

"Back of the Net" - Newsletter

Hi Coaches,

Welcome to this month's edition of "Back of the Net".

Each month we will be adding articles from various coaches that can offer their advice and ideas as to how we can help in the further development of our youth soccer players. These articles will come from coaches that have experience in working with all ages of players at different levels of the game.

This month's article is by Sam Snow, Technical Director for US Youth Soccer. There are many important traits that are required of a coach - facilitator, mentor, knowledgeable, patient, caring, role model.....these are just a few examples of the traits needed of a youth coach. It is also important that coaches recognize how the environment that they create at training and during games will have a significant impact in the player's development in various ways. The Psychomotor, Cognitive and Psychosocial development of our players requires careful consideration, and it is important that the environment created is developmentally appropriate.

In this month's article, Sam gives his thoughts on how to create an environment that is player centered, engaging and fun. To read Sam's article [Click here](#)

Best,

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