



AMERICAN YOUTH SOCCER ORGANIZATION
a nonprofit corporation dedicated to youth soccer
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THE GOOD COACH CHECKLIST

- **Individualism**—Remember each child is unique, with differing skill levels and attention spans.
- **Role Model**—Coaches, instructors, and teachers are role models.
- **Participation** is emphasized, not winning.
- **Fun**—Prepare each practice and game for the enjoyment of each player.
- **Safety**—Safe drills, clean game play, re-check fields and goal posts, beware of busy streets, etc.
- **Listen** to the children's' needs, wants, and input.
- **Confidence**—Emphasize the positive and minimize the negative.
- **Sportsmanship**—Fair play, no taunting, no trash talking, graceful regardless of outcome.
- **Organization**—Pre-plan practices and games. Create an outline for the entire season: skills to be developed, drills, and rotation of each player through each position.
- **Develop soccer skills** through free-form activity not just through drills and rules.
- **Parents** will need your attention. Encourage their positive participation.
- **Positive experience** for all: players, coaches, parents, and referees. Please do all that you can to make this the best season yet!