



COACH/ASSISTANT COACH AGREEMENT

As a Coach or Assistant Coach for AYSO Region 253, I agree to the following guidelines:

1. I will follow the AYSO "Positive Coaching" philosophy. I understand that AYSO is "For the Players". Emphasis is placed on good sportsmanship and maximum enjoyment for the youngsters.
2. I will be courteous to all AYSO volunteers, including referees even if I disagree with their decisions, this includes YOUTH referees.
3. I will be reasonable in my demands on my young players' time, energy, enthusiasm and performance on the soccer field.
4. I will always set a good example and be generous with my praise when it is deserved. Children need a coach they can respect. I will never yell at or ridicule a player.
5. I will respect the game and strive to know and understand the Laws of the Game. I will encourage my players and their families to learn the Laws as well.
6. I will do my part to keep the players and their families informed about regional news. I will make sure that one of the coaches or a team parent picks up all handouts before every game and distributes them to the players in a timely manner.
7. I will have with me the players' registration forms/medical release form & player/parent agreements at all practices and games.
8. Players are guaranteed at least 6 games each season. If games are cancelled for any reason, I will reschedule at least enough games to insure that our team plays 6 games in a season.
9. All players shall play at least three quarters (3/4) in each game during regional season play. No player will sit out more than 1 quarter until all players have sat out 1 quarter.
10. Goalkeepers will not play for more than three quarters (3/4) in goal, except in U14, U16 and 19 divisions. Any player that plays in goal at least one quarter must play in the field at least one quarter of each game.
11. The "Good Sportsmanship Agreement" regarding teams that are short of players will be followed. This means that I will play an even number of players to my opponent's number of players. I will also loan players to the other team if needed to allow the players to play as much of the game as possible and make sure both sides are evenly matched.
12. I will follow the "No Slaughter" rule. This means that I will take the appropriate action during any game to insure that my team will not have more than a five goal differential at any time during any game. I will remember that the purpose of the game is for all players to have fun.
13. A Coach or Assistant Coach must be present until the last player is picked up from each game and practice.
14. I am aware that **the use of tobacco, drinking of alcoholic beverages and dogs/animals (even on a leash/lap/cage) on the field sites are not allowed during the games or practices.**
15. I will insure that players and parents will help pick up litter after games and practices and will be courteous to the neighborhood regarding parking at games and practices.
16. I understand I am required to become an age appropriate trained and certified coach to provide the maximum benefit to the children and myself. This requires a Safe Haven Course and a Coaching Course that will provided at no cost to me.
17. I will follow the required ratio of 8 players to 1 adult at all times. I understand that if I am coaching a team of the opposite gender, I am required to have at least one adult of the player's gender at all practices.

I am aware that violations of the above guidelines may result in sanctions up to and including game suspension(s) and/or removal as Coach/Assistant Coach from the team.

Signature

Print Name

Date