

# **AYSO Region 26**

## **1998 Coach Job Description**

### **Overview**

Thank you for volunteering to coach in AYSO Region 26 for the 1998 season. Coaching is a demanding, yet rewarding, job, and is vital to AYSO since the coach has the most direct contact with the children. The quality of their experience is very much in your hands. This Job Description outlines your duties and responsibilities and is intended to make sure that you know what is expected of you and where you can turn to get help or additional training.

### **Coaching Skills**

Make sure that you know the game and the coaching techniques found to be most successful. AYSO has a number of publications, and the Region and Area provide a number of opportunities for you to attend coaching clinics to improve your knowledge of the game and coaching skills. It is important that you attend clinics appropriate to the age group that you are coaching so that you can promote the best and latest in instruction to your players.

### **Fun**

Remember that the game is for the kids and they should have fun. You should encourage the very best performance from your team, but never lose sight of the fact that it is just a game and played for fun within the AYSO philosophies of Everyone Plays, Positive Coaching, and Good Sportsmanship.

### **Everyone Plays**

Pay particular attention to the Everyone Plays rule. Every player must play at least half of every game which they attend. We request that everyone should play 3 quarters before anyone plays 4. We also recommend that no player is always out for the first or last quarter, and that in divisions 4-6, no player plays one position exclusively.

### **Referee Cooperation**

Cooperate with the referees. They are volunteers like you and are called upon to make judgements, usually with a different viewpoint than yours. Please insist that the parents of the players maintain a respectful attitude to referees at all times. Under no circumstances should you, your assistant, your co-coach, or any parents from your team address any derogatory remarks towards the referees. No protests of game results will be considered.

### **Sportsmanship**

Present an attitude of good sportsmanship in both word and action to your players and their parents. We are trying to create a positive environment based on mutual respect rather than a win at all costs attitude. Please ensure that you limit your sideline coaching to players off the ball. Please encourage the parents to cheer good play by either team, but parents should not coach from the sideline, or direct any negative comment to players from the opposing team, coaches from the opposing team or referees. The behaviour of the parents from your team is your direct responsibility. We recommend that you conduct a parent meeting, and make clear (in writing) what your expectations are regarding sideline behaviour.

### **Practices**

Conduct two practices a week if at all possible. If you are unable to attend both practices, please arrange for your assistant or "co" coach to run the practice. Remember that coaching is done at practice not at games. Plan your practices in advance so that the time the children spend at practice is productive and enjoyable. Be sure to spend some time at every practice playing small-sided soccer games.