



Coaching in Arundel Soccer

Arundel Soccer uses professional, professionalized parent, and parent coaching throughout its programs. ASA has established club standards that ensure that quality coaching is provided to youth players at all levels. ASA requires all travel coaches who are on a roster to be E licensed. Unlicensed coaches on travel teams will not be rostered and will not be used. ASA additionally requires all County league coaches to be "E" licensed, including assistants before coaching a team. The board can approve exceptions for a coach of a newly created team or a county league assistant coach, but the coach must register for the next available appropriate license course. ASA's goal is for **EVERY** coach in any league above Rec/Development to be licensed **BEFORE** a season's league play begins.

So why coach in Arundel Soccer?

- **COACHING EDUCATION:** All coaches are reimbursed for coaching education: See policy at right.
- **TRAINING MATERIALS:** All coaches in Recreational and intermediate programs receive support materials free of charge to help you grow as a trainer.
 - Free NSCAA and US Youth Soccer DVDs and booklets that are age specific
 - Free enrollment in Youth Soccer 101 for email materials during the season
 - Club level training
- **PROFESSIONAL COACHES:** ASA has a large number of youth teams who seek professional coaching or training at various points in their team life. Coaching at U15 or above is nearly 100% professional for all teams. If you meet the criteria for professional coaching (licensed at "D" or above, experienced in coaching, and playing experience) there are opportunities for paid coaching positions with teams.
- **COACH DEVELOPMENT:** Newer coaches at the parent level and young future professional level have opportunities to develop in coaching with training and mentorship. We encourage parents of recreational players to join in and volunteer their time to be part of their child's experience and learn more about coaching. We encourage new coaches seeking to develop professionally to get licensed and gain experience through ASA to allow them to reach professional status.
- **FUTURE COACH INITIATIVE:** Young men and women who have an interest in learning coaching/training can begin to gain experience, training and use mentorship as early as age 16. Individuals ages 16 to 24 are welcomed for the Future Coach program.
- **FLEXIBLE SCHEDULES:** ASA coaches have freedom to work with schedules. Team schedules are independent and work in various patterns for coaches to manage.

License Fee Reimbursement Policy

ASA encourages 100% of coaches in all programs to be licensed, and attend training that produces one. As such, **ASA will pay for coaching training automatically up to "D" level for any coach within ASA.** Courses at "C" level or above will be considered on request. Arundel Soccer values its investment in kids, and will invest in coaches to better benefit the players.

Reimbursement for training that is not recognized by the state of Maryland will be considered when it is for the benefit of the club, and only if the coach is already licensed to an appropriate level.

For reimbursement, submit a copy of the receipt and a copy of the completion certificate to coaching@arundelsoccer.com.

For licensing course, visit www.MSYSA.org or www.nscAA.com. To apply for coaching, see the coaching menu on www.Arundelsoccer.com or email Coaching@ArundelSoccer.com.

COACHING REQUIREMENTS

Level/League	Requirement	Source	Cost	Waiverable?
Rec/Development Coaches	Background Check	State	\$8	No
	Soccer 101 Plans Sign-up	ASA	Free	No
	Obtain DVD/Booklet Packet	ASA	Free	No
	Attend Scheduled Coaching Sessions	ASA	Free	As Available
	NSCAA Level 2 Or Youth Module			Highly Desired
County League Coaches	Background Check	State	\$8	No
	AA County Certification	County	Free	No
	"E" License - Head Coach	ASA	Reimbursed	No
	"E" License - Assistant	ASA	Reimbursed	Within 6 months
	Soccer 101 Plans Sign-Up	ASA	Free	No
	Obtain DVD/Booklet Packet	ASA	Free	No
	Attend Scheduled Coaching Sessions	ASA	Free	As Available
Travel Coaches	Background Check	State	\$8	No
	"E" License - Head Coach	State	Reimbursed	No
	"E" License - Assistants	ASA	Reimbursed	No
	Playing Experience	ASA		Highly Preferred
	Attend Scheduled Coaching Sessions	ASA	Free	As Available
New or Incoming County/Travel Coaches	Background Check	State	\$8	No
	"E" License	State/ASA	Reimbursed	1 season

The State requirement is that all Head Coaches of Travel teams be minimum "E" licensed before rostering. All coaches must also be background checked. Leagues may establish other minimum requirements, such as Positive Coach Alliance training.