

## Why take a Coaching Course?

Becoming a Coach or Assistant Coach can be a very rewarding experience. Historically we find that as players move up through the divisions we lose coaches because they do not feel comfortable with their ability to teach at a higher level. To help address this issue and provide our coaches with valuable resources, the Howell Soccer Club mandates that a coach attend an “F” License course before the end of their second year of coaching in the club. The “F” License course is offered by New Jersey Youth Soccer and is sponsored by local soccer organizations. Current class listings can be found at [www.njyouthsoccer.com](http://www.njyouthsoccer.com) or by calling 609-490-0725.

This 2-day course addresses how to take your ideas from what you observe when watching your players, determining what they need to work on and finding a focus that helps players bring about improvement in their performance. You will learn how to best influence your players, you will be provided with a structure to think about the game and you may learn more about the game along the way.

Youth coaches are first and foremost educators. Your goal should be to constantly look for ways to educate yourself and you owe that to your players. In order to be the best educator you can you must be willing to learn with an open mind and a positive attitude at every opportunity available to you. Reading books, watching videos, working with other coaches and taking coaching courses are all learning vehicles which allow you to take advantage of these opportunities.

One of the charters of our organization is to provide a positive learning experience and supportive environment to allow the players to be the best they can be. We owe it to them to do what we can to make their time in the club as rewarding as possible. If you are interested in attending an “F” License course please see your Division Commissioner and watch our website [www.howellsoccerclub.com](http://www.howellsoccerclub.com) for details on club sponsored “F” license courses.