

## **Resolution on CDYSL's Coaching License Requirement Adopted by the CDYSL Board, 1-12-06**

- CDYSL has publicized the 2006 Initiative that sets a requirement that all coaches of CDYSL-registered teams have a coaching license. By this resolution, the CDYSL Board endorses the important philosophy put forth by this Initiative that all coaches of youth players in CDYSL should be trained. Furthermore, the board holds that the appropriate licenses to be held by coaches will be those authorized by USSF and ENYSSA for youth coaching, the A-F/Y series.
  
- In order to implement this general requirement, the Board instructs the 2nd VP, the Rules Committee, and the Games Committee to work with the CDYSL staff to write rules that specify the details of how such a requirement will work, how and when enforcement will occur, and the mechanisms by which verification of licensure takes place. This proposed rule shall be brought before the board for approval at its February 2006 meeting. The rule shall attempt to follow this general timeline and these specifications:
  - For the Spring 2006 CDYSL league season, licensure is required for head coaches of all teams. Coaches who do not hold an appropriate license are placed on a probationary status and the implications of this status are to be spelled out in the language of the proposed rule.
  - Beginning August 2006, the rule will indicate that head coaches may not coach a team unless an appropriate license is held.
  - The committee work on the rules language shall also consider a timeline for future potential requirements of licensing of all coaches (head and assistant).
  - The board urges the CDYSL staff to continue to work with ENY to arrange as many courses as needed to facilitate meeting this timeline.

### **Rationale/Justification:**

The rationale for this license requirement has been available for three years in the coaching initiative document produced by the league office (on the web site). Its' simple proposition is that all coaches of youth teams should be trained according to the specifications put forth by USSF and ENY. Important dimensions of training coaching techniques for youth players are included in the A-F/Y series of coaching courses. These are viewed as necessary for adequately preparing coaches as teachers of skills, tactics, team organization, parent management, and deportment.

In order to ensure the success of this initiative, the exact wording of the proposed rule should be carefully chosen so that the mechanisms by which it is enforced are simple, easy to administer, fair, and unambiguous.