



# \* Parent Orientation

Fall 2013

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**U5 / U6 / U8**

# WHY AYSO IS A GOOD PROGRAM FOR YOU!

The mission of AYSO is to develop and deliver quality youth soccer programs which promote a fun, safe, family environment.

In AYSO, fans are asked to be cheerleaders, not critics. Kids Zone<sup>®</sup> is a unique program that includes a parent pledge that moms and dads sign to commit to positive, encouraging behavior when they're watching the games.

\*WELCOME

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\*Commissioners

# ALERT!

**You are  
entering  
an**



**By entering this  
kids zone,  
you agree to  
the following:**

- Kids are #1
- Fun - not winning - is everything
- Fans only cheer, and only coaches coach
- No yelling in anger
- Respect the volunteer referees
- No swearing
- No smoking
- Leave no trash behind
- Set a proper example for our children

**If you can agree to the above, we welcome you.  
IF NOT, WE ASK THAT YOU PLEASE LEAVE NOW.**

**AYSO - it's for the kids!**



**No dogs allowed  
at the field**

- \* **COMPLETE REGISTRATION** (required BEFORE player is assigned to a team)
  - \* Birth certificates must be checked for all new players
  - \* Payment must be received
  - \* Volunteer application
- \* Season is from September 7<sup>th</sup> thru November 16<sup>th</sup>
- \* Picture Day is September 29<sup>th</sup>
- \* Shinguards must be worn during games and practice
- \* Soccer cleats are recommended (no baseball or football cleats)
- \* Size 3 ball needed. Write your child's name on ball
- \* No jewelry or hard barrettes, beads, balls in hair
- \* Parents set-up and take down goals / flags / cones
- \* Uniform includes jersey, shorts, socks

\* **Info / Requirements**

- \* Team roster release August 19
  - \* Coaches & parents are notified
  - \* Suggest team meeting shortly afterward to identify team volunteers
- \* Uniforms available week of August 26
  - \* Coach provides list of team volunteers to pickup uniforms

## \* Team Information & Uniform Distribution

- \* Players are assigned to teams based on age and years of soccer experience
- \* We do not keep the same team from prior year
- \* Can I be placed on the same team as friend?
  - \* Yes, but
  - \* Parents requesting to be assigned on team must take a key volunteer role (Coach, Referee (U8), Asst. Coach)
  - \* Let your commissioner know
  - \* Complete required certification
- \* Coach setup first team meeting
  - \* Parents select remaining team volunteers positions
  - \* Asst. coach, Referee (U8), Field setup, referee, Snackbar, Team parent
  - \* Agree on practice day
  - \* Decide on a team name
  - \* Activate [Shutterfly team website](#)

# \* Team Assignment

- \* Coaches and players arrive 30 min prior to scheduled time
- \* Coaches prepare team. Warm up, game plan
- \* Parents setup field of play
  - \* Goals, Flags, Cones
  - \* Take down goals at the end of the match
- \* U5 and U6 coaches meet with Master Coach
  - \* Discuss activities for drills and lesson plan
  - \* Coaches conduct drills with their team followed by game
- \* U8 guidelines
  - \* Each team provide a Referee
  - \* No game will be played without a certified Referee
- \* U5 - U8 guidelines are posted at [www.ayso1031.org/coaches](http://www.ayso1031.org/coaches)

## \* Game Day Activities

- \* **Season schedule** will be posted September 1 at [www.ayso1031.org](http://www.ayso1031.org)
  - \* Parents will be notified of schedule changes
  - \* ON TIME IS LATE. ARRIVE 30 min prior to start time
- \* **General time**
  - \* U5: 9:00am
  - \* U6: 10:00am
  - \* U8: 9:00am, 10:00am, 11:00am
- \* **Practice schedule**
  - \* Decided by coach and team
  - \* Coach complete practice request form
  - \* First come basis
  - \* Available practice slots 5:00, 6:00pm, \*7:00 (based on availability)

\* **Schedules**

**AYSO IS A VOLUNTEER-RUN  
ORGANIZATION.**

**WE CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT  
YOU.**

**VOLUNTEER TODAY.**

**Volunteer application for everyone**

- \* Each Team MUST have the following volunteers
- \* Coach
- \* Assistant coach
- \* Field Set-up - set-up / take down goals, flags, cones
- \* Snack Bar - coordinate volunteers from the team to complete 6 hours per team
- \* Team Parent - maintain roster / snack schedule, set up Shutterfly team website, organize season-end party, support picture day and trophy distribution
- \* Referee(U8 and above) - ref your child's game

## \* U5-U8 Team Responsibilities

\* Because "Positive Coaching" is one of AYSO's guiding philosophies, coach training is one of our highest priorities. AYSO also provides a wide range of courses to continue instructing its volunteer coaches.

## No Experience? No Problem

- \* Our volunteer coaches receive complete training right from the beginning!
- \* Training, certification, and mentors for all coaches.
- \* Age- specific coaching courses provide training for coaches of every level of experience.
- \* Complete with manuals, videos, handouts and outlines that are continually reviewed and updated.

# \* Coaches/Asst. Coaches

Next class August 10<sup>th</sup> 8:30-10:30am (U5/U6); 8:30-11:30am (U8)

- \* AYSO referees do more than just enforce the Laws of the Game. Their job is to make sure the game is safe and enjoyable for everyone: the players, the coaches, the spectators -- and themselves.

Referee training that teaches not only the letter of the law, but the "Spirit of the Game."

- \* Mentors
- \* On-line course followed by in-class session; workbook for new referees.
- \* Youth Referee Program (ages 12 and up)
- \* AYSO referees are volunteers, so we want to be sure they have as much fun as the players do.

\* **Referees**

Next class August 24<sup>th</sup> Time 9:30a

## \* Respect your coach's time

- \* ON TIME is late
- \* Arrive 10 - 15 min before practice
- \* Arrive 30 min before game
- \* Call, email, text if you are late for practice or games
- \* Use the shutterfly team website calendar to indicate player availability
- \* Email to shutterfly team page forwards to entire team
- \* KEEP THE COACH INFORMED OF YOUR CHILD'S AVAILABILITY
- \* You are expected to stay with your child at practices
- \* Our volunteers work full time jobs (non-AYSO)
  - \* Ask how you can help

\* **Etiquette**

**REMEMBER**

*Coaches coach*

*Parents Cheer*

*Players Play*

*(Parent Pledge Form)*

Return signed pledge to your coach

**\*Parent Pledge**

- \* Stay current with Region news
  - \* facebook: [www.facebook.com/AYSORegion1031](https://www.facebook.com/AYSORegion1031)
  - \* twitter: [www.twitter.com/AYSORegion1031](https://www.twitter.com/AYSORegion1031)
- \* Make sure we have your current/correct email
  - \* Put [ayso1031.org](https://www.ayso1031.org) and [ayso.org](https://www.ayso.org) in your whitelist
  - \* Update your child's registration as needed

**\* More Information**