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| **Technical coaching points**  Through my attendance at many of your practices I have seen structured lesson plans, well run drills, innovative teaching moments and engaged players. I have learnt a lot and have noted down some great drills for my own use. An area that we can all improve on is how we teach our players some of the basic technical skills, e.g. passing, receiving, shooting, heading, dribbling, defending, goalkeeping. If they get these correct, they will quickly become better players. MYSA describes these technical skills – check out the Coaching Points link: [Technical Coaching Points](http://www.mnyouthsoccer.org/training-sessions). The basic mechanics are simply described. Knowing these things will help us to teach our players the proper techniques and identify and correct bad techniques. It will help us be better coaches. |
| **Get to know your WYSA coaches**  This week, we will get to know some more about Hannah Wunrow, WYSA U16 Girls coach.   1. What are the 3 most important qualities that you coach into your teams? *Recognizing improvement, acknowledging each other, and having a good time.* 2. Where are the worst fields your team has played and why? *The Kasson fields- holes and broken ankles* 3. Your one piece of advice to players taking a PK? *All you need to do is make an accurate pass; that’s all it is.* 4. Describe a memorable game or event that you participated in as a player or coach? *One year in high school, I was playing in our last game of the entire season. I scored an epic game- winning goal.* 5. Your favorite post game food place to eat after an away game? *Somewhere that is able to quickly serve a sudden busload of kids.* 6. Grass or turf? *Grass, until I played on a brand-new turf* 7. What is your favorite Tournament? *Burnsville Fire Cup* 8. Your pet hate as a coach? *Players that know that they’re better than the others and act like it; they don’t even bother to try with improvement* 9. What is your favorite team? *Anytime I know someone on the team* 10. Your #1 piece of soccer advice to any player? *That’s YOUR ball; act like it.* |
| **2017 MYSA Summer Post-Season (Qualifiers and State Championship)**  The deadline to register for the MYSA Qualifiers and State Championships is 5:00 p.m. on June 5, 2017. You register through your team’s Affinity access by clicking the “Apply to Tournament” link. The State Qualifiers take place from July 13 through July 19. The State Championships are from July 21 through July 23 for C3 teams and July 27 through July 29 for C2 teams. This event is a great way to experience an end of season tournament – lots of games taking place at once, lots of excitement and an opportunity to play the best teams at your age and ability level. The cost to participate is part of the player’s registration fee – so no additional money needs to be collected. The location for the Qualifiers has not yet been communicated. It can be a great experience for your team. You never know how far you may progress? |