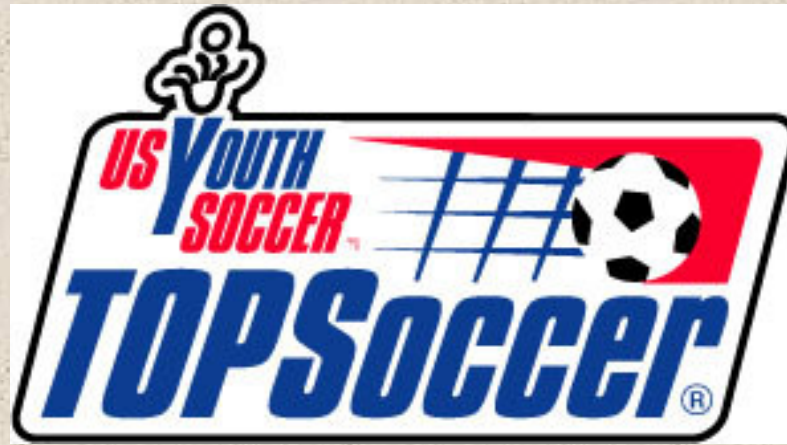




Coaching Special Needs Children

Knowing Your Audience

- Parents
 - Denial
 - Fight the Systems
 - Over Protective
 - Willing to Help
 - Little League Mentality
 - Competitive

Knowing Your Audience

- Players
 - No Two Will be the Same
 - Some Will Need 1 on 1
 - Some Will Have Multiple Disabilities
 - Some Will be Mentally but not Physically Capable and vice versa

Continued...

Knowing Your Audience

- Players
 - Some Needs Will be Physical
 - Some Needs Will be Mental
 - Some Want to Play. Others don't.
 - Most Will Give You 100%

Knowing Your Audience

- Volunteers
 - Most Really Want to Help
 - Need to Specify Their Role
 - Recommended 1- 4, Except for Those Needing 1 on 1 Training

Training the Coach

- Responsibility
 - Be Knowledgeable
 - About the Game
 - About Your Players
 - Be Punctual
 - Be a Role Model
 - Be Organized
 - There is no Down-Time.

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Training the Coach

- Responsibility
 - Have Excellent Communication Skills
 - Inclement Weather Policy
 - Specified Practice and Game Times
 - Locations of Practice and Games
 - Changes to Posted Schedules
 - Include All Personnel

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Training The Coach

- Responsibility
 - Safety
 - Players
 - Field
 - Equipment
 - Keep Things Simple - K.I.S.S

Training The Coach

- Helpful Tips
 - Basic First-Aid Training
 - Common Sense
 - Knowledge of Learning and Physical Disabilities
 - Knowledge of Each Player's Medical History
 - Demonstration of Skills to be Taught
 - Keeping Confidentiality

Continued...

Training The Coach

- Helpful Tips
 - Appropriate Touching
 - Never Secretive
 - Personal Space - 18"
 - Areas Covered by Swimwear
 - "High Five"
 - Side Hugs

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Training The Coach

- Helpful Tips
 - Clean up Area
 - “Backyard” Game
 - Trained Staff and/or Volunteers

Training The Coach

- Coaching Tips
 - Name Tags - Front & Back
 - Spread Equipment Out
 - Colored Stickers
 - Numbers on Jerseys
 - Everyone Coaching in Same Language
 - Volunteer Shirts Different Color
 - Be Part of the Circle

Continued...

Training The Coach

- Coaching Tips
 - Face Sun
 - Big Muscles First
 - Index Cards
 - Sharing Field
 - Instructions - 3 “C’s”
 - Clear
 - Concise
 - Consistent

Continued...

Training The Coach

- Coaching Tips
 - Games
 - Tunnel
 - Simon Says
 - Red Light, Green Light
 - Backyard

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Training The Coach

Congratulate Yourself !

Training Volunteers

- Soccer Buddies
 - Explain Importance of Their Role
 - What Is Expected of Them?
 - Disclosure Form
 - Commitment
 - What Can They Expect From You?
 - Information
 - Input

Training The Parents

- What Parents Can Expect
 - Child Will Have Fun
 - Activities Geared to Child's Ability
 - 1 on 1 Training If Needed
 - Safe Environment
 - Information on all Activities
 - Building of Child's Self Esteem, Physical Fitness, and Socialization Skills

Continued...

Training The Parents

- What Parents Can Expect
 - Opportunities Provided
 - Individual Skills
 - Small Group Training
 - Large Group Training
 - Unified Soccer
 - Mainstream
 - Camps

Training The Parents

- What is Expected of the Parents?
 - Be Present at All Games and Practices
 - Mark Equipment
 - Provide Adequate Information
 - Get Involved
 - Be Positive
 - Make Equipment Safe
 - Prepare Your Child