

REGION 712
SUPPLEMENT TO STANDARD REGIONAL GUIDELINES

1. Team Formation

Team formation of players shall be made by those persons delegated such task by the Regional Board. Retention of players on any team shall be limited to the head coach’s child (ren) in divisions U10 and above. Every attempt shall be made to balance the skill level of teams within each division. Coaches are unable to influence the strength of the team since they cannot determine which players are assigned to teams. Once teams are formed, no transfer of any player from one team to another may be made without the approval of the Division Rep, Assistant Commissioner(s) and the Regional Commissioner.

DIVISION	MIN PLAYERS	MAX PLAYERS	PLAYERS ON THE FIELD
U19	12	18	11
U16	12	18	11
U14	12	15	11
U12	12	14	11
U10	10	12	9
U8	7	9	7
U6	5	7	5
U5	5	5	3

*Adjustment to divisional requirements requires board approval and must be consistent with Area S and/or Section 11 requirements.

A Coach cannot add a player to his team. A player can be registered only through the Registrar or Commissioner and placed on a team by their Division Rep. With approval of the registrar, an Asst. Commissioner may also register a player for a team that is shorthanded and only for the sake of speeding the process. All players must be registered in order to be covered by our SAI. AYSO will not bear responsibility for unregistered players. A player may only play on one team at a time during regular season play. In post-season play, a player may participate in both League and All-Star playoff teams.

THE PENALTY FOR PLAYING AN UNREGISTERED PLAYER OR A REGISTERED AYSO PLAYER FROM ANOTHER TEAM IS:

- 1.) The loss of the game by a forfeit
- 2.) Immediate suspension as a coach pending the results of a Disciplinary Action Review Board (DARB)

A coach must have all player registration forms/ medical releases with him/her at all times, including games, practices, scrimmages and any team gatherings. All coaches must have Safe Haven certification—this includes, as much as practicable, all assistant coaches.

2. Team Balancing

A. Under 5 Division

- ❖ Players must be at least 4 years of age but younger than 5 years of age on July 31.
- ❖ The parents of the players on the team will coach teams. However, the coaches must attend the Coach Safe Haven Class
- ❖ Teams will consist of a maximum of five players
- ❖ Games will be played 3 vs. 3 and will be 30 minutes long (15 minute halves). Games will be scheduled one hour apart, starting on the hour.
- ❖ Games will be played with a size 3 soccer ball.
- ❖ There will be one practice during the week. Teams will have the opportunity for practice (20-30 minutes) during the hour scheduled for their game.
- ❖ The “Laws of the Game” will be the same as in the Under 6 division.

B. UNDER 8 and UNDER 6 DIVISIONS

U8

Balancing Guidelines

I. No guaranteed player carry-over to the next season for all but the head coach’s offspring.

II. Considerations

A. Age

B. Transportation issues

C. Relatives

D. A child’s first season in U8

E. Playing experience, as stated to the registrar

F. School

G. Neighborhood

Fall Season play format:

7v7 –on the field. Maximum roster: 9

Spring Select (extended Fall Season): The Division Coordinator may adjust the play and roster format (Spring Select Season-only)

(AYSO Region 712 Board Approved-April 24,2006 U8 only)

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Prior to the balancing meeting, the following duties will be performed by the Registrar, Commissioner (or Commissioner's representative), Asst. Commissioner and/or the respective Division Rep:

1. Determine the number of teams per division
2. Place the years experience on the front of the registration form in pencil
3. Separate out from the group the form for the head coach's child(ren)
4. Organize the remaining forms by the schools attended
5. Organize the forms as to age groups (Boys and Girls in separate divisions)
6. Deal out the coach's forms – one for each team in that division
7. If there are not enough coaches, use a player whose parent assisted last year, or call a parent and recruit them to coach
8. No more than 50% of a current teams composition may be derived from members of the previous years' team.

Do the following per age group – both boys and girls

9. Place experienced players on teams where they attend school
10. Balance the number of years experience per team
11. Place new players on teams by schools

After the forms are all divided out check the following:

12. Balance between teams of number of experienced players and non experienced players
If the team has players from more than one school, try to insure that at least two players are from the same school.

C. Under 14, 12, and 10

Prior to the team-balancing meeting, the Registrar, using eAYSO (National Support Center Computer program) will input all the players' ratings from last year. Rating sheets are distributed to all coaches in Under 14, 12, 10, and 8 before the end of the playing season*. These forms must be returned to the appropriate Division Rep. New players will be given a rating based on years of experience.)

When all the ratings have been input, a copy of the players' ratings will be given to the Youngers/Olders Asst. Commissioner and the appropriate Division Rep for review. In instances where the division rep deems a tryout is necessary, the tryout will be for the sole purpose of determining a rating. All registered players will be placed on teams.

The Division Reps, using volunteer information, will contact parents who are willing to coach their children.

When coaches have been assigned and the number of teams has been determined, *a draft will be held in U10 and U12. Players will be separated by zip code, ie 92154, 92173,*

91932 etc. Each player in each zip code pile will have a rating. The rating will be established for each player on a scale of 0-5, with “5” being the most experienced and to include returning All-Stars. 0 ratings apply to those with no experience.

Coaches will take turns selecting from any of the three zip code areas. The draft order will, where possible, be determined through a lottery conducted with the coaches present. In instances where a coach is a coach for two teams (in separate divisions), the division rep may allow for placement of one (1) assistant coach to the team. The assistant coach’s child/relative will count as the head coach’s “pick” in the draft. In instances where a Commissioner or Asst. Commissioner is drafting for his/her team, said party will be treated as any other coach. The board must approve the Commissioner’s position as a coach, consistent with Standard Regional Guidelines.

In divisions with only two teams, reasonable efforts will be made to place players together from the same school or community but there is NO GUARANTEED placement on a particular team. At balancing, the following items will be checked to ensure that the teams are properly balanced.

1. Number of players per team
2. Number of players from each age group per team
3. Number of all-stars per age group per team
4. Number of “0” (i.e., inexperienced) players per teams
5. Total points per age group/total points per team

In Under 19 and Under 16, there may be a draft for teams, but in consultation with Assistant Commissioner for older ages. If there are only two teams, reasonable efforts will be made to place players together from the same school or community but there is NO GUARANTEED placement on a particular team.

D. Players are generally discouraged from moving up in age group, but such allowances may be made for compelling reasons and only with approval of the Regional Commissioner.

E. Playing time requirements:

U5 –Games/Matches are 20 minutes total; 10 minute halves. No goal keeper. Free substitution. All players must play

U6- Games/Matches are 30 minutes total; 15 minute halves. No goal keeper. Free substitutions. All Players must play

U8- Games/Matches are 40 minutes: played with 10 minute quarters Goalie. No penalty kicks; no offside; players must achieve 3/4 quarters playing time.

U10-Games/Matches are 50 minutes total; 25 minute halves. Players must achieve 50% play time, aka two quarters. No yellow or red cards are issued at this age. (Region 712 guidelines only)

F. REGIONAL PLAY-OFFS:

Six or more teams in a division: four teams advance to the semis with matches consisting of 1vs4 and 2vs3. Winners play in the final.

Five teams in a division: only four teams advance to the semis 1vs4 and 2vs3, winners play final

Four teams in a division: only four teams advance to the semis 1vs4 and 2vs3, winners play final

Three or two teams in a division: 1 vs 2

One team in a division: Directly to Area 11-S state.

Fall Season Point system for teams playing entirely within Region 712

During the regular fall recreational season, all teams playing entirely within Region 712 shall use the 10 point tracking system. Teams playing in divisions with other regions shall abide by the Area guidelines set for them. For standings in pool play, point(s) shall be awarded as enumerated below:

- 6 points for a win
- 3 points for a tie
- 0 points for a loss
- 1 point for a goal with a 3 point maximum
- 1 point for a shut-out, a 0-0 tie is not considered a shut-out
- A maximum of 10 points is possible in any one game
- A 2 point deduction for each red card (send-off) received by a player and/or coach (before, during, or after the match). **Coach and player sendoffs are automatic one game suspensions.**
- If a game is forfeit, the winner shall be awarded a 1-0 score worth 8 points.

Tie breakers for league standings will be as follows:

- (1) Head to Head competition
- (2) Least goals scored against
- (3) Greatest number of shutouts
- (4) Goal differential (maximum 3 per game)
- (5) Fewest red cards
- (6) Fewest yellow cards
- (7) Coin toss

A tie is an acceptable result in pool play and shall be recorded as such. No overtime is required. Game scores shall be recorded on the game cards that each team provides to the Center Referee prior to the game. The Center Referee shall be responsible for reporting game result to the Field Coordinator or Referee Administrator.

POST-SEASON COACH/PARENT VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS

Any team which qualifies for Area playoffs following the regular season is categorized as a post-season team. Any coach having an opportunity to coach his/her team as a post-season team must ensure the team meets the following minimum requirements prior to participation in post-season play. Any coach not meeting these minimum requirements *by the end of the region's fall season* will be denied the opportunity to participate in post-season matches. This means no regional playoffs for teams that do not meet these requirements.

1. The Coach ***must*** have taken the following course: Coach or Referee Safe Haven
2. The team—either through the coach or through the efforts of other parents on the team—must have volunteered at least 30 hours beyond the normal coaching duties in the present season as verified by the Regional Commissioner or Asst. Commissioners.

VOLUNTEER HOURS AND POINTS GUIDELINES

- Each hour of volunteer time must be reported to the league statistician for tracking - kermit@ayso712southbay.org
- Referee volunteer time is tracked in points, then converted to volunteer hours. Referee points are tracked as follows:
 - Center referee – U10 or above, 3 points or 3 hours (duo – each referee, 3 points)
 - AR – U10 or above, 1 point or 1 hour (exception - if you are acting as a 'club linesman' recruited at game time to assist the center referee in a game in which your child is playing, no point credit is given)
 - Center referee – U8 or below, 1 point or 1 hour (exception – if you referee a game in which your child is playing, no point credit is given)
- Other volunteer time is tracked in hours including by not limited to the following:
 - Field painting on Friday afternoon – 1 hour
 - Saturday AM field set up at 7 AM – 1 hour (exception – if you are only assisting setup for your child's game, no point credit is given)
 - Saturday afternoon field breakdown and equipment storage – 1 hour (exception – if you are only assisting takedown after your child's game, no point credit is given)
 - Field trash cleanup/Recycling – 1 hour
 - Referee tent volunteer - # of hours
 - Other Regional Commissioner validated volunteer time – hours as verified

Rationale: AYSO is an all-volunteer organization. In order to provide a quality program for all the kids in our community, we need your help. No soccer experience is needed—just community spirit. Together, with your assistance, we will continue to provide a quality, fun and family-oriented atmosphere.

All Star Guidelines
For AYSO Region 712

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I

ALL-STAR COACH

U10 Coach Qualifications

- A. The U10 Coach ***must*** have taken the following courses:
Coach Safe Haven, AYSO U10 Coach Class, AYSO Regional Referee Class.
- B. The Coach must have prior authorization from the Region Commissioner and the Division U10 Representative before the coach selection process begins.
- C. The offspring of the coach may be selected to play.
- D. The coach must have volunteered, at least, 30 hours beyond the normal coaching duties in the present season as verified by the Region Commissioner.

Assistant Coach Qualifications

The Assistant Coach ***must*** have coached the present season; taken Coach/Ref Safe Haven; taken one AYSO coaching or Referee class.

U12 COACH Qualifications

- A. U12 Coach ***must*** have taken the following courses: Coach Safe Haven and AYSO U10/U12 Coaching Class. The Intermediate Coach Class is highly recommended as is AYSO Regional Referee Class
- B. The Coach must have prior authorization from both the Region Commissioner and the U12 Division Representative before the coach selection process begins.
- C. The coach's offspring may be selected to play.
- D. The coach must have volunteered 30 hours beyond the normal coaching duties, as verified by the Region Commissioner .
- E. The Assistant Coach ***must*** have taken the following classes:
Coach/Ref Safe Haven, U10/12 Coach and/or Regional Referee Courses,

U14 Coach Qualifications

- A. The coach ***must*** have taken the following courses: Coach/Ref Safe Haven, U10/12 Coach, ***Intermediate Coach***, Regional Referee Class.
- B. The Region Commissioner must authorize his/her candidacy prior to the selection process.
- C. The coach's offspring may be selected to play.
- D. The coach must have volunteered 30 hours beyond his/her normal coaching duties.
- E. The Assistant Coach ***must*** have taken the following classes: Coach/Ref Safe Haven, U12 or Intermediate Coach, Regional Referee courses

II

Player Qualifications

Players must be available to play the post-season and prepared to play away from Region 712, i.e., Bonita or as far away as Orange County.

III

Coach Selection Process

- A. The coaches must meet the minimum qualifications as set in part I of this All Star Guideline. Exceptions require board approval.
- B. They must obtain authorization to become a coach from either or both the division representative and the regional commissioner.
- C. All Coaches will be notified regarding the open period for nominations.
- D. A minimum number of referee points—as specified by division—must be accumulated during the season for a coach to be eligible.
- E. Volunteer hours are defined to include but are not limited to refereeing, equipment setup and storage, field clean up, striping, etc.
- F. A vote may be taken to select final candidates, as determined by division.

IV

Player Selection Process

With the advice and consent of either or both the regional commissioner and the division representative selected All Star coaches may independently select players or hold a draft.

A. The teams in a division may be divided among All Star coaches .

*A minimum of one player from each team in the division must be represented on an All Star team(s)

*Once a player is selected for a team a player may not switch to another team.

V

All Star Coach Pledge

I _____ pledge to fully inform the parents of the players on my team of practices, games, and venues. I also pledge to maintain the true spirit of AYSO while traveling with my team. I pledge to properly inform the regional commissioner and or the division representative on any changes or occurrences affecting the status or welfare of the players on my team. I also pledge to lead my team in **ALL SCHEDULED GAMES**, win or lose. I am aware that monies raised through sponsorships requiring the Region Federal I.D. number will require a 10% fee paid to the Region. I am aware that the team is required to make a deposit to the Region guaranteeing full participation in away games. I am aware that I must carry a copy of the official roster signed by the region commissioner and a copy of the registration of each player with a wet(original, not a photo copy) signature of the parent.

Coach

VI

Parents Pledge

I _____ parent of _____
pledge to abide by the true spirit of AYSO and honor as well the game of soccer. I will leave, entirely, the coaching to the assigned coach of my child's team. I understand that my personal enthusiasm for the sport and for the success of my child will be demonstrated by my assuring that my child attend practices, team gatherings, and games **ON TIME**. I know that engaging in conversation that somehow demeans any player on the team negatively affects the performance of all the players. I may be allowed to cheer for the entire team(example: Go Sharks!). I understand that cheers directed to any one player or the attempt to direct in any way the performance of an individual player(s) **WILL NOT BE TOLERATED**, either by the coach or the appointed game officials(referees).

Signature of the parent

VII

Players Pledge

I _____ a player on the U___ All Star Team pledge to listen to my coach and do my very best at practices and games.

I understand that the coach will place me on the team where he/she believes I will demonstrate my best performance. I understand that I will be asked to wait my turn on the sidelines for no more than ½ the game. I understand that a good team player cheers his own team. I will not say something to hurt another player. I will come to all practices and games ***ON TIME*** prepared with: a pair of shin guards covered by a pair of socks; athletic shoes or soccer cleats; a ball; a 32oz. bottle of water; uniform(game day) or shorts or very loose fitting athletic pants.

Player signature

Parent signature

All Star
Guidelines

I. How players are chosen

A. U-10/U-12/U-14

There will be two levels of rating

- a. Coaches will exchange line-up cards at the beginning of each match the first weekend in October and will be asked to circle the names of players that rated only the best from the opposing team. That means the coaches will need to print **two** line-up cards per game. They will hand those line-up cards to the ref at the end of each match. The refs will deposit the “rating” line-up cards in a ballot box at the field tent after each match. The Commissioner(s) will be responsible for tallying the results by the end of October.
- b. Coaches will rate their own players on a special rating sheet to be turned in by the end of October to either the division rep or a commissioner.
- c. One player from every team in a division must be selected to be on an All Star Team.
- d. The All Star Coach may select players on the All Star Team once the requirement that every team in the division is represented.

1. Under mutual agreement with the division rep, a draft of players or a tryout may be called to assist the coach(es) in selecting players.

- e. Players must be available to practice throughout the months of December, January, and February.
- f. Players must be available to travel outside the REGION and the farther reaches of Los Angeles and Riverside Counties.
- g. Players must be aware about the inherent costs.
- l. uniforms 2. Over night stays at hotels 3. Food 4.etc.

II. How All Star Coaches are chosen:

A. ALL STAR COACHES will be chosen by :

Either a vote among the candidates or by the division rep. Final decision will be made by the Commissioner. But certain requirements must be met to qualify:

- a. Coaches must have taken the appropriate level of coach courses for the current age division he/she is coaching.
- b. Number of current season(AYSO)volunteer hours (more than 30 beyond coaching duties)
- c. Must be aware of the responsibilities of taking an All Star Team for AYSO. An information packet will be available to all candidates.

III. Timeline for Selection

A. Coaches

Coaches must be selected by the second Saturday in November.

B. Players

Initial notification of selection must occur by the 3rd Saturday in November.

WARNING

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All players will be handed a document to clarify the selection process. **NO** player may perceive this process to be final. All players are to be placed on notice that at **ANY** time they may be released before a final roster is submitted. This occurs just before the first All Star game.

Version II

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