

## Duties of League Coaches

Coaches hold the primary responsibility for carrying out the mission of Carbondale Soccer, Inc, mainly emphasizing fun, player development, and knowledge of the game. Specifically, coaches are responsible for the following:

1. Communication with team member and parent or guardians regarding schedules of games and practices. All players must wear shin guards for games and practice.
2. Conduct no more than one practice per week (with the exception of the two weeks before the season begins, when 2 practices are permissible)
3. Be present for all games. In the event that a coach must be away from the team, the coach is responsible for identifying a replacement for that game. It is preferred the replacement be a parent or guardian of one of the team children.
4. Demonstrate appropriate behavior. Verbally or physically abusive behavior, including acts of intimidation and/or cursing, directed at a player, parent or guardian, referee, or league official will result in disciplinary action, up to and including removal from the league as deemed necessary by the league president.
5. Ensure uniform distribution takes place, either by coach or a team parent. Uniforms are to be collected, washed, and returned to the uniform shed at Parrish fields within one week of the completion of the season.
6. Participate in legal background check.
7. Monitor the development of players. All players should be active in at least half of every game.
8. Participate in the selection process for post-season tournament play.
9. Provide to the commissioner at the completion of the season rating for all players on the team. These ratings are the basis for team selection for upcoming seasons.
10. Identify a team parent, responsible for collecting uniforms
11. Attendance at mandatory coaches trainings.

Specific items of interest related to coaching:

1. Players should be informed that uniforms are to be worn only for games, not for any other purpose.
2. Players and siblings should not be allowed to play on or in the goals. Fines from IYSA applied to leagues and the violating coaches are significant.
3. Parents or legal guardians are encouraged to stay at the fields during games and practice. Parent or guardian for children in the K/PK leagues are **REQUIRED** to stay.
4. Players cannot participate in games while wearing hard casts. Air casts or significant bubble wrapping (at the coaches observation) are permitted.
5. At the completion of each game, ensure coaches, players, and parents shake hands.
6. Distribution of trophies, for any reason, at the seasons end is inappropriate for this league. However, coaches are encouraged to recognize player effort with certificates of completion.
7. Coaches cannot cancel or reschedule league games. Throughout the season players will miss games for a wide variety of reasons. Coaches are expected to play with the available roster. Under extreme (absent players does not constitute 'extreme') circumstances coaches can request changes through the league commissioner, who will pass the request on to the league president. Commissioners cannot change or cancel games. If approved by the league

- president, a \$25 fee for rescheduling will be assessed, payable to the referee at game time. Teams not appearing for scheduled games will be assessed a \$25 dollar fee to be paid before the team is allowed to play its next game.
8. As the coach, you are not to challenge a referee's call during or after a game. Issues regarding referees should be transmitted to the Director of referees.
  9. As the coach, you are responsible for the behavior of your players and their parent or guardians. It is your responsibility to remind parents and players of fair play and CSI regulations.
  10. If a child is injured during practice or a game, a report must be filed. Contact the league commissioner for details.
  11. If lightning is sighted, remove players from the fields immediately.
  12. Coaches should remain present at practice sessions until all team children are picked up by parents/guardians.