

## Annapolis Soccer Club – Clinic Coaching Information

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### Objective

- Have fun, learn skills, and keep children coming back. ([annapolissoccerclub.com](http://annapolissoccerclub.com))
  - The more fun coaches have playing and interacting with kids, the more they'll want to learn and stay involved. ([annapolissoccerclub.com](http://annapolissoccerclub.com))
  - Many coaches are new: enthusiasm is the primary prerequisite. ([annapolissoccerclub.com](http://annapolissoccerclub.com))
  - Encourage children gradually; give them space to build confidence over the season. ([annapolissoccerclub.com](http://annapolissoccerclub.com))
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### Coaching Philosophy & Format (U4–U7 / Clinic Level)

- No goalkeepers in U4–U7 games. ([annapolissoccerclub.com](http://annapolissoccerclub.com))
  - Coaches from **both** teams are on the field to facilitate play. ([annapolissoccerclub.com](http://annapolissoccerclub.com))
  - The club doesn't keep scores or standings — the focus is exposure and learning, not competition. ([annapolissoccerclub.com](http://annapolissoccerclub.com))
  - Over time, games may evolve to **4 vs 4**, depending on roster sizes. ([annapolissoccerclub.com](http://annapolissoccerclub.com))
  - Emphasis on maximizing ball touches per child; minimize drills with long lines. ([annapolissoccerclub.com](http://annapolissoccerclub.com))
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### Safety & Supervision

- All children **must** wear shin guards. ([annapolissoccerclub.com](http://annapolissoccerclub.com))
  - This is **not** a drop-off program — a parent or responsible adult must attend. ([annapolissoccerclub.com](http://annapolissoccerclub.com))
  - If a parent must leave, they must hand off supervision to another responsible adult (not the coach). ([annapolissoccerclub.com](http://annapolissoccerclub.com))
  - All coaches and assistants must undergo a background check. ([annapolissoccerclub.com](http://annapolissoccerclub.com))
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### Rosters & Late Entries

- Rosters are finalized just before the season begins, following age-group meetings. ([annapolissoccerclub.com](http://annapolissoccerclub.com))
  - Coaches should email (and call if needed) players immediately after the coaches meeting. ([annapolissoccerclub.com](http://annapolissoccerclub.com))
  - Late entries may be accepted if approved by ASC. Do **not** add players without permission. ([annapolissoccerclub.com](http://annapolissoccerclub.com))
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## Equipment

- Each U4–U7 child receives a ball and a team T-shirt (distributed at first session). ([annapolissoccerclub.com](http://annapolissoccerclub.com))
  - Label balls with names, but only after the child shows up (to avoid mismatches / no-shows). ([annapolissoccerclub.com](http://annapolissoccerclub.com))
  - Teams get **Pugg** pop-up goals, cones, and practice pinnies. ([annapolissoccerclub.com](http://annapolissoccerclub.com))
  - Pinnies should contrast with shirt color. ([annapolissoccerclub.com](http://annapolissoccerclub.com))
  - All equipment must be returned at season end. Be careful with fragile parts (e.g. plastic spikes). ([annapolissoccerclub.com](http://annapolissoccerclub.com))
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## Coaching & Development Support

- ASC will sponsor coaches to take formal coaching courses and provide local training. ([annapolissoccerclub.com](http://annapolissoccerclub.com))
  - Age-group meetings (mid-March or August) distribute equipment and review goals. ([annapolissoccerclub.com](http://annapolissoccerclub.com))
  - Encourage parental involvement — to expand coaching support, each team gets two coaches' T-shirts. ([annapolissoccerclub.com](http://annapolissoccerclub.com))
  - Rosters listed online should **not** be considered final until after coaches' meetings. ([annapolissoccerclub.com](http://annapolissoccerclub.com))
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## Contact & Additional Info

- For questions: **admin@annapolissoccerclub.com** ([annapolissoccerclub.com](http://annapolissoccerclub.com))
- Annapolis Soccer Club's Clinic program covers U4 through U7 age groups. ([annapolissoccerclub.com](http://annapolissoccerclub.com))
- The coaching and clinic info is maintained in ASC's "Coaches Corner" resources. ([annapolissoccerclub.com](http://annapolissoccerclub.com))