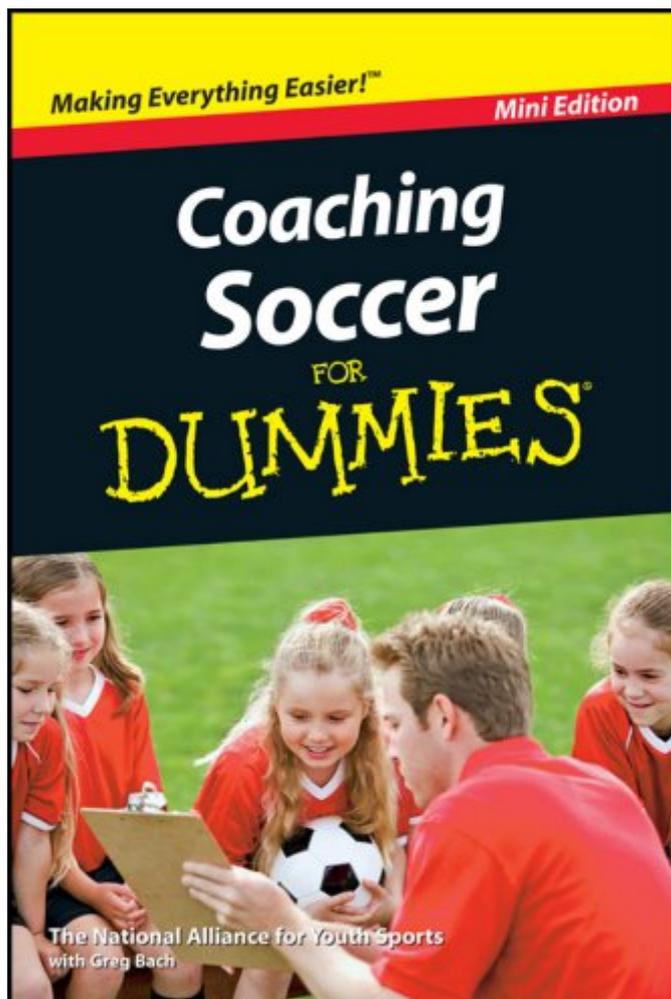


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# Coaching Soccer For Dummies® Mini Edition



## Synopsis

Kick-start your soccer coaching skills Volunteering as a youth soccer coach can be a great experience for you and your squad. But what if you've never coached before? Don't worry! This friendly guide offers expert advice on evaluating your players, running drills that make practices fun, and coaching offense and defense. Open the book and find: How to coach your own child What to say to parents in your pre-season meeting How to assign positions Basic drills for beginners Offensive and defensive coaching strategies

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## Customer Reviews

My 5 year old signed up for instructional soccer, the local parks and rec. department needed coaches, next thing you know I'm a soccer coach. Step one, buy a book that will get me started on the right foot, and that's exactly what this book was. This book provided me with the guidelines for dealing with the parents as well as providing me with a refresher on the ins and outs of soccer. I would recommend this to any coach just starting out. If you have previous knowledge of soccer either playing or coaching this may not be the book for you as it is very basic.

This review is on the Kindle version of the book, and only on the Kindle version. The book is

advertised as both 378 pages in print length and has "mini edition" in the title. Apparently, someone doesn't know that when you truncate a book, you say it's abridged! But why would anyone want to reduce the size of a book in digital form. Isn't the whole idea that you're already saving on paper? But apparently, or whoever provides the descriptions doesn't know. I very naively assumed that "mini" was based on the physical size of the book, perhaps a book that is easily carried to a practice for example. But to give you an idea, even before I got out of the intro to the book, 10 percent of the book was already gone. So, basically, the digital form of the book is a ripoff. The actual content of the book is very close to trivial (based on what's there) and can easily be obtained from a well-written "how to" or Wikipedia site. So, save your 99 cents, it's better spent on something more valuable like a deflated ball or a goal with a huge hole in the netting.

I've been coaching kids in some sport for 15 years now. Soccer was pretty new to me when I bought this book. It has a lot of intro to coaching in general, which of course it has to have, so that's good. But I was looking for a little more soccer specific. It was definitely a good book, and I learned things for sure. If you are new to coaching or new to soccer this is absolutely a book you should buy. But you will want to do a lot of observing of what other successful coaches are doing and copy them once you know the basics

Having become a convert of the game by watching the English Premier League over the past few months, I was looking for something that might explain some of the basics, as in rules and strategies. Although this book does not really cover any of the rules per se, it does provide a concise yet thorough manual for coaches. Having been an ice hockey coach for over twenty years, I was familiar with a lot of what was presented here, especially the parts that offer advice on how to best deal with parents. (That's usually half the battle right there!) Everything written here is spot on regarding that subject. After that, we're given some valuable pointers for teaching the game, dealing with kids and their varying skill levels and attitudes, etc. As the mini-book continues, we read about positions, learn some drills, and just as importantly what the purpose of these drills are. The author also pushes the importance of the kids' learning and developing, in addition to having fun at the same time. Having attended numerous coaching seminars over the years, this mini-book should be a must-read for all coaches of any youth sport. There's a ton of great advice and tips crammed into such a small book!

This book (in Kindle form) is brief. Not brief as in concise. Brief as in utterly lacking content. It seems

to be missing most of its pages. You will get more information from the first hit on a web search. You'll get more from reading the "look inside" of the print version. I was excited when I bought it, seeing an incredible price and all the positive reviews. I think they must be for the paper version. I can't imagine anyone gave a positive review to the Kindle mini edition I got.

When you see "Coaching Soccer For Dummies", it's possible to question how legit could it be? Well, the book teaches everything necessary to guide a team of any age & any skill set. Ever wonder of how interact with a difficult parent at the field? This book helps with that too! Totally worth it whether you coach beginners or have numerous amounts of years under your belt, professionally. A great book to have if you're a Soccer Coach and want to succeed!

I got roped into being assistant coach for a U12 girls team due to lack of other volunteers. Not knowing a darn thing about soccer this book was a big help and made running my own practices go much better. 1st or 2nd year coaches would definitely find this very helpful.

I have never played nor coached soccer in my life and my 4yr old wanted to play this year and have me coach. This book was exactly what I needed and teaches you everything you need to get started. Do not hesitate to purchase this book.

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