



Expectations & Qualities of a Region I ODP Staff Coach

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Availability to attend:

- ✓ Mini-camps held in various states in-region
- ✓ Rider Identification Tournament
- ✓ Regional Camps
- ✓ Inter-regional camps
- ✓ International events

Necessary Characteristics and Criteria for a Region I ODP Staff Coach:

- ✓ USSF National “C” Coaching License. Coaches who do not hold the National “C” License are eligible to become an ACT (Associate Coach in Training) until they obtain the credential. Coaches who hold the NSCAA Advanced National Diploma and/or higher, have received a favorable evaluation and are recommended to join staff, will be permitted to work camp in the first year, but will not be permitted to work camp in subsequent years until the USSF “C” Coaching License is obtained.
- ✓ Experience in working at the state level and is considered in “good-standing” with their state’s ODP
- ✓ Ability to evaluate talent and potential in players for selection to the regional pool
- ✓ Ability to coach the advanced player
- ✓ Ability to coach players of varying abilities in the same environment
- ✓ Ability to coach large groups
- ✓ Flexibility & adaptability under pressure
- ✓ Time management skills
- ✓ Organized in preparing training sessions
- ✓ Ability to articulate in detail your evaluation of players and their qualities as it relates to the entire age group player pool
- ✓ Punctuality
- ✓ Adaptability
- ✓ An understanding of the US Youth Soccer ODP system
- ✓ Ability to motivate players in various environments
- ✓ Ability to provide evaluations to players in both written and verbal forms as it relates to their ability in comparison to the top level of play in their age group
- ✓ Flexibility in working with other members of the State, Regional, and National Staff coaches
- ✓ Create a positive learning environment for all players

Specific responsibilities will include:

- Attendance at all Regional Staff meetings and coaching education sessions
- Assist with the planning and coaching of assigned state team coaching sessions (note that you may be requested to independently plan and coach a part of the sessions you are involved in with guidance of your mentor. If this occurs, you will be evaluated and given feedback on your performance)
- Assistance and demonstration of required techniques and tactics that are involved in the game of soccer
- Attendance at and evaluation of all regional pool matches
- Assist with non-soccer player development activities
- Assist with the written evaluation of players at the conclusion of the camp week
- Assist the Age Group Head Coach with all administrative duties as assigned
- Accept and fulfill other responsibilities as assigned by Senior Members of the US Region I Staff

Professionalism

Members of the US Region I Coaching staff are expected to conduct themselves in a professional manner at all times, both on and off the field. As a staff member you are in a position that brings with it the respect of the soccer community and carries a great deal of responsibility. It is not acceptable for members of the staff, at any time, to utilize this position for personal gain (i.e. financial benefits or recruiting advantages). Any behavior or action that is a detriment to the welfare of the US Region I program requires immediate dismissal from the camp. In addition, please take note of two specific points of professional expectation:

- 1) Punctuality is expected to all meetings, coaching sessions and required functions
- 2) Staff members are given an allotment of Adidas coaching gear at the beginning of the week and are expected to wear as often as possible. If other coaching gear must be worn, the preferred apparel is Adidas but other brands are acceptable. However, at no time are staff members permitted to wear clothing that advertises any college, university or business

Further Information

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