



Coach

Purpose

The AYSO volunteer position of coach is intended to develop in players a positive image of themselves, their teammates, coaches, game officials, and opponents as well as provide a good role model for players. Additionally, the coach will develop in his/her players the appropriate soccer skills as recommended in the AYSO coaching manual.

Primary Support Contact: Division Coordinator

Specific Duties and Responsibilities

The coach is expected to:

Pre-Season

1. Complete the appropriate paperwork to volunteer in the region
 - A. EAYSO Volunteer Application (www.eayso.org)
 - B. AYSO Safe Haven Certification (see class schedule or complete online training at www.aysotraining.org)
2. Attend the region 177 Coaches' meeting. Here you will receive rosters, field assignments and the provided coaching supplies/equipment.
3. Encouraged to attend an age appropriate coaching/referee/training courses sanctioned by region 177 for additional training. Authorized training expenses are reimbursable by the region.

Season

4. Conduct appropriate practices;
5. Promote the AYSO philosophy at both games and practice;
6. Support the division and regional commissioners;
7. Cooperate with the regional coach administrator on all coaching matters;
8. Teach age appropriate skills;
9. Refrain from the use of insulting, embarrassing, foul or abusive language;

Post-Season

10. Provide player ratings to the division coordinator at the end of the season (U8 and higher)
11. Attend a player rating meeting; (U12 and higher) and
12. Carry out other team tasks as necessary.

Supervision Protocols

While performing as the coach, the volunteer is:

1. Subject to the bylaws, rules, regulations, policies, procedures and guidelines of AYSO;
2. Under the overall authority of and directly supervised by division coordinators, regional coach administrator, and supervised indirectly by the regional commissioner;
3. To maintain the recommended adult to child supervision of 1:8 or less; that is one adult for every eight or fewer children and two adults (one of whom may be the coach and one of whom must be of the same gender as the group) present at all times. For the protection of both the children and the volunteer, no volunteer would permit himself or herself to be alone with any child or group of children (except his or her own) during AYSO-sponsored activities;
4. Once the head coach has assumed charge of the children on his or her team, he or she remains responsible until a duly designated adult has taken charge of each child after practice or a game or the child leaves the immediate vicinity of the practice or game as prearranged by the parent to walk home or to a friend's house. No child shall be left unsupervised after a game or practice. Parents who are unreasonably late or consistently tardy should be reported to the child protection advocate for action.