



## Unified Coach Roles

In the Kansas Unified Sports League, there are three coaches, each with their own roles and responsibilities:

### Sports Expert:

- knowledge and experience coaching soccer, experience with special needs preferred;
- assesses participants' skills and abilities
- coaches and leads team during competition, including strategy and roster line-up
- ensures safe environment to learn and play and maintains team camaraderie;
- creates practice plan and executes drills

### Staff Liaison:

- employed by the school district or parent of student;
- interest in inclusive student leadership, special education, and/or athletics;
- coordinates with athletic director and administration to secure practice time and location;
- helps recruit students (athletes and partners) to participate in league;
- communicates with students and parents all details related to KUSL;
- attends practices and assists soccer expert with execution of practice plan;
- promotes competitions to student body to attend as fans in the stands

### Community Volunteer:

- screened by Special Olympics Kansas;
- makes a long-term commitment to attend all practices and competitions;
- assists the soccer expert with execution of practice plan
- assists the staff liaison in promoting competitions and communicating to students
- overall lends a hand where needed and able

### Youth Leaders:

- lead teams as a service learning project;
- member of NHS or StuGo, Peer Mentoring, or like-minded individual
- recruits students to participate and reminds students to turn in forms, go to practice, etc.
- promotes league among student body to attend as fans in the stands
- chooses other projects to lead in order to enhance school's inclusive environment

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