soccer Association and that, at any time, a failed (or incomplete) RMA is immediate grounds for dismissal from any club position I might hold as well as refusal of this application. I have read and acknowledge the coach candidate selection criteria and understand that selection criteria may be amended or revised outside of this document.

Applicant's Name (print): _____

Applicant's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Complete form and reply by e-mail to info@gatessoccer.org

OR by USPS Mail application to:

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