

Team Management

Coaching is a difficult position that can sometimes be overwhelming.

The success of the season and the amount of progress our kids achieve depend largely upon how well the team is run.

Good team management is the answer to making life easier and less stressful. It leads to a smoother running, more rewarding season.

The head coach is like a CEO of a company – his/her job is to:

- Organize
- Plan
- Communicate
- Staff
- Direct
- Control

TEAM OBJECTIVES

Objectives should be specific and attainable.

Have specific team objectives for players and parents

PLANNING

Season calendar

Have a general plan of what should be covered each week of the season

Evaluate player progress at games during the season

Make practice plans before each practice

Make simple game plans and instructions for each game

ORGANIZING AND COMMUNICATING

A pre-season parents meeting is very important for the success of the season

Mission, goals and objectives must be clearly communicated to parents

The parents must understand that we, the adults, create the environment for our kids and must work together in creating a fun, fair, safe learning environment.

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Some of the things that should be addressed at the parents meeting are

- AYSO philosophy, mission, goals
- Team objectives
- Team, region and national policies regarding schedule, behavior, missed practices, substitution, player positions, rules, etc.
- Season calendar
- Risks and safety issues – special medical conditions
- Parents' Conduct – adult behavior from *ABCs of AYSO*
- Players' equipment and uniform
- Staffing and training
- Communication – phone tree, newsletter, etc.
- Questions, suggestions, any other business

Items that should be handed out at the parents meeting are

1. Team roster
2. Game schedule
3. Season calendar
4. Players' Code of Conduct
5. Parent Code of Conduct

STAFFING

It is imperative for parents to understand they are responsible for the kids on the team.

The region's responsibility is to give support by providing training, mentoring, fields, uniforms, schedules, etc.

The parents provide the people; the region provides the training.

All parents should attend some type of training.

PLAYERS' MEETING

LISTING YOUR PLAYERS

PLAYERS' CHART

END OF SEASON