



# How to Become a Certified AYSO Coach

All AYSO volunteers - coaches, team parents, referees, board members -- must complete two online courses: **AYSO Safe Haven™** and **CDC Concussion Awareness**.

In addition, Head Coaches and Assistant Coaches must obtain an AYSO Coach Certification at the specific age-level they will coach. ***This must be completed in an in-person class.***

This document walks Head Coaches and Assistant Coaches through steps required to complete both the online and in-person certification requirements.



## Completing Online Volunteer Courses

All AYSO Volunteers must complete two online courses: **AYSO Safe Haven™** and **CDC Concussion Awareness**. Both of these courses may be completed online at AYSO University. To complete them:

1. Log into AYSO University ([aysoU.org](https://aysoU.org)) using the same credentials under which you e-Signed your volunteer application. (Make sure when you log in that the name shown is YOURS, and *not* the name of another user in your household.)
2. From the top menu, click **Online Courses**.





3. Click **Open** next to the course you need to complete.

Home Online Courses In-Person Courses Webinars Certifications Resources

Online Courses

Online Courses  
Start: Mon 17 Jul 2017 31%

		AYSO's Safe Haven		<a href="#">Open</a>
		CDC: Concussion Course		<a href="#">Open</a>

4. Launch and complete each online module, one at a time.

Online Courses ▶ AYSO's Safe Haven

AYSO's Safe Haven  
Start: Mon 17 Jul 2017 100%

AYSO's Safe Haven was developed to protect both children and volunteers. The program covers protection guidelines, safety and injury prevention as well as the important of role modeling sporting behavior and supporting the philosophies of AYSO.

		Introduction to Safe Haven		<a href="#">Launch</a>
		Volunteers		<a href="#">Launch</a>
		Protection Guidelines		<a href="#">Launch</a>
		Child Protection		<a href="#">Launch</a>
		Emergency Medical Conditions		<a href="#">Launch</a>
		Play it Safe		<a href="#">Launch</a>
		Role Models		<a href="#">Launch</a>
		Final Exam		<a href="#">Launch</a>
		Safe Haven Certificate		<a href="#">Launch</a>
		Safe Haven eBook Download Site		<a href="#">Launch</a>

*When complete, the **green progress bar** shows 100%.*



## Completing In-Person Coach Certification

All AYSO Head and Assistant must obtain an AYSO Coach Certification at the specific age-level they will coach. ***This must be completed in an in-person class.*** You can register for in-person Coach Certification courses through AYSO University.

### IMPORTANT WARNING ABOUT ONLINE COACH COURSES:

In the Online Courses list, AYSO lists online-only courses such as “6U/8U/10U Coach Training.” **These courses do not satisfy the in-person coach certification.**

The screenshot shows the "Online Learning Resources" page with a navigation bar containing "Home", "Online Courses", "In-Person Courses", "Webinars", "Certifications", and "Resources". Under "Online Courses", there is a folder icon labeled "Online Courses" with a progress bar at 31% and a start date of "Mon 17 Jul 2017". Below this is a list of courses:

Course Name	Status	Action
AYSO's Safe Haven	Completed (Green circle)	Open
CDC: Concussion Course	Completed (Green circle)	Open
6U Coaching Training	Not Completed (Grey circle)	Open
8U Coaching Training	Not Completed (Grey circle)	Open
10U Coaching Training	Not Completed (Grey circle)	Open

A large red "X" is overlaid on the 6U, 8U, and 10U Coaching Training courses. A text box next to the "X" reads: "These 6U/8U/10U online coach courses **DO NOT** satisfy the in-person Coach Certification."



To register for an in-person coach certification class:

1. Log into AYSO University ([aysoU.org](https://aysoU.org)) using the same credentials under which you e-Signed your volunteer application.

Make sure when you log in that the name shown is YOURS, and *not* the name of another user in your household.

2. From the top menu, click **In-Person Courses**.





3. Click **Open** next to **Coach Instructor Led Courses**.

The screenshot shows the AYSO U Online Learning Resources website. The main navigation bar includes Home, Online Courses, In-Person Courses, Webinars, Certifications, and Resources. Under the 'Instructor Led Courses' section, there is a folder named 'Instructor Led Courses' with a progress bar at 6% and a start date of Mon 17 Jul 2017. Below this, there is a list of folders: 'Coach Instructor Led Courses' and 'Referee Instructor Led Courses'. The 'Open' button next to 'Coach Instructor Led Courses' is highlighted with a red arrow.

4. In the Coach Instructor Led Courses page, click **Sessions** next to the Age-Division you are coaching.

The screenshot shows the 'Coach Instructor Led Courses' page. The main heading is 'Coach Instructor Led Courses' with a progress bar at 14% and a start date of Mon 17 Jul 2017. Below this, there is a list of courses with 'Sessions' buttons next to them. The 'Sessions' button next to the '6U Coach' course is highlighted with a red arrow.

Course Name	Sessions Button
VIP Volunteer Training	Sessions
10U Field Session Only	Sessions
VIP Buddy Training and Certification	Sessions
Coach Administrator Training	Sessions
6U Coach	Sessions
8U Coach	Sessions
10U Coach - 11/Z/0114 Long Beach CA Sat 8 Jun 2019, 10:30 AM - 1:30 PM PDT	Sessions

**5U coaches must take the 6U course. 7U coaches must take the 8U course.**



5. The Coach Division page shows dates and locations of courses being offered by all AYSO Regions.

Instructor Led Courses ▶ Coach Instructor Led Courses ▶ 6U Coach

 6U Coach

The Course Number for this is 7710.

	 6U Coaching Course - 8/B/0212 Kalamazoo MI Sat 27 Jul 2019, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM EDT	<a href="#">Register</a>
	 6U Coach Certification Course - 11/E/0177 Long Beach CA Sat 27 Jul 2019, 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM PDT	<a href="#">Register</a>
	 6U Coach Class - Claremont - Regional 3 - 1/B/0003 Claremont CA Sat 27 Jul 2019, 8:00 AM - 11:00 PM PDT	<a href="#">Register</a>
	 6U COACHES TRAINING - 11/R/0285 San Diego CA Sat 27 Jul 2019, 8:00 AM - 10:30 AM PDT	<a href="#">Register</a>
	 San Diego Super Camp - 11/V/0089 La Mesa CA Sat 27 Jul 2019, 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM PDT	Full
	 6U Coach - 10/E/42 Newbury Park, CA - 2019-07-27 - Boys & Girls Club - 8:30am - 10/E/0042 Newbury Park CA Sat 27 Jul 2019, 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM PDT	<a href="#">Register</a>
	 6U Coach Training - 8/D/1289 Coldwater MI Sat 27 Jul 2019, 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM EDT	<a href="#">Register</a>
	 6U Coach Course - 11/K/0055 Huntington Beach CA Sat 27 Jul 2019, 10:15 AM - 12:30 PM PDT	<a href="#">Register</a>

6. Click the **blue title** to see additional information about a given course. When you find a date and location one that fits schedule, click **Register**.

**Note:** Some AYSO Regions charge a fee to coaches of other regions to attend their course. (Often about \$35.)

Congrats! You have now registered for the in-person course. You are not done yet. You must attend and pass a competency test at the completion of the course in order to obtain your AYSO Coach Certification.