



USYL Basketball – Expectations and Guidelines for Coaches

Thank you for committing to serve as a Head Coach for the United Sports Youth League, Inc. Please note that the USYL has an obligation to provide its members with well-organized league activities. Therefore, as a USYL Coach, you accept responsibility for meeting the following mandatory requirements. Failure to meet these reasonable minimum requirements could result in an in-season / post-season replacement and/or revocation of courtesy discount of membership fee. We strongly encourage you to recruit other parents to assist in your coaching duties. For more info, please contact Greg Janvier, League President.

Minimum Expectations of USYL Coaches

- Always set a good example for sportsmanship for players and parents to follow.
- Instruct players in proper sportsmanship and teamwork responsibilities.
- Respect judgment of referees, abide by rules of the game and display no behavior that could incite players or parents (ex. angrily questioning calls, profanity, inappropriate gestures, etc.).
- Treat opposing coach, players and fans and with respect.
- Provide all team members with an equal opportunity to learn and play.
- Shake hands with officials and opposing coach before and after each game.
- Develop each player to his fullest potential, giving candid feedback on strengths as well as opportunities to improve.
- Develop creative, structured and FUN practice sessions.
- Keep parents informed on practices, games, directions, etc.

Mandatory Team Practices

- USYL Coaches are required to hold a minimum of 1 Team Practice per month. The USYL rents the gym Thursday nights to accommodate team practices. There is no cost, but you will need to contact Greg Janvier to reserve your court time (Greg@USYL.org). We encourage you to use this time for team practice as well scrimmages with other teams in your division.

Communications Parents Should Expect from the Coach

- Coach expectations for individual players and the team
- Location and times of practices and games
- Team rules and guidelines

USYL Philosophy Regarding Playing Time

Every player who consistently attends practice and games should receive playing time. Throughout each game, the referee will call timeout to allow substitutions. However, while playing time does not have to be split evenly across the team, all players must receive substantial minutes throughout the regular season. The USYL believes actual game experience is a vital element to the development of each player. Bottom line – if a player comes to games and practice, works hard with a good attitude, they should play in USYL basketball games in the regular season.