

What Does Coach Development At Skyline Look Like?

At Skyline we believe Coach Development feeds Player Development; therefore, the club sees our Team Coaches, both Paid and Volunteers, as the club's biggest assets.

The club strives to provide the best possible experience for its Coaches, Parents and Players. For this to happen, we must first focus and provide the best guidance possible to our Coaches. Our full-time Staff provide our Team Coaches with any many resources as possible to make their job as easy as possible so that each coach can enjoy their time enhancing their player's skills on and off the field.

If each Team Coach is successful in providing the most positive soccer experience possible to their players, then the club will be successful as a whole. Below are just a few ways Skyline supports their Team Coaches so that they can be as successful as they can be:

Club's Philosophy, we want to certainly develop each player's skills on the field. More importantly however, we want our players to learn life long lessons through the sport of soccer. Attention and focus is given each day by our Directors of Coaching and Team Coaches stressing the importance of sportsmanship, leadership, teamwork, discipline, respect, etc.

In addition, Skyline wants its players to be risk takers and be creative with their play without the fear of making mistakes. Players will make mistakes and that's OK because that's how players learn and grow by making mistakes. Our overall goal is to create as positive an environment as possible for our young players. At Skyline, we want our Team Coaches to support and carry out this philosophy each time they are with their players and team(s).

Club Methodology and Curriculum, this is available to our Paid and Volunteer Coaches at all age levels 2.5 through 19 years of age. In short, Skyline mirrors and supports what US Soccer wants from its Coaches and Players.

Staff Support, our full-time Directors of Coaching and our Technical Director are available at any time for any coaching related questions and guidance. In addition, our full-time Administrators are available during office hours for help with scheduling, rosters, player passes, communication, etc.

High Standards, our club's goal is to be a national leader for US Soccer Grassroots Coaching and Player Development. We offer FREE Coach Education and many educational opportunities are available each Fall and Spring season. Some opportunities include education through US Soccer,

Colorado Soccer Association, United Soccer Coaches and many seasonal in-club opportunities for those who are interested.

Coach Observation / On The Field Training, as mentioned regarding in-club opportunities, one highlight is that for any interested Team Coach who has the ability to do so is to observe our Technical Director and/or one of our Directors of Coaching and/or one of higher level Team Coaches model a training session for them. For those Team Coaches who would like to improve their coaching skills, then there are various opportunities throughout the week each Fall and Spring season. There are many benefits in seeing an experienced licensed coach work with a group of players and model a training session for them.

Feedback, for all Paid Coaches, our Technical Director conducts a formal meeting after each season to help coaches understand their strengths and areas of growth as a coach. Equally, these meetings are a great way for each Team Coach to provide feedback to the club on where they see the club excelling and where they might have thoughts on where the club can improve to make their experience better for them moving forward.

In addition, for our Paid Coaches from 11U - 14U, weekly on the field feedback can be provided at Age Group Training (AGT). For these Team Coaches who coach competitive level teams, our Technical Director and/or Competitive DOC is out each week at these training sessions working closely with our Coaches and Players. The AGT Program is a major highlight for Coach and Player Development at the club.

As for our Volunteers, it is recommended that they reach out to their DOC for guidance and feedback whenever it is most convenient for them. Furthermore, any Team Coach can schedule a meeting with our DOC and/or Technical Director at any time throughout the year. Seasonal Surveys also go out to our Coaches and our Membership as a whole so the club has the best possible pulse of what's going well and ways we can improve from one season to the next.

The above is just a short list as there are many other exciting opportunities that the club provides to its Team Coaches which in turn has a massive impact on our young players on and off the field of play.

If you would like to learn more and/or have questions, then please do not hesitate to reach out to our Technical Director, George Pavlantos, at george@skylinesoccer.org.