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01 But I Don't Know Anything About Soccer!

BRAD CUSHMAN
U8B Coordinator



I didn't grow up playing soccer but with a long commute, that starts before my kids awaken, and their 8:00 PM bedtime, I wasn't getting the time with them that I wanted, and they needed. Finding more ways to be engaged with our kids on the weekend is important and coaching AYSO could be the perfect opportunity for you or your spouse or partner.

As AYSO is not a "drop off" activity, the first year after we arrived in Chappaqua, I was hanging around the field anyway, so volunteering to coach was a very modest commitment of additional time. I didn't know much about soccer but it really didn't matter... I knew more than my little kids and besides, AYSO provides (read requires) age appropriate training for all coaches, so I learned more than I needed to about soccer

from the league. All I needed was an interest in making it fun for the kids in a way that they learned some new skills, made some new friends, learned to work as part of a larger team and got some exercise. Most younger teams have multiple coaches, so you could start as an assistant coach (as I did) if you are unsure of your ability to be head coach.

When I first moved to Chappaqua from Brooklyn, my wife Seena and I literally knew no one else in town. So for those of you who are new to town, coaching AYSO was a great way to meet other caring neighbors, from other coaches to coordinators, who were willing to give back. I have not found a more caring and giving group in Chappaqua than the AYSO volunteers.

For you working moms, know that there are no gender restrictions...you can coach your sons (and dads your daughters). For you with a stay at home co-parents, know that your partner probably needs and deserves a break from the kids. For those not interested in coaching, there are other ways to give back, from being team administrator and moving goals, to equipment and trophy duties.

So if you know everything about soccer, great, but it's not required. AYSO needs more coaches and our kids deserve it.



02 My Experience at AYSO Was Amazing

JAI ANAND
U10B Player

I got to learn so many cool things about soccer. Our soccer games were split into two seasons – Fall and Spring. I think they did it because they didn't want us to be running and kicking the ball in the snow. When I started soccer, I was really nervous. Some players on my team were really good. When I saw my team on the field I saw one of my best friends on my team. Being on this team made me really happy. I wanted to do my best and work hard so our team would be the best team. For example I got to be goalie, I also got to be midfielder and most of all I got to be the striker. We also did a lot more stuff like plan where we will go before the game start. We even got

doughnuts after the Fall games ended. The Spring games were even better as we had a lot of fun; we were all silly and everything, but we were still serious about winning the game.



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Soccer was a great experience because I got to learn much about soccer and what the rules were. I also learnt about sportsmanship. For example, even if I didn't think some team did well I was still happy on how hard they worked. Overall, I have to say that soccer was an amazing experience.

There is nothing more entertaining and fun that a soccer pick-up game.

Why? All you need is a space, a ball... and a group of people ready to sweat.

Is that it? Really? What about the difference in skill levels? Boys? Girls?

These are not relevant issues in a soccer pick-up game. If played properly, the objective is to have balanced teams so that the game remains interesting.

If the game leans too much to one side, players are reshuffled, so that once again, balance is achieved. Everyone likes to play in a close game!

Great players team up with less skilled players, goalies rotate, the strong and the weak, all in unison go after one single target: scoring a goal. In a pick-up game, the best players make the rest of the team improve.

This season we had almost 80 players with a very wide range of skills, girls and boys, from 9th to 12th grade, including varsity players who currently play for the school

03 Recreational Soccer, Lessons for Life

RODRIGO OCEJO
U19C Coordinator

and teenagers who had never played soccer before... yes, never.

Most of our kids play AYSO for the fun, they love to hang out with their friends in the fields and, in the process, they learn a great deal of sportsmanship and are able to develop true team effort.



I believe that if you play recreational soccer in your high school years, there is a very high chance that you will be playing it in the future... remember all you need is a field, a ball, and a bunch of motivated players.

LET US ENCOURAGE OUR TEENAGERS TO KEEP PLAYING FOR LIFE!



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2015-16 Season Wrap Up

Division	Players
VIP	26
U5	114
U6	147
U7	131
U8	171
U10	186
U12	51
U14	47
U19	76
TOTALS	949

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Memorial Day Parade



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Everyone Plays®

Our program's goal is for kids to play soccer so we mandate that every player on every team must play at least 50 percent of every game. It's no fun to spend the game on the bench, and that's no way to learn soccer!

Balanced Teams

Each year we form new teams as evenly balanced as possible because it's more fun and a better learning experience when teams of similar ability play. It allows for each player to gain the experience of a wide variety of teammates of different skill levels.



Open Registration

Our program is open to all children who want to register and play soccer. Interest and enthusiasm are the only criteria for playing. There are no elimination try-outs and nobody gets cut.

Positive Coaching

Encouragement of player effort provides for greater enjoyment for the players and leads to better-skilled and better-motivated players. A coach can be one of the most influential people in a child's life, so AYSO requires they create a positive experience for every boy and girl.

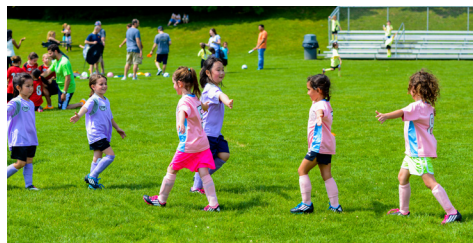


Good Sportsmanship

We strive to create a positive environment based on mutual respect rather than a win-at-all-costs attitude, and our program is designed to instill good sportsmanship in every facet of AYSO.

Player Development

We believe that all players should be able to develop their soccer skills and knowledge to the best of their abilities, both individually and as members of a team, in order to maximize their enjoyment of the game.



Thank you all for another great year of AYSO soccer in Chappaqua! It was one of our most successful years ever, as we had over 900 kids participating in the program.

Chappaqua AYSO prides itself in offering kids a chance to try soccer in a fun, safe environment. We stress fair and equal play, balanced teams and a training model that gives kids of all levels a chance to be with their friends and play some great soccer. And while the model AYSO offers gives us direction, at the end of the day it is the coaches who make it all happen. Through positive coaching and reinforcement of good sportsmanship and team play, the Chappaqua AYSO coaches bring a special feeling and passion to the Saturdays and Sundays of soccer here in town.

We would also like to thank the coaches for all of their great feedback around our



Thank you parents, players, coaches, referees and coordinators for another great year of AYSO Soccer. Have a great Summer!

U5-U8 training partners, Super Soccer Stars. Though our partnership, the coaches are able to seamlessly incorporate their training model into the existing Saturday programs. Super Soccer Stars will remain our training partners for the U5-U8 divisions next year. And I'd like to thank all the coaches who provided feedback on the training, itself. The thought and effort put into the suggestions, observations and recommendations further demonstrate the passion our coaches bring to the pitch. Thank you coaches!

Our Travel Experience

We are very excited to keep the ball rolling, as they say, next fall. Together with our CUSP partners at the Chappaqua Youth Soccer Club the "travel" experience begins for those going into 3rd grade. Now everyone who wants more soccer will have a chance to play. Everyone who signs up will be assigned to a team and no one will be cut from this 3rd grade program. The teams will play in the Westchester Youth Soccer League (where travel teams play). This program, compared with some of the other out of town programs will also provide a fair, economical way for 3rd graders to have a travel experience.

Finally, our AYSO Plus program is still going strong and is an excellent chance for kids who demonstrate a keen interest in the sport to develop their skills and play more soccer under a more challenging, focused training environment. It also allows everyone to stay and train in town and help continue to build a strong soccer program in Chappaqua.



"I am so grateful for your husband, who has adopted my daughter for practice and has taught her (and me) more about soccer in 45 minutes than she has learned in 3 years of play."

CHAPPAQUA U8G Parent

Last Summer, six AYSO coaches were certified as Advanced Coaches in our Area... three of which were from Chappaqua: Robert Catarella, Mark Ellis, and Rodrigo Ocejo.



ADVANCED COACH COURSE

8/16/2015

Chappaqua is the Region in the Area with the most active Advanced Coaches, who are certified to coach teams up to U19.



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Volunteers Rule!
2015-16 Chappaqua AYSO Board Members

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Did you know that Cristiano Ronaldo, after winning the Champions League in Milan this year with Real Madrid, was filmed taking photographs with fans in the disabled section of the San Siro Stadium and donated his 600,000 euro bonus to charity?

ZIAD CHALHOUB
U6B Father

