



# The Pitch Plan

## Coaching Basics

**Remember: This is about FUN! FRIENDS! SPORT! LEARNING!**

Sportsmanship. Skill development. Teamwork. Competition. Exercise.

### COACHING TOOLS:

- Use your AYSO Age-Specific Manuals and [resources](#)
- Contact your Region's experienced coaches or mentors for support
- Attend local Coach Ed events
- Use AYSO Coach partners, [The Coaching Manual](#), [MOJO](#), [U.S. Soccer](#)

### Model

**Safety (area, never leave player alone, etc)**  
**Positive behavior (no yelling)**  
**Respect (opponents, officials)**  
**Good sportsmanship (win or lose)**  
**Punctuality**

**Normalize errors - mistakes are stepping stones to development!**

### Tips

**Take a referee class**

**Get support from parents**

**Let your players explore different positions**

**1. Did your players (individually and as a team), improve during the season?**

**2. Do your players want to play next season?**

