

Positive Coaching Award

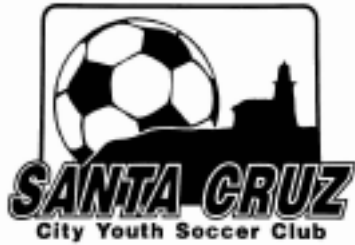
This organization is about more than sports. In addition to teaching skills and strategies, we encourage coaches to be positive role models and help players develop positive character traits and increased self-esteem and self-confidence. To reinforce this we will select coaches that embody the values of the Positive Coach for the Positive Coaching Award.

The winners of this year's Positive Coaching Award will be announced at the Coach and Sponsor Appreciation Dinner on November 13, 2008. To make this happen, we need your help.

Help identify worthy positive coaches in our organization. Watch for nomination boxes at various games. Use the attached nomination form to nominate a coach that you think deserve recognition because he/she:

- 1) Models and teaches the concept of **Honoring the Game**, which involves respect for the Rules, Opponents, Officials, Teammates, and the Tradition of the game.
- 2) Helps players redefine what it means to be a "**Winner**" in terms of Mastery and not just the scoreboard, by rewarding effort as well as results, helping players set goals and measure their progress toward them, and developing a team "Mistake Ritual" to help players quickly rebound from mistakes.
- 3) Fills players' **Emotional Tanks** by achieving a 5:1 Plus/Minus Ratio of positive reinforcement to criticisms, refraining from using fear, intimidation or shame with players, and using Criticism Sandwiches to help players improve.

You may nominate more than one coach, and you may turn in more than one nomination form for the same coach. If a coach does something remarkable early in the season, you can write about that and make a nomination. If the same coach does something else later in the season that you want the selection committee to know about, submit another form.



Positive Coaching Award: Nomination Form

Name of Coach being nominated: _____

Reason(s) for your nomination (be as specific as you can about what this coach has done to deserve this award). Use the back if you need more room:

The characteristics we'd like you to consider in nominating coaches include

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Your Name: _____ Phone: _____

Please return your nomination form or email by November 1 to coachaward@santacruzsoccer.com or SCCYSC Coach Award, P.O. Box 2039, Santa Cruz, CA 95063. Thanks!