



Area Coach Trainer

Purpose

The AYSO volunteer position of area coach trainer is intended to provide coach training in accordance with the AYSO National Coaching Program at the area level.

Specific Duties and Responsibilities

The area coach trainer is expected to:

1. Obtain the most current course guides, lesson plans, and coaching manuals that are required to support the AYSO National Coaching Program;
2. Support the regional coach administrators and trainers by conducting orientations, clinics, and all required coach courses, including Coach Safe Haven Certification, and U-6, U-8, U-10, U-12 and Intermediate Coach training courses. Conduct an Intermediate Coach course at least annually within the Area;
3. Provide leadership and support to the regional coach trainers within the area. Be an active role model exemplifying the AYSO culture, philosophies and National Coaching Program;
4. Obtain AYSO trained and certified instructors to teach;
5. Work with the regional coach administrators and trainers, the area coach administrator and the section coach trainer to meet the ongoing training needs of coaches and assistant coaches for all of the regions within the area; and
6. Remain current with the latest training and coaching methods.

Qualifications and Desired Skills

To be considered for the position of area coach trainer, the applicant must:

1. Be Safe Haven Coach Certified;
2. Have completed the AYSO Intermediate Coach and Advanced Coach courses;

3. Be an Advanced Coach Instructor certified to teach AYSO Coach Safe Haven, U-6, U-8, U-10, U-12, Intermediate and Advanced Coach courses;
4. Be organized; and
5. Be a good communicator.

Supervision Protocols

While performing as the area coach trainer, 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 area coach administrator and supervised indirectly by the section coach trainer;
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 unreasonable 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 area coach trainer is a full year. The estimated hours to fulfill duties by month shall be filled in by the area coach administrator:

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 area coach trainer, AYSO will offer the following educational opportunities which volunteers are expected to take full advantage of and participate in, as appropriate:

1. Orientation by the area coach administrator;
2. Area staff training at the annual Section Conferences;
3. AYSO Coach Safe Haven;
4. U-6, U-8, U-10, U-12, Intermediate and Advanced Coach Training courses;
5. Coach and Advanced Coach Instructor courses; and
6. Annual coach update.

Activity Locations

While performing the duties of area coach trainer, the volunteer is limited to the following locations, unless expressly authorized in writing by the area coach administrator to hold activities in another location:

1. Area board meetings;
2. Section meetings;
3. Section Conferences;
4. Assigned field locations;
5. Assigned classroom locations; and
6. Independent work at home alone, in committees of adults, or in a properly supervised situation with children.