

AYSO is an all volunteer organization. In order for it to exist and serve the children of Idaho Falls volunteers are needed. Volunteering is rewarding, as you help the youth of Idaho Falls grow and mature into young adults with a sense of fair play, responsibility, and a respect for other players, coaches, and referees.

## **COACH**

The AYSO volunteer position of coach is intended to develop in players a positive image of themselves, their teammates, coaches, game officials, and opponents, and provide a good role model for players. Additionally, the coach will develop in his/her players the appropriate soccer skills as recommended in the AYSO coaching manuals. To prepare a volunteer for the position of coach, AYSO will offer the following educational opportunities. It is the duty of the volunteer to attend these sessions.

- Attend age appropriate coaching course - For example courses run from 2 hrs for U-6 age group to 5 hrs for U-12 age group.
- AYSO Safe Haven Coach Certification - This class must be attended once. The class is normally given in the evening and is 3 hrs in length.

A coach is expected to:

- Attend the age appropriate coaching course for training on how to coach or as a refresher on AYSO philosophy
- Attend uniform/equipment distribution night prior to a season to receive team uniforms, equipment, and a playing schedule
- Conduct appropriate practices and be present during games
- Promote the AYSO philosophies
- Provide player evaluations to the age group coordinators at the end of the season

AYSO Region 102 limits the number of team meetings to two per week. This is typically a practice and a game during the majority of the season.

## **REFEREE**

The AYSO volunteer position of referee is intended to control soccer matches played between teams of youth players in the age groups from U-6 to U-19 according to the AYSO National Rules and Regulations, the FIFA Laws of the Game and the prevailing guidelines provided at AYSO training courses. The referee is expected to cooperate with coaches and other officials to develop a positive self-image in the players and to provide a good role model for all AYSO participants. To prepare a volunteer for the position of referee, AYSO will offer the following educational opportunities. It is the duty of the volunteer to attend these sessions.

- Referee certification -- This class is normally held on Friday evening (3 hrs) and Saturday (6 hrs).
- AYSO Safe Haven Referee Certification - This class must be attended once. The class (1 hr) is included in the referee certification training (see above).

A referee is expected to:

- Attend specific referee training courses to develop refereeing skills
- Attend referee refresher courses as necessary to maintain AYSO rules, the FIFA Law knowledge, and become familiar with any changes in prevailing guidelines
- Officiate matches to which he/she is assigned according to the AYSO rules, the FIFA Laws and prevailing guidelines
- Keep a record of each match he/she officiates
- Support the AYSO philosophies

## **BOARD**

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

- Board and Staff Instructional Course – This class is normally given in conjunction with a board meeting. The class is 1 ¼ hours in length.
- Job specific training - Job specific training is available on a one-on-one basis and at the AYSO Section Meeting. Contact a Board member for more information.

It is the duty of Board members to attend board meetings; other duties of a Board member vary depending upon the position on the Board. Typical positions are: Age Group coordinator, Registrar, Treasurer, Coach Administrator, Referee Administrator, Secretary, Publicity Coordinator, Purchasing Coordinator, and Equipment Coordinator.