

New Hampshire Soccer Coaches Association

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Coaches Handbook

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This handbook contains all relevant information that a high school soccer coach in the state of New Hampshire needs to help her/him in their role as a coach. Additional information may be obtained on the NHIAA website: www.nhiala.org. Click on Sports, and then either boys' or girls' soccer. The resources available: NHIAA Handbook, Soccer Policy and Procedures as well as National Federation of High Schools (NFHS) Yearly Rules Changes.

Introduction:

The New Hampshire Soccer Coaches Association is an organization of high school coaches in the state of New Hampshire. The association is led by officers and is comprised of coaches from all divisions on the girls' and boys' sides of the game. The association meets a minimum of once a year to discuss general issues, vote on important matters and decide on All-State players as well as the United Soccer Coaches All Region and All-American players.

Officers:

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Dues:

To be a contributing member in the NHSCA, each coach must pay yearly dues, which are collected at the beginning of the fall season. Boys' teams and girls' teams must pay separate dues. Dues can be sent to NHSCA Secretary/Treasurer.

NHSCA dues - \$25.00/year

The NHSCA strongly suggests that each high school soccer coach become a member of the United Soccer Coaches. Membership in the national association provides coaches with resources and a monthly soccer journal. It also allows for the state to nominate and recognize more athletes as All Americans and All Region players. The more coaches that are members, the more players we can recognize. For a player on your team to receive these higher honors, the coach must be a member of the United Soccer Coaches. Coaches that are national members can be recognized as small school or large school coaches of the year, All Region (All New England) and national coach of the year as well.

United Soccer Coaches dues - \$125.00/year, \$100.00 with NHSCA code: **NHSCA2122**

Regular Season Play:

The New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association (NHIAA) is responsible for the coordination of all regular season play and playoff seeding. It is the responsibility of each home team to report scores on the NHIAA website after each regular season and post-season game. The NHIAA website should be reviewed to see the policies and procedures for regular season play.

Tournaments:

Tournaments typically begin the 4th week of October and commence the first weekend in November. The number of teams advancing to tournaments is dependent on the number of teams in each division. The NHIAA website should be reviewed to see the policies and procedures for playoffs and how the tournament will be organized each year.

Post-Season Coaching Responsibilities:

Although our focus as coaches is on our team during the regular season, there are commitments that we make to our athletes during the year. It is important to think about our post-season responsibilities during our season.

All-State Selection Process Through Google Drive:

Players that receive All State honors are selected through a process beginning mid-season. Players have an opportunity to be selected to either 1st team, 2nd team, or honorable mention.

The selection process typically follows a timeline such as this:

Mid October: Coaches nominate up to 6 players at various positions. Nominations will include position, year of player, and a brief description of the qualities that make the player worthy of All State Honors. Coaches will be sent all nominations from each school in their division for the voting process to begin.

1st Week of November: Each coach will submit a voting ballot to NHSCA through Google Drive/Forms.

Two complete teams must be filled in. Positions include, forwards, midfielders, defenders, goalkeepers and utility players. The results will be tallied by the NHSCA board and reviewed at the yearly Meeting.

2nd Week of November: Any ties that result in this voting will be broken at the Annual meeting. Coaches will have an opportunity to talk about their players and work with other coaches to place athletes on the appropriate all-state teams.

*The first, second and honorable teams as voted on by the Coaches within their division are final. No new votes can occur and players added at the annual meeting.

*Coach of the Year tiebreakers will occur at the NHSCA Annual Meeting by the coaches who attend the meeting.

All American/All Region Selections:

The timing of player nominations for All American and All region honors is the same as All State nominations. Coaches will be given the opportunity to send these nominations to a designated coach on the girls and boys side. The nomination will consist of name and basic information. Player descriptions will be discussed at the annual meeting.

Things to remember:

- *coaches can nominate players for All American/All Region if he/she belongs to the United Soccer Coaches (see dues section). Players must be 1st team All State and may be done ahead of time by mailing to the Regionally Chairs or handed in at the NHSCA Annual Meeting. N.H.'s Regional Chairs information is on the nomination forms.

- *Coaches must attend or send a designee to the NHSCA Annual Meeting to provide coaches information and statistics of the player to be nominated. If the designee is not a member of the NHSCA and United Soccer Coaches, they will not be allowed a proxy vote.

- *coaches from all divisions may nominate players (United Soccer Coaches members only)

- *All American is selected (most votes)

- *All Region players are selected (most votes in descending order)

- *membership determines how many players are recognized nationally.

*examples of nomination forms can be found in the Appendices

Coaches and other awards completed on Google Drive:

During the All State nomination process, coaches will be asked to nominate colleagues and soccer personnel for the awards listed below. The nominations will be voted on at the same time as the All-State player nominations.

Coach of the Year: All coaches are expected to vote for one coach in their current division to be named Coach of the Year. One coach in each division, on both the girls' and boys' sides will receive the award. You cannot vote for yourself.

JV Coach of the Year: The JV coach must have 3 years of experience to be nominated. A description of the coach's characteristics making him/her qualify for the award must be submitted.

Preston Eames Award: This award is granted to an individual who has had a positive impact and made outstanding contributions to NH Soccer. This does not have to be a coach, or a member of the NHSCA.

Coaches Hall of Fame: The NHSCA will also accept nominations for possible Hall of Fame inductees. All members of the NHSCA are eligible to vote for one of the individuals nominated. One, two or three individuals will be honored each year, with the exact number to be determined by the NHSCA Executive Board.

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Lions Cup:

Coaches who are selected as Coach of the Year in each division are provided the opportunity to coach a twin state all-star game between Vermont and New Hampshire seniors during the summer following the season.

Try-outs: *Open to seniors from all divisions earning 1st and 2nd team All-State honors.

- *Saturday after the state finals @ NHTI in Concord or TBD
- *All coaches are encouraged to attend try outs
- *Previously selected Coaches of Year or who have coached in the Lions Cup games have rights to vote in the Lion Cup selection process.
 - voting is held directly after the try out
- *only 2 players from each school can be selected to each team (boys/girls)

Head coach: The head coach is selected on a rotating basis by division. The other Coaches of the Year in each division will be assistant coaches.

Responsibilities of head coach and assistant coaches:

- *coaches of the teams in the tryout game.
- *contact players and notify them of selections
- *work with Lions to coordinate paperwork and fill rosters
- *attend banquet in March
- *run practices prior to Twin State Lions Cup Games

Lions Cup Games: 1-day event

- *Twin State Lions Cup Banquet held on the 3rd or 4th Sunday in March
- *Held at Hanover High School on 3rd Saturday in July
- *Practice sessions before games determined by head coach
- *Communication will be done by head coaches and Lions Club

UNITED SOCCER COACHES

ALL-AMERICAN NOMINATION FORM SECONDARY SCHOOL BOYS AND GIRLS

THE PLAYER'S NAME, SCHOOL AND TEAM WILL APPEAR ON THE CERTIFICATE USING THE INFORMATION PROVIDED. THEREFORE, THIS FORM MUST BE **TYPED**, NEAT AND ACCURATE!

PLAYER DATA

PLAYER'S FIRST NAME _____ MIDDLE _____ LAST _____

GENDER: M _____ F _____

COMPLETE SCHOOL NAME _____

SCHOOL LOCATION: CITY _____ STATE _____

PLAYER'S POSITION (G/D/M/F) _____ YEAR OF GRADUATION _____

PREVIOUS APPEARANCES AS AN ALL AMERICAN (1,2,3) _____

PLAYER'S HOME ADDRESS

STREET: _____

CITY: _____

STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: () _____ Player's E-mail address _____

COACH'S DATA

COACH'S FIRST NAME _____ LAST NAME _____

USC MEMBERSHIP NO. _____ UNITED SOCCER COACHES REGION _____

(REQUIRED FOR YOUR VOTE TO COUNT!)

COACH'S SCHOOL ADDRESS

STREET: _____

CITY: _____

STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: () _____

FAX: () _____

COACH'S HOME ADDRESS

STREET: _____

CITY: _____

STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: () _____

E-Mail _____

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR'S NAME _____ PHONE: () _____

PLEASE BE SURE TO FILL THIS FORM OUT COMPLETELY! IT IS IMPORTANT THAT ALL INFORMATION IS INCLUDED AND THAT ALL INFORMATION IS LEGIBLE. **EMAIL TO:**

GIRL'S NOMINATION SENT TO:

Jay Vogt
bowvogts@aol.com

BOY'S NOMINATION SENT TO:

Scott Suleski
scott@sdsnewengland.com

Junior Varsity Soccer Coach of the Year
(must have at least 3 years of experience to qualify)

Name: _____ **School:** _____

Years Coached: _____

Division: _____

Girls: _____ Boys: _____

Comments:

New Hampshire Soccer Coaches Hall of Fame

Inductees

1994	Carl Hill	Kearsarge Boys
1995	Gerd Lutter	Plymouth State
1995	Dave Pinkham	Gilford Boys
1996	Jeff Pill	NHSA Director
1996	Arthur Jackson	Official
1997	Paul Bonneville	Londonderry Boys
1997	Jack Amero	Manchester West Girls
1998	Andrew Wilson	Official
1998	Ron Butcher	Keene State
1998	Hank Tenney	Hanover Girls
1999	George Merrill	Hanover Boys
1999	Robert Nelson	Lin-Wood Boys
2000	Robert Thatcher	Orford Boys
2000	Roger Desmarais	Nashua Boys
2001	Mike Ackerman	Woodsville Boys
2002	Dave "Goose" Gosselin	Manchester West Boys
2002	Jim Tufts	Exeter Boys
2003	George Pinkham	Bow Boys
2004	Bill Babine	John Stark Boys
2005	Mike Sorter	Timberlane Boys
2006	Peter Perich	Manchester Mem. Boys
2007	Jim Shaughnessey	Memorial, Central, Trinity, Concord Christian
2008	Alan Magnusson	Sanborn Boys
2009	Les Shepard	Winnacunnet Boys
2010	Rob Grabill	Hanover Boys
2010	Sam Clark	Oyster River Boys
2011	David Saxe	Souhegan Boys
2012	Manfred Beyer	Nashua South Girls
2013	Kerry Boles	Pinkerton Academy
2014	Peter Lally	Manchester Central
2015	Megan Young	Exeter Girls
2015	Robert Ragazzo	Kearsarge Boys
2016	Rob Johnstone	Lebanon Boys
2017	Les Poore	Lisbon Boys
2018	Jeffrey Cousineau	Derryfield Boys, Exeter Girls
2019	Richard Scott	Keene Boys, Keene State
2020	Scott Dunlop	Concord Boys

Nominations Form for N.H. Soccer Coaches Hall of Fame

Name: _____

Information & Background:

PRESTON EAMES AWARD

Please list the ONE coach or contributor who you feel deserves to be recognized by the NHSCA for their work and dedication to soccer in the State of New Hampshire. This person must show a continued dedication to the sport of soccer and his/her contributions should have made a difference in soccer in New Hampshire during the current year.

Submitted by: _____ School: _____

COACH: _____

or

CONTRIBUTOR: _____

Background:
