



What is Your Coaching Philosophy?

SAMPLE COACH PHILOSOPHY STATEMENT FOR RECREATIONAL LEAGUE COACH

As a youth soccer coach, I will help my players develop a passion for the game by providing them with the tools they need to play the game successfully, in a positive and safe environment.

- I will emphasize development of the technical, tactical, physical and psychological areas of the game, with the longer-term goals of producing well-rounded, complete soccer players and helping each individual player to reach his or her potential. To this end, particularly for younger players, I will stress technical proficiency and tactical flexibility, with an emphasis on maintaining shape and creating space.
- I will not micromanage games! I will allow players to play a variety of positions on the field, and will give them the freedom to be creative, to make mistakes, and to solve some problems for themselves.
- I will resist the temptation to sacrifice the health, safety, and long-term development of the player for the short-term goal of winning games. I believe that if a coach commits to player development, the winning will take care of itself.
- Regardless of the age and ability level of the players, I will strive to create a positive environment that validates the self-worth of each player and engenders a lifelong love for “the beautiful game”.
- I will listen to my players and parents, treat them with respect at all times, and be receptive to constructive advice.
- I consider building the character of the person just as important as developing the skills of the player. I will teach my players through my words and actions the values of respect, resilience, empathy, teamwork and sportsmanship that will benefit them long after their youth soccer days are over.