



## National Coaching Course Tustin AYSO Region 96 Policy

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Tustin AYSO encourages all coaches to take continuing education to improve their coaching ability to give the best coaching to our children and enable them to their best capability. The AYSO National Coaching Course is the highest level offered within the AYSO curriculum. Tustin AYSO Region 96 will approve those coaches who have shown themselves as both superior teachers of our discipline, examples of our philosophy, and a demonstrated desire to continue coaching and be an advocate of AYSO. Coaches seeking to attend the AYSO National Coaching Course must apply to the regional coaching administrator for approval and satisfy all of the following requirements:

- Membership and affiliation
  - Be a current member of AYSO Region 96 and in good standing with the region.
  - Be registered as a volunteer for the current and previous seasons.
  - Demonstrate a convincing desire through actions, statements, and history to remain in the AYSO program and an advocate of AYSO and the AYSO philosophy regardless of future, current, or previous coaching appointments.
  - Provide a letter of recommendation from their most recent division or program coordinator.
  - Provide a letter of recommendation from a current and active Region 96 coach instructor (advanced or higher, and has taught an AYSO class in the past 12 months).
- Training and certification
  - Safe haven certified through an instructor-led safe haven course. (not online)
  - Has successfully completed and received credit for the Advanced Coach Course.
  - Has successfully completed and received credit for the Regional Referee Course.
  - Has successfully completed and received credit for the Basic Coach Instructor Course.
  - Has one of the following in addition to the above:
    - A second AYSO Advanced Coach Course (a different offering and instructor)
    - USSF 'D' license or above
    - NSCAA Advanced Regional diploma or above
- Experience
  - A minimum of five years total coaching experience, of which four must be at the U12 level or above, and two of those at the U13 level or above.
  - Has been the head coach for at least one All-Star or higher level team. (not spring)
  - Has served as a coach instructor for at least one year.
- Ability
  - Be physically able to complete the course.
  - Willing and able to attend the entire 7-day residential course (including day and evening sessions) without interruption or departure.

In order to be considered, the applicant must submit the following, in writing, to the Regional Coach Administrator:

- A resume of past accomplishments detailing the above described requirements of experience and certifications
- Letters of recommendation

Once the application has been completed, the regional coaching administrator and the regional commissioner must then approve the coach's application for the AYSO National Coaches Course notwithstanding the above or any other published statements. The regional commissioner and regional coaching administrator are enabled with the final decision to approve the applying coach regardless of any other considerations.

The applying coach acknowledges that AYSO Region 96 may hold the attending coach financially responsible for all costs associated with the National Coaching Course should the coach fail to attend the entirety of the scheduled event. Region 96 may require that an approved coach provide a check for the full amount of costs associated in advance which will be returned after attendance is verified.