

OFC COACHING COMMITTEE POLICIES

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1. DEFINITIONS:

Coaching Committee: The OFC Coaching Committee is made up of all head coaches and assistant coaches in the current program year.

Coaching Committee: The OFC Coaching Committee shall have the positions of Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary. These positions are voted annually by the members of the Coaching Committee. The Chair will report to the Board of Directors.

Director of Coaching: The OFC Coaching Committee Chair will act as the Director of Coaching as it concerns the SDYSA policy.

OFC is defined as Oahe Futbol Club.

USYSA is defined as US Youth Soccer Association.

SDYSA is defined as SD Youth Soccer Association.

A Part-Time Player is defined as a player who is not registered with a USYS affiliation and registers with OFC, with a maximum participation criterion of 3 events and for a fee of 50% of the full registration fee.

A Guest Player is defined as a player already registered with a USYS affiliation other than OFC.

Play-Up is defined as a player in a lower division than the division being considered for.

2. TEAM FORMATION:

Play up requests will be conducted at the Coaching Committee level for players assigned to age groups under the age group cut-off dates as determined by the OFC Board of Directors. Any play up request in question or contest at the coaching committee level, will be resolved by the Board of Directors. Play up requests for a single tournament requires approval of the two head coaches involved. Play up requests for a full season require approval from the entire coaches committee. The head coach of the division the player would normally be registered in is responsible for contacting the parents of the player to explain the Coaching Committees decision.

The Coaching Committee will prioritize adding Guest Players or Part-Time Players to OFC rosters in the following manner:

1. Opportunity must first be provided to every full time OFC registered player for the age division. The coach of each age division will send written notification of tournaments the division will be attending.
2. Coach to coach invitation to OFC registered players of a younger age division. Invitation may only be extended if the younger age division has more players than necessary to field a sufficient roster for participation in the tournament or if the younger division is not fielding a team for that specific tournament.
3. Coach to coach invitation to guest players registered in the same age division with USYS clubs other than OFC or part-time players registering with OFC.
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OFC does not actively recruit or accept registrations from players outside a 60 mile radius, unless a competitive team is in need of additional players to provide for the opportunity to play in a tournament or the player is fully committed to the OFC program year.

Guest players and Part time players will be cleared through the coaching committee, before registering for an event, with final approval by one of the coaching committee officers. All player decisions will be reported to the OFC Board of Directors.

The head coach of each team shall be responsible for the training, play and conduct of his/her team. A head coach of an OFC team shall inform the head coach of another OFC team of any play, practice or clinic opportunity being conducted for OFC players, prior to the opportunity being held.

All coaches are responsible for adhering to participation and playing time requirements as follows:

8U and 10U divisions: All players have the right to an equal amount of practice, tournament participation and playing time in each game. No tryouts or other selective team formation will be allowed in these divisions. All teams will be formed equally and without preference.

12U divisions: All players have the right to equal amount of practice and tournament participation. No tryouts or selective team formation will be allowed without prior approval from the Coaches Committee. (Playing time may be subject to discipline by the coach. Parents must be notified prior to the game of any disciplinary actions.)

14U and above divisions: All players have the right to play in each game. Playing time is at the coach's discretion. (Playing time may be subject to discipline by the coach. Parents must be notified prior to the game of any disciplinary actions.)

3. COACHING SELECTION:

Prior to July 1 of each year, the Coaching Committee will provide the OFC Board of Directors with nominations for Head Coach in each age division for the upcoming season. If more than one person requests to be the head coach of a division, the Board of Directors shall conduct interviews and select the best qualified candidate.

The head coach shall be responsible for enlisting necessary assistant coaches, with the priority given to those who have requested to coach. The head coach shall recommend to the Coaching Committee the proposed assistant coaches for Board approval.

Each team must have a rostered head coach or assistant coach on the sidelines for every game at an event.

All coaching staff will be required to fill out the SDSSA Risk-Management Online Disclosure Form, submit signed Coach's Code of Conduct and signed confirmation that they have read and will abide by SDYSA Competitive Rules, along with the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations and Coaching Committee Policies set forth by Oahe FC.

4. COACHING EDUCATION:

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The Coaching Committee will recommend coaching education courses and levels for each age division. All coaches are encouraged to complete any coaching education courses required, with priority given to head coaches. Coaches will be reimbursed by OFC for the registration cost of classes with prior approval of the OFC Board of Directors.

The OFC Coaches Committee recommends the following training courses for all Head Coaches.

- 1 year membership to United Soccer Coaches
- Completion of the following courses:
 - Foundations of Coaching Course
 - Small Sided Games: 4v4, 7v7, 9v9 Course
 - Attacking Principles of Play Course
 - Defending Principles of Play Course
 - Goalkeeping Level I Course

5. TEAM MANAGER:

Each OFC head coach will be responsible for finding and appointing a team manager as needed. The team manager will carry out duties as assigned and directed by the head coach.

6. PLAYER CARDS:

The head coach for each team will be responsible for either returning player cards to the player or destroying them at the end of each season. Part time player cards will be held by the OFC Registrar before and after each of the three events criteria.