

Coaches Professionalism

I believe that these are vital ingredients for the success of each soccer coach.

Preparation

Coaches should be prepared for practices & games with their very own lesson plan. This will demonstrate a high quality of team coaching. Preparation reflects professionalism.

Punctuality

Coaches arrive 15-20 minutes before practices and 30 – 1hr before games. This will give adequate time for the coach to warm up the players and to get them physically and mentally ready. The players need to be properly advised on the game and the coach turning up late, shows that there is a lack of professionalism.

Enthusiasm

Every soccer coach is a highly motivated individual, selected because of their genuine love of coaching soccer. Enthusiasm comes easy when you truly love the subject.

Appearance

All coaches are required to wear appropriate coaching apparel and be in a neutral color so they can be seen amongst the players. Coaches are expected to have clean equipment for practices and games and provide soccer balls for players.

Positive/Constructive Instruction

Like all sports, soccer players encounter mistakes and errors, therefore, it is imperative those players are encouraged and not discouraged. Mistakes, if learned from and understood, are an important part of a player's development. Players need to be confident and not risk isolated criticism in order to continue learning enjoyment and self- belief.

Role Models

Coaches provide players with an example of respect, and manners that the coach wants the players to carry all season long. Coaches should strive to recognize and accept the responsibility of being positive role models for youth soccer players in Minnesota.

The Big Picture

Coaches should accept that in reality they will probably not coach a player that will make a living from the game. But it is imperative that the Coaching Staff emphasize the importance of moral/social values which is used in adult life.