

# **CYSA COACHES MISSION STATEMENT**

At CYSA, kids come first and foremost. Our mission is to provide the opportunity for players to participate, learn and develop their skills, and most of all, **HAVE FUN!!**

Our responsibility as coaches is to directly Guide and Support our kids.

*“A good coach will make his players see what they can be, rather than what they are.”*

-Ara Parasheghian

## **CYSA Philosophies and Guidelines for our Coaches:**

1. **EVERYONE PLAYS** – We balance our teams so they are all equal in skillset and experience. Our goal and responsibility to our kids is for them to PLAY. We mandate that all players play equal amount of time at practices and games, as they are able and willing.

In our Recreational program, some kids are on a higher level than others, but for some, this may be their first introduction to soccer, and it is our responsibility to teach everyone the fundamentals, and treat them equally, no matter their level, or skill set.

2. **POSITIVE COACHING** – Positive reinforcement and encouragement builds confidence. We want to raise our players to better their understanding of the game and use of their skills. As a coach, we need to make the extra effort to offer encouragement and support, rather than negative criticism.
3. **GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP** – We strive to create a positive environment for our CYSA community, based on mutual respect, rather than a “winning at all costs” attitude. As a coach, you represent CYSA as a positive role model to the kids, parents, and all who come to enjoy our sport. It starts with you.  
It is the coach’s responsibility to instill good sportsmanship, and ethics to their team and other players.
4. **HAVE FUN!!** – Nothing can be more rewarding than Coaching. We are all here together in a positive environment, to have fun teaching and learning the game of soccer. Not only teach the kids, but learn from them as well. Instill fun at all times, and have fun yourself!

Yours in Soccer,  
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