

Frequently Asked Questions About Coaching



Who are the coaches in AYSO?

- Dads, Moms, Uncles, Aunts, Grandpa, Grandma, older brothers, older sisters.
- Anyone 18 years of age or older who has the desire to help children learn how to play soccer through positive coaching in a safe, fun, and fair environment.

I don't know anything about soccer, I've never played the game, and I have not even watched a single soccer game on TV.

- We will provide you with coaching clinics and classes prior to the start of the season. You will also be given an easy to follow manual with simple instructions and an explanation of AYSO philosophies and regulations.
- *Knowing the game comes second to your desire to help the kids and to be part of AYSO.*

What do I do now?

- Don't Panic
- Please register as a AYSO volunteer online at <https://ayso.bluesombrero.com/region638> **(No volunteer form, no coaching)**
- Be prepared to attend coaching classes if not certified to your current division level. Classes will be held in the April-July time frame. The AYSO Regional Coaching staff will contact you if your certification needs to be upgraded.
- Go online to www.aysou.org and take the Safe Haven and Concussion Training. This is necessary every 2 years. AYSOU can be accessed using your BlueSombrero Login Credentials.
- Attend the Coach Orientation in late July or early August. Divisional coordinators will contact all selected coaches and provide dates.

Important Coaching Info

- Thank you for Volunteering
- Applying to coach does NOT guarantee you will be assigned a team
- Coaches must be at least 18 years old
- Only the head coach's child(ren) will be guaranteed placement on his/her team

Always remember you can call the coach administrator, referee administrator, safety director, or your division coordinators for support and advice. We are all part of a team; we're here to help one another for the benefit of the kids.

We need you!

Although you may not be prepared for it right now, you will find that coaching is a lot of fun and it can also be very addictive for all the following positive reasons:

- Participating in your child's activities
- Helping other kids
- Creating a fun and safe environment for them to play soccer
- Being part of a community (1800 players and counting)
- Taking on a new challenge
- Learning new skills
- Getting that exercise you keep postponing
- Meeting new people
- Having fun.

Besides teaching kids how to play soccer you will also help them build a positive attitude towards their teammates, referees, and coaches and toward themselves. For a coach, soccer becomes a tool to help the kids learn about themselves and the people around them. Anyone can become a coach, but a good coach is not defined by how many games his/her team wins.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR YOU ARE NOT CONTACTED BY THE QH AYSO COACHING STAFF PLEASE CONTACT:

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