

Coach Expectations

Pre-K and Kindergarten

You only meet on Game day and here is how the day is run:

- 1) Please arrive to the fields 15 minutes before your assigned time. Here all coaches will review **TWO** activities with our Technical Director. He will walk everyone through the activities and you can ask questions. Essentially, our Technical Director will teach you two drills and then you will in turn teach the kids on your team.
- 2) The first 25 minutes of your scheduled time coaches will run these activities with your team.
- 3) 25 minute scrimmage - 3-4 players from each team on the field.
 - You will have to rotate your players (approximately every 5 minutes)
 - The coaches will help with coordinate the scrimmage (No Ref's at this level).

Grade 1

- 1) Attend a preseason Coaches meeting - Information, uniforms, and discussion (1-2 hours of your time to be run by WYSA)
- 2) Contact your team (team sizes are about 6-8 players) - hand out uniforms and schedule
- 3) Season - One practice a week - Each season a night will be selected for you and your team - roughly 1 hr long- The Technical director will provide the Session plan
- 4) Game day (4v4 format)- arrive 20-30 min before game time - during the game rotate/ substitute players every 3-5 min
- 5) Cancelations - contact players - (WYSA will also post cancelations on the web site)
- 6) Please, find an Assistant Coach if you haven't already.

Grade 2

- 1) Attend a preseason Coaches meeting - Information, uniforms, and discussion (1-2 hours of your time to be run by WYSA)
- 2) Contact your team (team sizes are about 8-10 players) - hand out uniforms and schedule
- 3) One practice a week - Each season a night will be selected for you and your team - roughly 1hr long - The Technical director will provide the Session plan
- 4) Game day (7v7 format) - arrive 20-30 min before game time - during the game rotate/ substitute players every 5 min
- 5) Cancelations - contact players - (WYSA will also post cancelations on the web site)
- 6) Please, find an Assistant Coach if you haven't already.

In-town and Travel Coaches Code of Conduct:

The Board of Directors of Massachusetts Youth Soccer Association, Incorporated (Mass Youth Soccer) and the leaders of the affiliated Leagues are concerned about the conduct of all coaches and referees during games at all levels, from recreational to premier to ODP. We want to ensure that games are fair, positive and enjoyable experiences for all of the children and adults involved. A soccer game should be friendly and unifying - a spirited social and athletic occasion for players, coaches, referees and spectators.

To clarify expectations of coach conduct, we jointly expect all coaches to conform to this Code of Conduct.

Before, during and after the game, be an example of dignity, patience and positive spirit. Before a game, introduce yourself to the opposing coach(es) and to the referee(s). During the game, you are responsible for the sportsmanship of your players. If one of your players is disrespectful, irresponsible or overly aggressive, take the player out of the game at least long enough for him/her to calm down. During the game, you are also responsible for the conduct of the parents of your players. It is imperative to explain acceptable player and parent behavior in a preseason meeting. Encourage them to applaud and cheer for good plays by either team. Discourage them (and you may need to be forceful and direct) from yelling at players and the referee(s). During the game, you are also responsible for the conduct of spectators rooting for your team. During the game, do not address the referee(s) at all. If you have a small issue, discuss it with the referee(s) calmly and patiently after the game. If you have a major complaint, or if you think the referee(s) was unfair, biased, unfit or incompetent, report your opinion to your League. Your reactions will be taken seriously if they are presented objectively and formally. After the game, thank the referee(s) and ask your players to do the same.

Referees - especially young and inexperienced ones - are like your players and yourself, in that they need time to develop. You can play an important role in helping them to improve by letting them concentrate on the game. You can help by encouraging them, by accepting their inevitable, occasional mistakes and by offering constructive post-game comments. On the other hand, you could discourage and demoralize the referees by criticizing their decisions, by verbally abusing them and inciting - or even accepting - your own players' overly aggressive behavior. Your example is powerful, for better or worse. If you insist on fair play, if you concentrate on your players' enjoyment of the game and their overall, long term development, and if you support the referee, your players and their parents will notice. If you encourage (or allow) your players to play outside the rules, if you're overly concerned about results, and if you criticize the referee harshly, your players and their parents will also notice. Think about what you're doing during a game!

Thank You,

Wilmington Youth Soccer Association