



Memorandum of Understanding --- LYSA Coaching Responsibilities

Coaching Responsibility	Initial
1. I understand that practices & games are to be stopped when thunder or lightening has occurred and that everyone (players, coaches & spectators) must go to a safe area like a car for a 30 minute safety wait period, free of thunder or lightening, before play or practice is resumed. I understand that the 30 minute safety wait period will re-start after any new thunder or lightening so that the safety wait period is re-started with any occurrence of thunder or lightening.	
2. I understand that I have a direct responsibility in the cessation of practice or game play when thunder or lightening or threatening weather occurs.	
3. I understand I am responsible for insuring that each player gets a minimum of 50% playing time	
4. I understand that I am responsible for involving all players in practices.	
5. I understand that I am responsible for player safety and security from the scheduled start of practice until they are retrieved by parent, guardian or their designee.	
6. I understand that I will not leave a game or practice until the last player is picked up. I realize that I can arrange for an assistant coach or team parent to serve in this capacity, but if they fail to be present, I must remain until the last player is picked up.	
7. I understand that I am responsible for inspecting practice and game play areas for hazards and sharps and for mitigating the risks and liabilities that they represent by removing the risks or removing players to an area free of these risks. I understand that goal posts, cross bars, supports, netting, and anchors are an inherent danger and that goals should not be climbed or hung from. Furthermore, I understand that it is my responsibility to make sure that goals are properly anchored so that they will not fall or be blown over in order to eliminate this risk to players.	
8. I understand that I am not allowed to have any individual that is not registered with LYSA participate in practices or games, and failure to comply can result in my exclusion from the LYSA personal liability coverage and expulsion as a coach or assistant coach.	
9. I understand that I have the authority and responsibility of removing my players from any unsafe situation(s) where the potential for harm is evident, regardless of decisions by referees or expressed comments by parents or coaches.	
10. I understand that I am the primary contact between LYSA and players and parents and that the most important part of that role is to insure that players enjoy soccer and learn sportsmanship while I develop their ability to have fun and improve as soccer players.	

Name _____; Date _____

Team _____; Age Group: _____