



Assistant Coach

Purpose

The AYSO volunteer position of assistant coach is intended to help the head coach with all coaching responsibilities.

Specific Duties and Responsibilities

The assistant coach is expected to:

1. Attend team organization night with the head coach before the season begins;
2. Attend the age appropriate coach clinic for training on how to coach or as a refresher on AYSO philosophy;
3. Represent the head coach at the uniform and equipment distribution night prior to a season to receive team uniforms, equipment, and playing schedule if head coach is unable to attend;
4. Help run one to two practices per week, develop team line-ups for games, and attend regular and tournament games;
5. Provide leadership and be an active role model exemplifying the AYSO culture and philosophies;
6. Provide player evaluations to the division coordinators at the end of the season; and
7. Carry out other team tasks as necessary upon request of the head coach.

Qualifications and Desired Skills

To be considered for the position of assistant coach, the applicant should:

1. Be reliable;
2. Assistant coaches must be at least two years older than the oldest player on the team;
3. Have an interest in helping children;

4. Have good character;
5. Be interested in promoting the benefits of youth sports, especially soccer;
6. Attend training classes in coaching before the season begins; and
7. Be screened.

Supervision Protocols

While performing as the assistant 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 head coach, and supervised indirectly by the regional coach administrator;
3. To maintain the recommended adult to child supervision ratio of 1:8 or less; that is one adult for every eight or fewer children and two adults (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 children and the volunteer, no volunteer should permit himself or herself to be alone with any child or group of children (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 child after practice or a game or the child leaves the immediate vicinity of the practice or game as prearranged by the parent to walk home or to a friend’s or relative’s house. No child shall be left unsupervised after a game or practice. Parents who are unreasonably late or consistently tardy should be reported to the child protection advocate for action. Each coach may establish a standing policy of where children may be picked up by late parents

Time Commitment

The anticipated time commitment for an assistant coach is a full year. The estimated hours to fulfill duties by month shall be filled in by the head coach:

Jan:	hrs.	Feb:	hrs.	Mar:	hrs.	Apr:	hrs.	May:	hrs.	Jun:	hrs.
Jul:	hrs.	Aug:	hrs.	Sep:	hrs.	Oct:	hrs.	Nov:	hrs.	Dec:	hrs.

Orientation, Training, Certification, and Continued Education Provided

To prepare a volunteer for the position of assistant coach, AYSO will offer the following educational opportunities. It is the duty of the volunteer to attend these sessions.

1. Orientation by the head coach;

2. AYSO Safe Haven Coach Certification;
3. Training classes;
4. Coach clinics;
5. Referee clinics;
6. Annual coach update; and
7. AYSO Safe Haven Program.

Activity Locations

While performing the duties of assistant 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. Assigned classroom locations;
3. Regional meetings;
4. The annual Section Meeting; and
5. Independent work at home alone, in committees of adults, or in a properly supervised situation with children.