

U.S. Soccer “E” License Team Management Pre-Course Assignment

The modern youth coach is much more than a tactician. The title has evolved into a set of responsibilities more analogous to a symphony “conductor” that must coordinate and harmonize many interrelated components. Effective coaching is the integration of practical knowledge of the game and player development, managing parents, managing athletes, and supporting volunteers. Additionally, it is critical that the coach maintains an environment that is safe and developmentally appropriate.

Complete the following two (2) assignments described in the next two pages. This is a pre-course assignment to be **completed in advance** and submitted at the beginning of the “E” course.

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Assignment 1

- Read and review the Team Management section of this “E” License Guidebook.
- Read and review any or all of the references and resources that are listed in order to complete this assignment.
- Prepare a one to two page Personal Coaching Philosophy that will serve as a tool for your initial 9-12 year old Team Parent-Player meeting.

Please include:

- Player Development Goals
- Core Coaching Values
- Player Expectations
- Parent Expectations

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Assignment 2

Answer the following questions:

1. What are the major factors for a coach to address regarding the safety of the training session and game day settings?
2. Given the expansive communications platform available to coaches, what should you avoid in the use of email, websites, text messaging, social media, etc.?
3. What are the key responsibilities of a coach regarding the administration of the team?