

Glacier United Soccer Club Coaching Position Description

This is a volunteer position. Glacier United will pay a \$195 stipend to the head coach of each team to help defray the cost of travel. Parents are encouraged to help coaches, who do not have children on the team, to pay for their hotel expenses for tournaments.

1. Fulfillment of duties through the Select season, starting with indoor practice in January or February, at the coaches discretion, and through and including the State Cup or Montana Cup or the U11/U12 Tournament at the end of June. (unless the team qualifies for the Regional Tournament, in which case the responsibilities would extend to the completion of the Regional Tournament). If a coach is unable to fulfill these duties, the coach, with assistance from team parents, is responsible for finding a qualified replacement. If a replacement cannot be found the team will be disbanded.
2. Health and Safety of the players will be of primary importance. This includes inspecting players' equipment and field conditions for safety. Teaching safe techniques and methods of play. Insisting that the players wear shin guards at practice and games. Conducting appropriate warm ups, cool downs and stretches. Supervising and controlling the players to avoid injury situations. Having a first aid kit, water, emergency phone numbers and medical release forms at all practices and games. Instructing players about proper nutrition. Following up all injuries with parents.
3. Player development and participation in practice and games. Coaches are responsible for teaching modern concepts of soccer through organized practice sessions and are encouraged to use small-sided games with emphasis on individual skill and technique. Teams may progress to tactical training at appropriate levels of play. All players that are properly registered with Montana Youth Soccer Association (MYSA), who attend practice regularly and who are diligent and cooperative in practice sessions must receive playing time. MYSA suggests that playing time for U11 and U12 players should be 50%. Problem players should be reported to the Select Coordinator(s) as early in the season as possible.
4. Passing the FIFA referee exam with a score of no less than 75% *or* attending the annual Glacier United mandatory rules clinic, reading and adhering to the MYSA Referee/Coach Rule Book.
5. MYSA requires that beginning with the 2005 season, all 2nd year coaches (including assistant coaches) will be licensed with an "E" coaching license or higher. Glacier United will pay the cost of the licensing class.

6. All communications with the team, including registration materials, distribution of player roster, practice schedule, game schedule travel packet for away games, etc shall be coordinated with the Team Manager.
7. Distribution and collection of all the team's practice and game equipment provided by Glacier United, including balls, practice jerseys, game jerseys, goalie jerseys and gloves, water containers, first aide kits, etc. Equipment must be returned promptly at the season's end with Team Manager assistance.
8. Overseeing the conduct and behavior of the team's players and fans for the team at all games and practice sessions.
9. Setting up fields, maintaining them throughout the season and putting away goals, nets, etc at the end of the season.
10. Protection and clean up of all facilities used for practice sessions and games.
11. Supervision of all formal indoor and outdoor practice sessions. Under no circumstances are players allowed to formally practice on their own. However, informal small group play, organized by the players, should be encouraged.
12. Presentation of player passes to the referee prior to each game. No Player Passes = No Game. Under no circumstances should a player be in possession of his/her Player Pass during the season.
13. Attendance of team at all MYSA officially scheduled games. Under no circumstances will a Glacier United team forfeit a game if officials at the game site have decided that the game will be played. Forfeiture will result in the loss of that team's forfeiture bond and makes that team ineligible for the State Cup or Montana Cup, until the Coach has collected additional State Cup or Montana Cup fees from each player.
14. In the case of extreme weather, the coach will contact the Select Director(s) and/or check with the Hotline phone to determine if games will be played. If games are cancelled, the Coach or Team Manager will contact each player.

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