

What's required to become an AYSO coach? If you're willing to contribute your time and effort to ensuring that kids have a fun experience in a fair and safe program, then you possess the necessary prerequisites to become an AYSO coach. Regardless of whether or not you know a lot about soccer, AYSO will provide the training and tools to help you become a good coach. We've had plenty of moms and dads that started out knowing little about soccer that have gone on to become terrific coaches!

AYSO has implemented important steps to ensure that every child has the best possible soccer learning experience. Implemented on August 1, 2010, coaches and assistant coaches in the U-6 division in every region are required to have AYSO age-appropriate training and AYSO Safe Haven® certification when they take the field.

The new coach training policy will roll forward each year adding one additional level of required age-specific coach training until, by the 2015 membership year, every AYSO coach and assistant coach at every level will be appropriately trained for the team they coach.

Coaches and assistant coaches of:

Kindergarten teams are required to have taken the U-6 course;

1st and 2nd grade teams are required to have taken the U-8 course;

3rd and 4th grade teams, taking the U-10 course is highly recommended;

5th and 6th grade teams, taking the U-12 course is highly recommended;

7th and 8th grade teams, taking the Intermediate (U-14) course is highly recommended.

Note that if you have taken the U-10 course, for example, and you will be coaching a U-6 team, you must take the U-6 course (i.e. taking a higher level course does not satisfy the requirement for coaching a lower level team).

Coach training sessions in Glenview for 2011:

All sessions have been completed.

Coach training in the area:

Safe Haven, U-6 to U-12 – check for courses on eAYSO.org

All sessions probably have been completed, watch for some in February-March.

Check course offerings and sign-up on eAYSO.org.

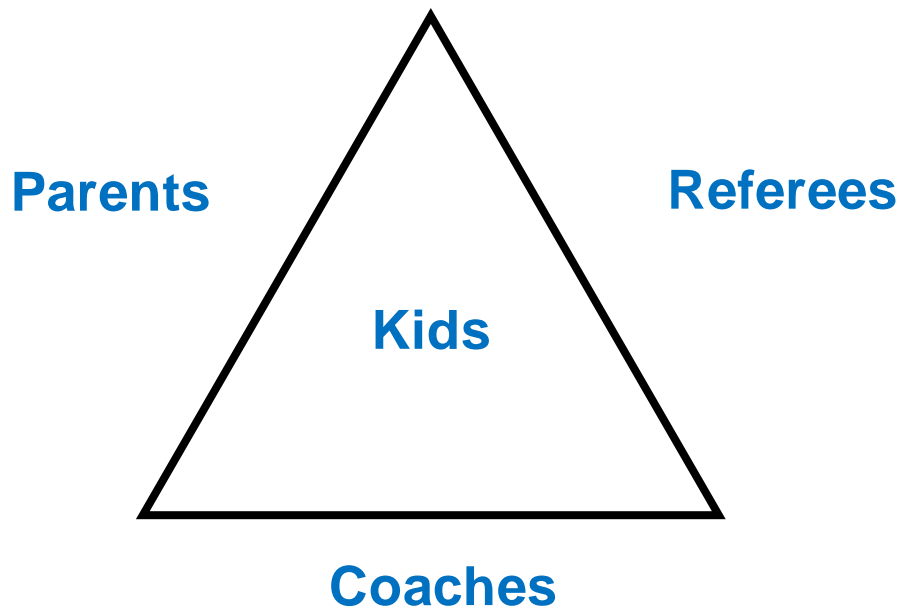
Safe Haven, U-6, and U-8 courses can be taken on-line instead of attending in-person. A portion of the U-10 course can be taken on-line with a follow-up field session. If you take Safe Haven, U-6, or U-8 on-line, contact me if you would like a copy of the training manual (contains very useful information). Go to aysotraining.org for on-line courses. I have a limited supply of practice cones, ball and bags, and other coaching supplies to give out. Also contact me if you take U-10 on-line.

Other information:

Please be aware that it is mandatory that all coaches take the Safe Haven course prior to coaching, and to have a current volunteer form on file. If you have already taken Safe

Haven or a specific level coach training course once, it is not required that you take it again. You can take any course again for a refresher.

Also, depending upon what division your children are in, you may have noticed that there aren't enough referees. If you could drum up any interest with your parents to become referees, that would be appreciated also. Having trained and certified referees is an important side of the AYSO triangle: coaches, referees, parents each being one side of the triangle, with the kids in the middle.



Check out AYSO information for coaches (news, tips, resources, FAQ, etc.):

www.soccer.org/coaches_referees/coaches.aspx

Sign up for the weekly e-newsletter "Hey Coach!" for videos and tips.

AYSO on-line training: www.aysotraining.org/

For more information, please contact me at coachtraining@glenviewayso.org

Thank you,
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