



AREA 1C Youth Development Program (YDP) Coach Application

Name: _____ Region: _____ Division: _____

Address: _____

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Coaching Certifications (provide level, year certified and certifying organization):

Coaching Experience (provide division level and year):

As an applicant to participate in the Area 1C Youth Development Program (YDP) as a coach, I agree to honor the AYSO Coach's Kid Zone Pledge:

I will abide by the AYSO principles of Everyone Plays, Balanced Teams, Open Registration, Positive Coaching, and Good Sportsmanship. I will arrive at the appointed time or earlier for practices and games. I understand that the top three reasons kids play sports are to have fun, make new friends and learn new skills. I understand that the game is for the kids, and I will encourage my players to have fun and keep sport in its proper perspective. I understand that athletes do their best when they are emotionally healthy, so I will be positive and supportive.

I will redefine what it is to be a "Winner" in my conversations with my players. A Winner is someone who makes maximum effort, continues to learn and improve, and does not let mistakes, or fear of making mistakes, stop them. I understand that mistakes are an inevitable part of any match and that people learn from their mistakes. I understand that all children are born with different abilities and that the true measure is not how my players compare to others but how each is doing in comparison to his/her best self.

I will "Honor the Game." I understand the importance of setting a good example of sportsmanship to my team. No matter what others may do, I will show respect for all involved in the match including coaches, players, opponents, opposing fans, and Referees. I understand that officials, coaches, and players make mistakes. If the Referee makes what I think is a "questionable" call, I will continue to respect the individual and be silent!

I understand that games can be exciting times for my players who are trying to deal with the fast-paced action of the game, respond to opponents, Referees, teammates and listen to coaches. During the game, I will limit my comments to essential tactical instructions and encouraging my players as well as opposing players.

I will not make negative comments about the game, coaches, Referees, opponents or teammates in my players' presence. I understand that this plants a seed, which can negatively influence my players' motivation and overall experience.

I understand that a completed Team Roster and Picture ID Cards for players/coaches are required before participation in the Youth Development Program is allowed. I will make players/parents/spectators aware of the administration concerns and firm position regarding team discipline and behavior.

I currently have no restrictions placed on me from AYSO or any other legal restrictions that would preclude me from working with children or adolescents or further coaching in AYSO.

I have read and understand the Area 1C Rules and Regulations for the Youth Development Program (the "Rules"), and I agree to abide by them. I will make certain that the players on my team understand the Rules.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Area 1C Signature: _____ Date: _____