



Essex County Youth Soccer Association Fall NEW Coaches Meeting

August 26, 2025

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A Message From MA Youth Soccer



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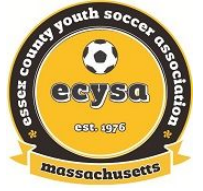


League Updates



Rules to be aware of:

- Technical Area required to be marked. If not lined, must set up cones
- Lopsided goal policy includes G4 games
- Codes of Conduct for Coaches, Players, Spectators, and Referees, and Zero Tolerance Policy 531-9
- Updated ECYSA Fact Sheet



Reschedules & Forfeits

- School Conflicts
- Religious Conflict
- Mid-Week Games
- Forfeits – Process and FINES
 - Notice periods
 - Communication
- Coach Agreed reschedule system
 - Coaches of given game agree to reschedule and determine a mutually agreed upon reschedule date / time
 - Requesting Coach's TD to submit reschedule with new date / time (has ability to select home or away resource)
 - Deadline to submit no later than the Sunday before kick-off (11:59PM)
 - New Fee Applied to requesting team's town organization for reschedule (new Referee Fees Fall '25)
 - Rescheduled game to be played even if referee is not assigned Process / Workflow
 - Requesting Team TD submits reschedule with updated date / time / resource
 - Opposing TD reviews request and approves / deny within 48 hours of submission
 - If Opposing TD approves, sent to ECYSA to approve and schedules updated
 - If Opposing TD denies, game to be played as scheduled; can be resubmitted
 - Any reschedule of a reschedule will result in fee being applied again.



Coaches Requirements

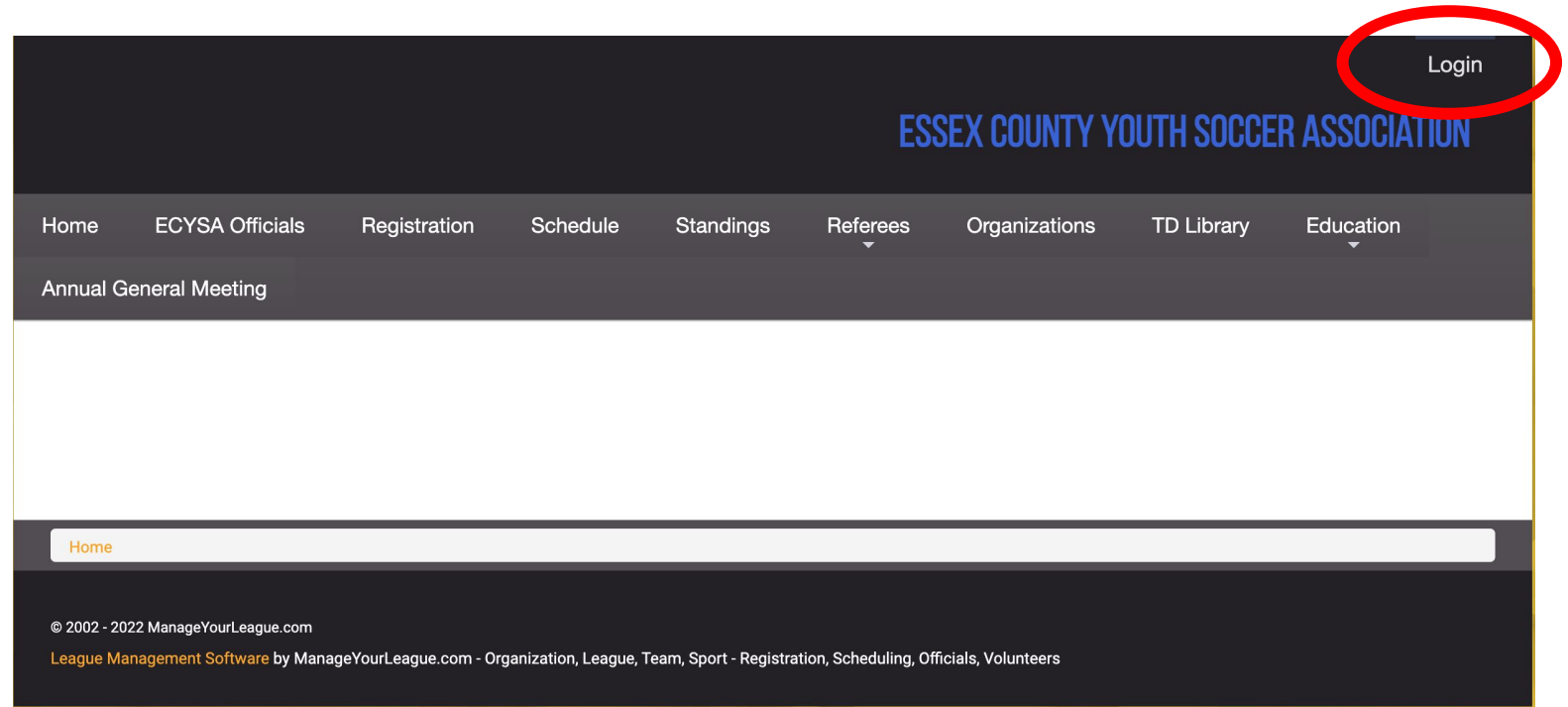


Game Day Responsibilities

- Adult Credentials/Coaches Card/Roster
- Field Preparation
- Working with the Referee
 - What to do with no referee?
- Game time behavior w/ FINES
 - Coaches
 - Players
 - Spectators
- Player Pass: Work with your TD
- Post Game – Coaches and Referee Reports

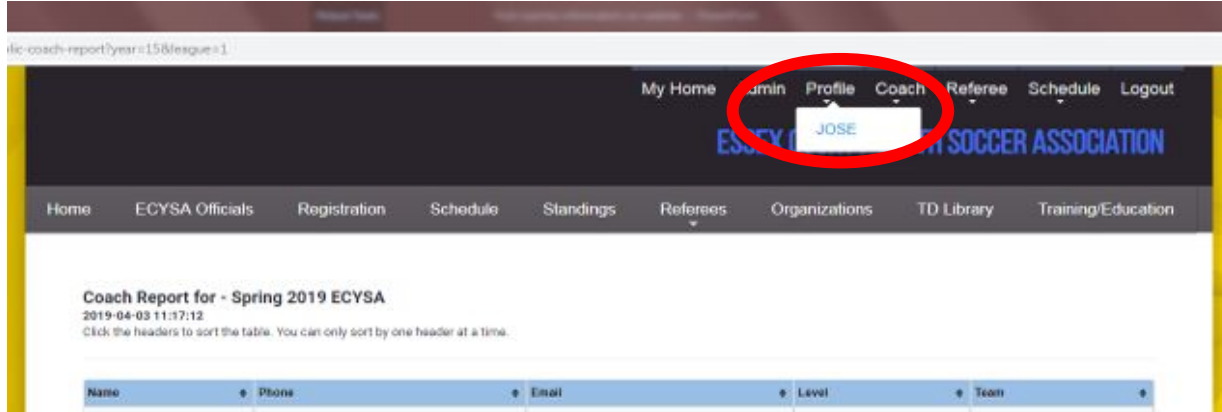


www.ECYSA.org



- ❖ The system has sent out an email with login instructions and an auto-login link tied to your account – if you have logged in previously, your username/password access has not changed.
- ❖ If you have issues logging in - just send an email to technology@ecysa.org
- ❖ Once logged in, you have access to a few options as a coach

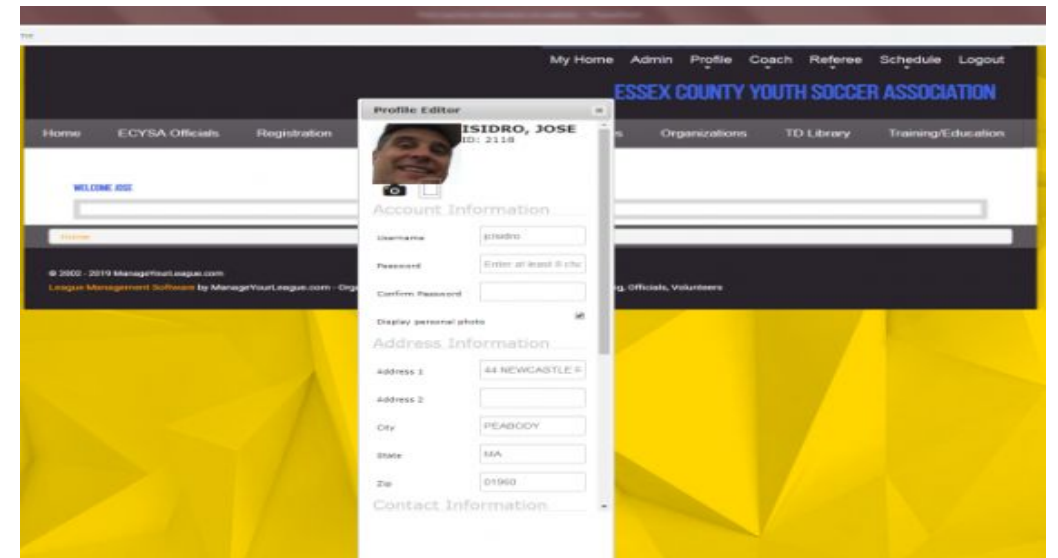
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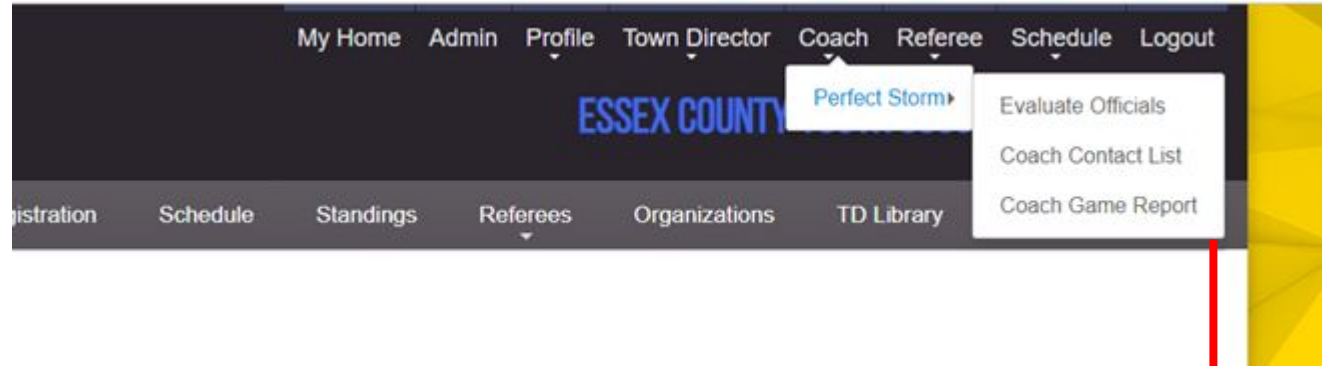
- ❖ Then update the information in your profile. Please make sure to scroll to the bottom of the profile to click "save".

❖ Update Your Contact Information

- Sometimes the contact information we have for you in our system has changed, etc. It's simple to update your information.
- After logging in, click on the Profile option, and then your name:

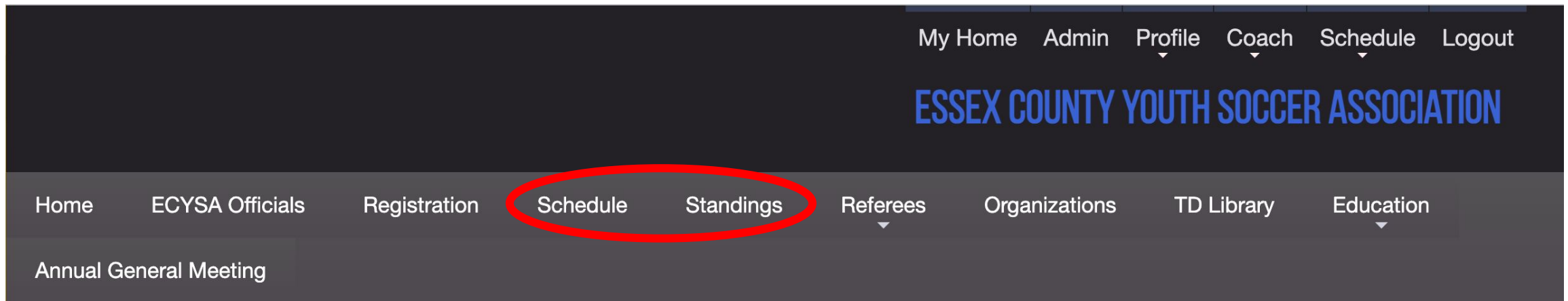


Coach Menu



- ❖ **Evaluate Officials** – Allows coaches to file reports on official performance
- ❖ **Coach Contact List** – Provides list of all coaches in the same division and their contact info
- ❖ **Coach Game Report** – Allows coaches to file game reports

Schedule and Standings



Game Cards

Game cards are available for download / printing directly from the ECYSA.org website.

Game cards will be available in 2 places:

- From the Coach Menu, the game reports will be pre-populated with the game id and other relevant information.
- On the main ECYSA.org page, blank game cards will be available for coaches, TDs, and referees to print.

It is the home coach's responsibility to bring game cards to the game.

At the end of the game, the referee will fill out the game card. If either team's coach wishes to have a copy of the game card, they can either take a picture of the completed game card, or fill out another game card for the referee to sign.



Full system usage details for coaches is available at
ecysa.org under the Education Tab:

[www.ecysa.org/ECYSA/technology-tips-f
or-coaches](http://www.ecysa.org/ECYSA/technology-tips-for-coaches)

Website issues or questions? Email us at technology@ecysa.org

Respect the Call

[Updated Referee Abuse Prevention Policy \(Policy 531-9\)](#)





Fall 2025 Key Dates



ECYSA Fall 2025 Season Dates

- **Start Date: September 6th**
- **No games October 11th – Holiday Weekend**
- **Final week – November 1st**



New G4 Game Time Slots

In effort to allow referees to cover more games and have less downtime, we have adjusted the G4 Game Time Slots for the '25-26 Season.

9:00-10:15, 10:15-11:30, 11:30-12:45, 12:45-2:00, 2:00-3:15, 3:15-4:30



Coach Education

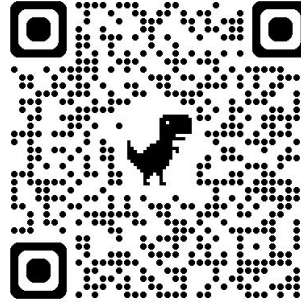


US Soccer Grassroots Licenses

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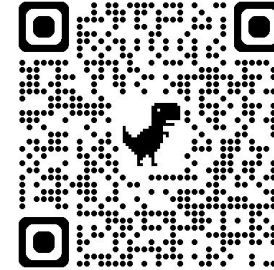
1. Online licenses

<https://learning.ussoccer.com/>



2. In-person licenses

[Coach Education Courses – Massachusetts Youth Soccer](#)



Mass Youth Soccer references

[Coaches – Massachusetts Youth Soccer](#)



Mass Youth Soccer Coach Education Week

Thank you to Ipswich, Wilmington and Fisherman for hosting Education Week Sessions!

Local Courses:

Date: 8/28/25

Time: 6:00-8:00 PM

Location: Shawsheen Elementary School, 298 Shawsheen Ave, Wilmington, MA

Date: 9/3/25

Time: 5:30 – 7:30 PM

Location: Magnolia Woods (upper field) 474 Western Ave, Gloucester, MA 01930

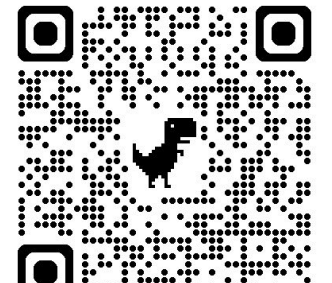
Registration links and full listing of all courses are found on the Mass Youth Website on the Coaches>Coach Education Week tab:

<https://mayouthsoccer.org/coacheducationweek/>

Registered coaches that attend will receive a code to get a free USSF Grassroots Online licensing course.

USSF Coach Licensing

Grassroots 4v4, 7v7, 9v9 and 11v11 courses are available online through the USSF Learning Center
In-person courses for Grassroots and higher-level licenses (D/C/B) are offered periodically
in Massachusetts





QUESTIONS ??



Thank you!

Follow us on Facebook for periodic updates
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Register for tonight's meeting

