



Fusion Evolution Coach Expectations and Roles U9-U12 Age Groups

The following are some general guidelines and expectations of the team parent coach for each team. The three key areas we have identified are as follows:

Practice: The Fusion Evolution Coach in the U9-U12 age groups are expected to perform an assistant role at the practice sessions with the assigned Pro Coach.

This involves:

1. Attend the training sessions whenever possible, wearing the appropriate coaching uniform (Fusion will provide you with coach wear).
2. Assist the professional coaching staff when necessary in delivering the practice session (this can range from setting up an activity to simply helping to organize players into appropriate groups).
3. Possibly taking the attendance of the players at practice.
4. Practice is the time that the parent coach must inform the professional coaching staff of any need for guest players for the approaching weekends games/tournament play.

NOTE: Fusion Evolution Coaches in the U9-U12 age groups are also encouraged to take requisite online and in-person US Soccer Grassroots License courses. They should be interested in pursuing taking over a Fusion Evolution Team at the U13 age group and be working toward a USSF D License during this process.

Game Day: The Fusion Evolution Coach in the U9-U12 age groups are expected to fulfill the following roles (in the event that a paid staff coach is unable to attend for any reason):

1. The Fusion Evolution Coach has to be in attendance of the game 45 minutes before the game begins.
2. They are expected to start the players in their warm-up routine if the professional coaching staff cannot be in attendance.
3. They should take an assistant role when the professional coaching staff are in attendance and a head coach's role in the event that the Pro Coach is not in attendance at games.
4. They are responsible for making sure that all players are going to be in attendance of the games.
5. They are also involved in critical team communications before and after a game, as well as assisting in creating reports to the team members and Technical Staff

Administration/Communication: The Fusion Evolution Coaches in the U9-U12 age groups are responsible for the following administrative tasks, in conjunction with the team manager or professional coach:



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1. Liaise with the team early each week about the up and coming weekend games or tournament play.
2. Give input to the Pro Coach or Director of Player Development in regard to any need for guest players. This should be submitted no later than Tuesday (before the weekend needed) so there is sufficient time to find guest players.
3. They should be involved in the message of the weekly communication with the Pro Coach.
4. Be sure to coordinate with the Head Coach, Team manager, and Treasurer. Healthy communication and coordination among each team's leadership will lead to a healthy and positive experience for the teams.

Conduct and Character:

Please remember at all times that you have been entrusted with a vital role in the successful development of players and teams. As a Fusion Evolution Coach, we expect the highest degree of honesty and integrity as you are now a representative of our character and goals. We want you to have fun with the team while at the same time maintaining the highest standards of conduct, as mentioned in the Fusion Soccer Club Code of Conduct and Administrative Manual. Fusion SC is here to support the positive growth of the players, teams, and coaches committed to guiding the learning environments of our players.