

**EPIPHANY SOCCER LEAGUE**  
**“HOUSE LEAGUE COACH”**

**POSITION DESCRIPTION**

**RISK LEVEL:**                    **LOW RISK POSITION**

**RESPONSIBLE TO:**        **DIVISION COORDINATOR**

**GOALS:**

- Instruction in basic soccer skills
- Active participation
- Introduction of team skills
- Establish codes of ‘fair play’ and reinforce values of ‘good sport’
- Enjoyment

**ACTIVITIES:**

- Weekly practices & game(s) for players.
- Practices are to be conducted on a weekly basis at a field and location approved by the Coordinator for all divisions, excluding Mini-Soccer. (The Coordinator must be notified of the time and location of all practice sessions.)
- Coaching in game situations with equal participation (guaranteed 50% playing time for each player)

**RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Communication with parents (i.e., practice & game schedules, half-time snacks) and League
- Record-keeping – player information (team rosters; medical concerns; injury authorization) on hand for practices and games
- Knowledge of League policies re: player safety – heat/weather conditions during practice/games; field conditions
- Familiarity with guidelines for reporting Child Abuse
- Distribution of player equipment as issued by League
- Ensure players are properly outfitted relative to personal safety, and, as required by the Rules of the Games
- Familiarity with Mini-Soccer rules as issued by the League
- Participation in all related orientation and coaching clinics sponsored by the League
- Refereeing commitment for 1/2 each game (if necessary)

**BOUNDARIES/  
LIMITATIONS:**

- **Shall never be alone with a player**
- **Shall not be responsible for transportation to/from practices/games/tournaments**
- **Shall not be responsible for water or snacks**
- **Shall be a role model – no drugs/alcohol/smoking or abusive language at practices/games/tournaments**
- **Shall comply with the Dress Code as defined by the League**
- **Shall adhere to OSA Code of Conduct and Ethics and the responsibilities outlined for individuals, volunteers and coaches (sections 9 through 13)**
- **Shall adhere to the Epiphany Soccer League Rules and Regulations**
- **Shall embrace League values, principles, and policy**
- **Shall demonstrate the ability to set and maintain standards for players (i.e., respect, self-discipline, fair play)**

**SKILLS/  
QUALIFICATIONS/  
EXPERIENCE:**

- Playing background and/or work with children an asset
- Minimum age as set by League (with coaches under 18 requiring written permission per League policy)

**PERSONAL  
TRAITS & QUALITIES:**

- Interest in soccer
- Positive role model
- Fair-minded, sportsmanlike approach
- Ability to communicate with players and parents
- Patience, understanding and a sense of humour

**SUPPORT/  
SUPERVISION  
& EVALUATION:**

- Coordinator responsibility
- Random calls to parents to monitor coaching
- Random supervision/evaluation of practices

**MANDATORY  
ACTIVITIES:**

- Weekly practices and game
- Communication with parents

**WORKING  
CONDITIONS:**

- Outdoors – variety of practice conditions
- Appropriateness of weather/field conditions for practice/games
- Times for practices

**BENEFITS  
(VOLUNTEER):**

- Working with young people
- Imparting with values of active participation, team work, and fair play
- Introducing games and skills and rules
- Community contribution

**SCREENING  
MEASURES:**

- **Completion of a simplified application form**
- **Initial group meeting outlining safe practices**
- **As per Support/Supervision & Evaluation guidelines**