

AREA 1F COACHING GUIDELINES

August 1, 2007

1. **Volunteer Application.** In order to afford maximum protection under the Volunteer Protection Act of 1997 and applicable Good Samaritan statutes, it is required that all coaches and assistant coaches must complete, sign and submit a Volunteer Application. A new Volunteer Application must be completed for each year that the volunteer agrees to act as a coach or assistant coach.
2. **Safe Haven Certification.** It is required that all coaches and assistant coaches must complete Safe Haven certification prior to coaching. Safe Haven certification must be completed one time by the volunteer and is acceptable for all subsequent years.
3. **Training.** It is highly recommended that each coach and assistant coach should be trained at the appropriate age level. U-6 coaches should complete the U-6 course, U-8 coaches should complete the U-8 course, U-10 coaches should complete the U-10 course, U-12 coaches should complete the U-12 course, U-14 coaches should complete the Intermediate Coach course and U-16 coaches should complete the Advanced Coach course.
4. **Training Prerequisites.** There is no prerequisite training required in order to take the U-6, U-8, U-10 or U-12 courses. It is recommended that coaches taking these courses have previously completed the prior course but it is not required. In order to take the Intermediate Coach class, completion of the U-12 coach course is required. In order to take the Advanced Coach course, completion of the Intermediate Coaching course is required.
5. **On Line Training.** AYSO offers limited online training courses for coaches. Coaches desiring U-8 coach certification can complete that course and obtain their certification on line. Coaches desiring U-10 coach certification can take an online course to learn the basics and then must attend a field session in order to complete certification. Coaches can take Safe Haven training and receive course certification on line. All online training is available at <http://www.aysotraining.org/>. Access to these courses is limited to currently registered volunteers and an AYSO Volunteer ID number is required to access the course curriculum.
6. **Support AYSO Philosophies.** All AYSO coaches and assistant coaches must support the core AYSO philosophies including Everyone Plays, Positive Coaching and Good Sportsmanship.
7. **Secondary Play.** Beginning August 1, 2007 all AYSO coaches (head and assistant) who are given permission to coach AYSO teams in secondary program intersectional AYSO tournaments or non-AYSO tournaments, international

competitions or the AYSO National Games must be trained at the age/skill level of the team that they enter and coach: U-12 for both U-10 and U-12 Coaches; Intermediate Coach for U-14 coaches; and Advanced Coach for U-16 coaches. Training Proficiency tests are also being developed and the protocol under which candidates may take the test will be in place and available for use in August.