



VIP Coach



Purpose

The AYSO volunteer position of VIP (Very Important Player) Coach is intended to develop in players a positive image of themselves, their teammates, coaches, game officials and opponents, and provide a good role model for players. Additionally, the VIP coach will develop in his/her players the appropriate soccer skills as recommended in the AYSO VIP Coach Manual.

Specific Duties and Responsibilities

The VIP Coach is expected to:

1. Attend team organization night with the assistant coach before the season begins;
2. Attend VIP Volunteer Training and the age appropriate coaching courses recommended, U-6, U-8; for training on how to coach or as a refresher on AYSO philosophy; additional coach training will be necessary as the team players develop;
3. Attend uniform/equipment distribution night prior to a season to receive team uniforms, equipment and a playing schedule;
4. Conduct appropriate training sessions;
5. Promote the AYSO philosophies;
6. Support the Regional Commissioner and the VIP Administrator;
7. Cooperate with the Regional Coach Administrator on all coaching matters;
8. Conduct a parent and buddy meeting to distribute practice and games schedules;
9. Teach appropriate and adaptive skills;
10. Follow Safe Haven guidelines and principles;
11. Refrain from the use of insulting, embarrassing, foul or abusive language;
12. Provide player evaluations to the VIP Administrator at the end of the season;
13. Carry out other team tasks as necessary, including providing additional playing opportunities such as tournaments; and
14. Have FUN!

Qualifications and Desired Skills

To be considered for the position of coach, the applicant must:

1. Annually submit an AYSO Volunteer Application form;
2. Pass the AYSO screening and background check;
3. Be annually approved and duly appointed as VIP Coach by the Region;
4. Be 18 years of age or older;

5. Demonstrate good character and reliability and be responsive to player and parent needs;
6. Be interested in promoting the benefits of youth sports, especially soccer;
7. Attend training classes before the season begins; and
8. Have an understanding of players with disabilities.

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 the VIP Administrator or the Regional Coach Administrator and supervised indirectly by the Regional Commissioner;
3. To maintain the required VIP adult to player supervision ratio of 1:1 or less; that is one adult for every VIP player (one of whom may be the coach and one of whom should be of the same gender as the group) present at all times. For the protection of both the players and the volunteer, no volunteer should permit himself or herself to be alone with any player or group of players (except his or her own) during AYSO-sponsored activities; and
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 player after practice or a game.

Time Commitment

The anticipated time commitment for a VIP coach is a full year. The estimated hours to fulfill duties are approximately four hours per week during the season.

Orientation, Training, Certification, and Continued Education Provided

To prepare a volunteer for the position of VIP coach, AYSO will offer the following educational opportunities which volunteer coaches are expected to take advantage of and participate in, as appropriate.

1. Orientation by the VIP Administrator, Regional Commissioner and/or Regional Coach Administrator;
2. VIP Volunteer Training;
3. AYSO's Safe Haven Certification;
4. Training classes and continuing education; and,
5. Annual Coach Update and Player Development and Special Programs update.

Activity Locations

While performing the duties of coach, the volunteer is limited to the following locations, unless expressly authorized in writing by the Regional Commissioner to hold activities in another location.

1. Assigned field locations;
2. Regional meetings and sponsored events;
3. The annual Section Meeting; and

4. Independent work at home alone, in committees of adults, or in a properly supervised situation with children.