



The Role and Value of an OKDSC Team Coach

The OKDSC Soccer Coach role is to create a positive learning environment where children develop:

- Sportsmanship
- Age-appropriate technical soccer skills
- Teamwork
- Responsibility

Duties and Responsibilities

- Act as a positive role model at all times
- Actively engage with children and participate in program activities
- Build age-appropriate relationships with children
- Maintain good communication with the OKDSC Head Coach
- Be familiar with program guidelines and help enforce them as needed
- Minimize distractions (e.g., turn off cell phones)
- Lead practice sessions for OKDSC soccer teams
- Teach age-appropriate skills emphasizing skill development, fair play, teamwork, sportsmanship, and fun
- Arrive 30 minutes early for practices and 45 minutes early for games
- Notify the Team Manager at least 48 hours in advance if unavailable
- Commit to attending at least 2 practices per week and games as scheduled

Skills and Qualifications

- Friendly and approachable demeanor
- Completion of all required OKDSC coach trainings
- Satisfactory police criminal record check (VSS)
- Hold age-appropriate valid OSA Coach Course certification
- Completion of Ontario Soccer Coaching Stream (Active Start, Fundamentals, Learn to Train, Soccer for Life) is desired
- Prior experience as a player or coach is required
- Experience working with children/youth is an asset
- Participate in orientation to OKDSC's mission, values, and programs
- Participate in leadership training for working effectively with children
- Opportunity to request additional relevant trainings offered by OSA

Supervision

- Coaches are under the direct supervision of OKDSC management
- Regular interaction and accountability to the OKDSC Head Coach
- Head Coach acts as a supportive resource

Benefits

- Develop communication and leadership skills
- Participate in volunteer recognition events

- Receive a reference letter after 3 months of consistent volunteer service
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Background Screening

- All competitive team officials must apply each season and provide three reference checks
 - Complete a Vulnerable Sector Screening (VSS), submitted to OKDSC
 - VSS must be renewed every three years
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Ethics Training

- Mandatory completion of:
 - Making Ethical Decisions (MED)
 - Respect in Sport
- Recommended: Commit to Kids online training course
- Prepares coaches for handling situations involving individuals, teams, and the organization