

MSYSA Coaching Verification Policy

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It was and remains the intent of the MSYSA Executive board to provide Maryland coaches with the tools to succeed in their coaching careers through coaching education and to allow our players to benefit from their coaching education experience. As such, MSYSA policy #090107 was adopted in the fall of 2007 requiring all head coaches of MSYSA rostered travel teams to possess at least a USSF E license or the equivalent, the NSCAA Regional Diploma. Currently, new coaches in their first season as a head coach of a travel team can obtain a one-year waiver of the license requirement; however, all head coaches must meet the minimum license or equivalent within one calendar year of their first season coaching a travel team. Head coaches who fail to meet this minimum requirement will not be permitted to appear on a team's roster.

To ensure that coaches are meeting the above policy, starting in the fall of 2011 all head coaches will be required to provide verification of their license when registering with their team. Coaches must submit a copy of their coaching license with their team registration paperwork. Similar to registering a player, verifying the information with a birth certificate and receiving a stamped player card, the coaching education verification process will be verified with a copy of their license and their card stamped with the approving seal. This process will not have to be repeated in subsequent years as the approved card can be used as a verification document. Should a coach need a copy of their license that was obtained in Maryland, they can contact the MSYSA office and a copy can be sent with an administrative fee being charged. Should a coach not have a copy of their license that was obtained in a state other than Maryland, the coach should contact that state and ask for a copy of their license. Should a coach hold a national license (A,B or C) or an NSCAA diploma but not have a copy of the license, the coach should contact the US Soccer Federation or the NSCAA to obtain a copy. It is important to note that it is the responsibility of the coach to provide this information to the registrar. Registrars are not authorized to approve a roster if the head coach has not met the above policy.