



The Walterboro Soccer Club thanks you for your interest in volunteering to coach and/or manage a club team. The Walterboro Soccer Club is non-profit organization that is operated by volunteers just like you. We all understand that spare time for such activities is hard to come by and that's why we value our volunteer coaches and managers. Because without you, the club cannot be. Coaches/Managers play an extremely important role for the club and teams, and along with this role there are expectations by the club and its players.

We expect a coach to:

- All coaches, managers, and volunteers will be asked to complete a “volunteer disclosure statement” whereby our sanctioning body (SCYSA) will perform a background check to confirm volunteers for our programs. This is to ensure the safety of our players and this information is handled with discretion between our club registrar and the volunteer.
- Set a good example for team players by being prompt and prepared for practices and games. Use positive reinforcement with your players and be a good sportsman. You don't have to be an “expert” at the game of soccer to be a good coach.
- Help to keep the players safe:
 - o If lightening occurs during play or practice, seek shelter
 - o Do not let players climb on goals, ensure your goals are properly anchored
 - o Inspect fields for holes or other hazards to player safety
 - o Do NOT leave a practice until all of your players have been picked up
 - o If you suspect an injury to a player, please pull the player from activity and be sure to advise the player's parent(s). Seek medical attention if necessary (see attached Concussion Procedure and Protocol form).
- Establish a means to communicate with team members (text, email, phone, etc.), and use it. We recommend electing a team manager to handle team communications if that is not a strong suit of the coach.
- Plan and execute a practice schedule, have a plan and purpose to your practice. Game schedules will be coordinated by league administrators and given to you during the season.
- Be prompt for practice, if you're going to be late or absent, advise an assistant coach or team manager to lead practices. Or advise the league coordinator and they will try to assist.
- If the club provided you with team equipment (balls, pennies, cones, etc), we expect that the equipment will be returned at the conclusion of the season. We are a non-profit club and expense to replace this equipment is costly, so please help up manage our resources.
- Use the resources at your disposal for learning the art of coaching soccer. Many resources are available for teaching the game to coaches from beginner to advanced. It takes very little effort on your part, but pays big dividends when you see your influence evidenced by the play of your team.
- The club is here to support you and your team, please let us know if there is something that we can do to help. You may contact any of the board members, the director of coaches, or the league coordinators. We are here to for your success, because you are essential for the club's success.

If you're interested in learning more about the game or improving your soccer coaching knowledge, please check out the following sites:

- www.dcc.ussoccer.com Here you can join website and take the "National F" license for a fee of \$25. The "National F" license is designed for new soccer coaches and teaches about the game as well as instruction techniques. Included with this registration is a library of practice drills targeted for various age groups. This is a great resource for getting ideas on drills and practice techniques that are applicable to your particular age group and skill level.
- www.scysa.org/coaches/coaching_resources/ Here you will find our state association's website (SC Youth Soccer Association). There are different manuals that are available for download, as well as DVDs that are available. Licensing courses are also listed here, for coaches wishing to advance their coaching level.

State License Requirements:

Recreational Level	Age Appropriate
Module I or F License	U-6 to U-8
Module II or F License	U-8 to U-10
Module III or F License	U-10 to U-12

*Combined module course will be offered to cover all Modules Levels.

Division and Age Appropriate	Minimum	Preferred License
Recreational U-13 and above	E Certification	D License
Academy (and Classic U-11 to U-12)	E Certification	D License
Classic U-13 to U-19	D License	C License

E Certification is required for any person taking the "D" licensing course.

For more information, contact SC Youth Soccer Director of Coaching Education, Greg Vallee, gvallee@scysa.org or (803) 636-7547.

Note: The costs associated with these courses are the responsibility of the individual coach. However, for the E and D Licenses, the Walterboro Soccer Club will reimburse a coach, having successfully passed the course, ½ of the registration fee for one subsequent season of coaching a club team. The second ½ of the registration fee will be reimbursed to the coach after the second season of coaching a club team.