



## **Have You Considered Coaching Youth House League Soccer?**

Parents can help their child's team in several ways throughout the season, including coaching, assistant coaching, and/or managing. Each team is required to have a coach and an assistant coach is also recommended. In addition, a parent can also volunteer as a team manager to schedule snacks, orange slices and take charge of the end-of-season party (if applicable).

CSC House League coaches are all volunteers! No formal soccer or coaching experience is necessary to volunteer in the House League Program! All volunteer coaches require to get involved is a positive attitude, enthusiasm and a willingness to learn!

If you are interested in volunteering as a coach or assistant coach for your child's team, you can fill out the Coaching Application Form while registering your child.

### **How to Become a Coach**

All coaches must complete the Volunteer Coach Application Form to begin the process to become a House League Coach.

Coaches must be 15 years of age or older.

Any coach under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a guardian at all times (the guardian's information must be listed on the application form).

A current Police Record Check (PRC) is required for coaches who are 18 years of age or older. Once you have provided the original copy of your Vulnerable Sector Check to CSC, you will be reimbursed for the full cost. The Police Record Check is valid for two years.

Coaches automatically have their child placed on their team, as will have one additional player request. If the coach has an assistant coach with a child, the assistant coach's child will be the additional player request.

<b>Benefits of Coaching Youth Soccer at CSC</b>
1. Personal development & networking opportunities
2. Helping young ones grow in a sport environment
3. Giving back to the community
4. A positive soccer experience

### **Before Season Begins**

1. Complete the Volunteer Coach Application

2. After confirmation of coaching from CSC, complete any additional requirements, including obtaining a Police Record Check or the Criminal Offence Declaration
3. Pick up roster, uniforms and equipment for your team when advised by the Club
4. Send a communication to your team introducing yourself and with additional information including your team number and sponsor, and with a pre-season meeting time to distribute uniforms.
5. Plan and attend your pre-season meeting to distribute uniforms and speak about the season ahead

### **Season Begins**

1. Communicate with your team regarding your schedule and any other events taking place throughout the season
2. Attend all games scheduled by CSC for the season
  - *Helpful tip: Ask all the parents on your team if anyone wants to be an assistant coach if you do not have one already. (They as well are required to do the PRC)*
3. Ensure your players are having FUN - have a positive and enthusiastic attitude, provide positive feedback, and ensure players are getting equal playing time
4. Pass along information to your team that is sent to you by CSC throughout the season.

### **After Season**

1. Thank your team for a great season!
2. Complete player evaluations for your players. Once completed, return/send these evaluations to CSC. (If applicable)
3. Sign up to coach again!

In each age group, a volunteer coach's role may vary, however the most important aspect in all age groups is to have fun!