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Guideline on Appointment of Travel Team Coaches

The following guidelines from the Newton Girls Soccer (NGS) Travel Committee outline the approach to the identification and appointment of coaches for travel soccer teams.

- No travel team will be formed unless a Head Coach can be identified.
- The Travel Committee (consisting of two co-Chairs, the Director of Coaching, the Chair of the NGS Coaches Committee, and the five Age Group Coordinators (one each for the particular age group/grade)) will identify and appoint Head Coaches for each travel team, looking first to the individuals who have volunteered to coach through the Blue Sombrero registration process.
- Once Head Coaches have been identified for all travel teams, those Head Coaches will be responsible for identifying their Assistant Coaches (no more than two ACs per team) and Team Managers. Head and Assistant Coaches can request to the Travel Committee to be appointed as co-Head Coaches and can lead their teams as co-Head Coaches, but the default position of the Travel Committee going into each season will be to appoint one Head Coach per team.
- Assistant Coaches (or co-Head Coaches if requested) are required in order to ensure practices and games are fully covered by licensed coaches. Head or Assistant Coaches can also cover the administrative duties of the Team Manager or a separate Team Manager can be identified.
- The Travel Committee (and specifically the relevant Age Group Coordinator) will support the Head Coaches in their identification of Assistant Coaches by connecting them to individuals who have volunteered through Blue Sombrero, connecting them to the parents of their team's players, and through other networking efforts to ensure all teams have both a Head Coach and Assistant Coach.
- Head Coaches and Assistant Coaches are expected to make a full year (i.e., Fall and Spring season) commitment.

The Coaches Committee will establish the training and licensure requirements for Head Coaches and Assistant Coaches (published under a separate guideline).