

# Dublin United Soccer Club

## Coaching Information for 2009-10 Season

The success of this program depends upon parents' willingness to coach or assistant coach. Please consider volunteering to be a coach. Previous soccer coaching experience is required. It is the desire of the Dublin United Soccer Club to utilize the best coaches available. Dublin United intends to offer Coaches Clinics. In addition, other training opportunities will be made available either through clinics or formal licensing classes. These licensing courses are available to Dublin United coaches free of charge up through the "D" level (the "D" level requires a full one year commitment to the Dublin United program for reimbursement).

**THE DOUBLE-GOAL COACH:** It is important that all participants, coaches and parents accept the fact that soccer is a child's game. The game itself is the best teacher. The more each player plays the game, the better each player will become. Dublin United encourages coaches and parents to give the game to the children and let them play. We adhere to the philosophy of the Double-Goal Coach as presented in the book, "Double-GOAL COACH" by Jim Thompson, the founder of the Positive Coaching Alliance, published by Quill in 2003. The Double-Goal coach can have a positive lifelong impact on young athletes and build winners in sports and life. The Double-Goal coach wants to win, but even more importantly, is committed to using sports to teach positive character traits and life lessons to young athletes. If this philosophy strikes a chord with you, Dublin United needs your assistance. While MOSSL does not require a coach to follow the Double Goal Coach philosophy, Dublin United believes that all coaches should follow the basic philosophies of the Double Goal Coach.

**RISK MANAGEMENT:** All Dublin United coaches are subject to and must adhere rules and regulations governing contact with youth, namely a "Screening Process" which may involve a background check. Yearly, each coach must complete a "Application Form" prior to any team activities and at all time adhere to a "Times Two" policy.

**Times Two Policy:** No less than two unrelated adults are to be assigned and present at all Dublin United team functions including practices, games, scrimmages, picnics, etc.

**Volunteer Application Form:** All individuals who have or will have direct contact in a supervisory, administrative or coaching role with any person under the age of 18 years participating in any activity associated with and/or sponsored by Dublin United must yearly submit a volunteer application form and are subject to a background check. MOSSL coaches must complete the Ohio South Risk Management application available on line via the Ohio South website ([www.osysa.com](http://www.osysa.com)). Even though MOSSL and Ohio South do not require a times two policy, Dublin United strongly urges coaches to follow the times two policy by having two unrelated adults present at all practices and games.

**COACHING RESOURCES:** Dublin United will offer coaching clinics from time to time. In addition, other clinics will be provided free of charge to Dublin United coaches. USSF offers many licensing courses in the Central Ohio area as well. Each coach will receive a set of coaching supplies: cones, pennies, and a first aid kit. Dublin United is responsible for obtaining

fields for your games and referees for your games. As a Dublin United coach, you will create your team's schedule unless your team plays in MOSSL. You are able to schedule games and practices that match your schedule and the schedule of your players. Dublin United teams should conduct three to four contacts each week between practices/training sessions and games. The Dublin United Director stands by you and is always available to field and answer your questions or find someone who can. As a Dublin United MOSSL coach, you will be able to create your team's practice/training schedule. In addition, there are several procedures in place that will enable you to schedule your MOSSL games on days when your team is available.