

Coach Reminders from your C.V.P.A.

Remember, It's All for the Kids!

To be considered for a volunteer position with AYSO Region 641, you must complete the following:

1. Submit a Volunteer Application via the Sports Connect Registration Management System (RMS)
2. Submit and pass a Sterling Volunteers Background Check *
3. Register thru the CA DOJ State Fingerprint agency (Applicant Services) and complete a LiveScan *
4. Complete ALL of the online courses under the "Safe Haven" umbrella. DO NOT upload certificates.
 - AYSO's Safe Haven in AYSOU
 - CDC Concussion Awareness in AYSOU
 - Sudden Cardiac Arrest in AYSOU
 - SafeSport via a link in Sports Connect (Use the same email address and full name that you used in Sports Connect when creating your SafeSport account) *
5. Complete ALL volunteer specific training (e.g. your Coach's Certification)

Exceptions: *Youth Volunteers (under 18) are not required to complete a Background Check, Live Scan or SafeSport

Quick Notes for Games/Practices:

- Find a parent from your roster willing to become your assistant coach or team manager.
- A Minimum of TWO Registered Adults must be present at all times.
- ONE Registered Adult must be the same gender as players.
- ONE Registered Adult is required for every 8 or fewer players.
- Never be alone with a child, other than your own.
- Messages about AYSO activities must be sent through parents and may be copied to older players.

- Team Coaches are responsible for all players until they are picked up or leave as authorized by their parents (no child left unsupervised).

- Parents must not "drop-off" or "pick-up" players at fields without establishing contact with the coaches.
- AYSO does not recommend that children walk or ride a bike home alone from AYSO activities.
- When asked to release a child to another adult or to leave alone (drives or walks home), coaches should secure a **General Release Form** (available on our "[Resources](#)" page) to ensure parent approval.

Any adult who knows of or suspects abuse must:

- File a good faith report with authorities: Child Protective Services and/or local law enforcement.
- Notify the Regional Commissioner or CVPA.
- Notify AYSO Risk Management immediately at 1-800-USA-AYSO (1-800-872-2976) or email riskmanagement@ayso.org.
- Understand that retaliation for reporting is strictly prohibited.
- Remember, reporting is a means of helping; let professional agencies investigate.
- Do not confront the alleged abuser except if necessary to stop abusive actions taking place.

We're Counting on You!

Thank you for volunteering to provide a world class youth soccer program that enriches children's lives and for supporting AYSO's Six Philosophies and the goal of creating a safe haven for experiencing the world's game. Visit the "[Coaches](#)" page on our website for additional information.

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