



AYSO Region 92 – Coach Training Reimbursement Policy

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Overview

The AYSO seeks to provide world-class youth soccer programs that enrich children's lives. The objective of this proposal is to improve the overall quality of coaching of our volunteers within AYSO Region 92, and by extension, the quality of the experience of the players. While coach training offered through AYSO is adequate to provide a basic understanding and some sample drills for managing a practice, external training opportunities may provide a deeper understanding of player development philosophy, objectives, and tactics.

To support the objective of improved training, this document outlines Region 92 policy for reimbursing volunteers for additional coaching courses offered outside of AYSO.

Criteria

To be eligible for reimbursement of supplemental training, coaches would need to satisfy a handful of basic and course-specific criteria, depending on the cost of the course.

Basic Criteria

To be eligible for reimbursement, coaches must have:

- Completed at least one season as head or assistant coach in AYSO Region 92,
- Be an active coach within the most recent league year (Including: Completed AYSO training for the relevant age group(s)), and
- Provide course registration receipt and course completion documentation.

Additional Course-Specific Criteria

Depending on the cost of a course, additional criteria apply. For example:

Less than \$150

Basic Criteria plus:

- Commitment to be a **head or assistant coach** the following fall season.

Payment upon: course completion as well as registration as a head or assistant coach for the following season and team formation complete.

Example courses: USSF 9v9 and 11v11 grassroots courses.

Less than \$700

Basic Criteria plus:

- Completed at least **two seasons as head or assistant coach** in AYSO Region 92
- Commitment to be a **head coach** the following fall season.

Payment upon: course completion as well as registration as head coach for the following season and team formation complete.

Example courses: USSF D-License, TOVO Methodology (V1), TOVO 11-a-side, APFC Fundamentals of Positional play.

Up to \$1700

Basic Criteria plus:

- Completed at least **three seasons as head coach** in AYSO Region 92.
- Commitment to be a **head coach** the following fall season.

Payment upon: course completion as well as registration as head coach for the following season and team formation complete.

Example courses: USSF C-License, TOVO T1, APFC Blueprint.

A second \$1700 course

If a coach has previously received reimbursement at the \$1700 level, the second (and subsequent) courses reimbursed at this level require:

- Current **member of the AYSO Region 92 board**.
- Commitment to be a **head coach** the following season.

Payment upon: course completion, active board membership, as well as registration as head coach for the following season and team formation complete.

Excluded Costs & Limits

Exclusions

Any costs associated with travel, room, board or any costs not directly tied to the course registration are not covered. One-time membership fees, required for course registration, are eligible.

Course Limit

Some advanced courses cost in excess of the noted limit (e.g., APFC Blueprint). In these cases, reimbursement will max out at the course limit and the remainder of course costs will be borne by the coach.

Annual Limit

Each coach is limited to the maximum single course reimbursement amount each year. For example, based on the amounts noted above, the limit would be \$1700 annually.

Lifetime Limit

Each coach is limited to a maximum of 4x the annual limit over the duration of his or her participation in AYSO Region 92.

Approved External Coaching Programs

AYSO is most aligned with the US Soccer Federation (USSF), and [USSF courses](#) offer a depth of training that extends beyond the AYSO curricula.

In addition, vetted programs outside of USSF may be aligned with AYSO values (e.g., no lines, no laps, no lectures) and offer additional options. Two such programs include:

- [TOVO Academy](#) – online and in-person training
- [APFC](#) – online training and (occasionally) in-person training

Another resource is [United Soccer Coaches](#), which offers online and in-person courses and diplomas.

Courses from USSF, TOVO, APFC, USC, as well as other Regional Commissioner-approved training programs, would be eligible for reimbursement subject to the criteria and constraints above.

Group Rates

Some programs offer package rates for multiple coaches. For example, [TOVO offers a package](#) that includes a couple of online courses, plus a course for players and other content. They also offer bulk purchase discounts for 5+ purchases (or 10+, depending on the course).

To determine what's in the best interest of the region, the Regional Commissioner may consider the level of interest from coaches and the relative cost of a la carte vs package pricing.