

The KICKOFF

Spring 2008



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Dates to Remember!!!

Spring Registration

February 8th
6-9 PM
VCRC

Coach's Meeting

February 16th
12-2:30 PM
VCRC

Region 253 Needs Volunteers

We are looking forward to another great soccer season for our children with your help! AYSO is an all-volunteer organization, and as you can imagine, there are many details involved in making the program run smoothly.

Volunteers are needed in a variety of areas. Below are several ways in which you can help the team or our region. Several activities involve simple phone calling; others involve planning and organization, while some involve field activities in conjunction with scheduled games.

We are actively seeking people for the following positions:

- Referee Administrator
 - Referees
- Youth Referees
- Team Parents
- Safety Director
- Fields Coordinator
- Assistant Coaches
- Registration Helpers
 - Treasurer
 - Secretary
- Picture Day Helpers
- Newsletter Editor

If you are interested in helping AYSO, please complete a volunteer application form and return to any board member.

We Need Your Help!



10 Commandments of Parental Behavior at Sporting Events

1. Talk about the other kids on the team - indeed, on both teams - in the same manner you would want other parents to talk about your child.
2. It's nice to give a coach a pat on the back after a win. It's even nicer when you give the coach a pat on the back after a loss.
3. Do not hesitate to give the referee, umpire or official a pat on the back either.
4. Remind your child that it is the effort that counts.
5. Avoid the PGA, Post Game Analysis.
6. Smile! A lot.
7. If you are not a "good sport" at the games, the kids won't be either.
8. Take the time to learn the rules of the game.
9. If you must make noise at the games, shout only praise and encouragement.
10. Above all, be there for your children.

Practice and Game Reminders for Parents



No Pet Policy

Dogs are not permitted on the soccer fields at any time, even if on a leash. This is necessary for the safety of our players. Many children have been bitten by a "normally gentle" dog. Your cooperation is necessary to maintain safe environment for our children. This includes during practices as well as games.

Designated Spectator Areas

All of the regions in our AYSO area have designated spectator seating areas. In general, spectators will sit on one side of the field and coaches and players will sit on the opposite side of the field. Coaches and/or referees will ask spectators who sit on the wrong side of the field to move to the designated spectator area. Your cooperation is much appreciated!

Game Refreshments

You may be asked to supply half time and/or after game snacks for one or more of your team's games. We recommend the following:

Half Time Refreshments—Orange slices, grapes, watermelon, water

After Game Snacks—Cheese and crackers, crispy treats, cookies (stay away from chocolate and items high in sugar), juices and non caffeine drinks are recommended.

Respect for Referees

If you have a dispute with a referee, discuss it with your coach. Your coach may approach the referee after the game. Referees are to be treated with respect at all times. Keep in mind that ALL referees are VOLUNTEERS. They do not get paid to give their time and effort to ensure that all the children have a fun soccer experience.

Safety

Players must wear shin guards at all times at practices and games. Players may not wear jewelry or hard barrettes while on the fields during practice or at games.



Do You Know About the AYSO Philosophy?

The philosophy of AYSO soccer is that:

- **Everyone Plays** Our goal is for kids to play soccer. So we mandate that every player on every team must play at least half of every game.
- **Balanced Teams** We set up teams as evenly balanced as possible - because it's more fun when teams of equal ability play.
- **Positive Coaching** The way to make winning kids is by building them up, not down. We train and encourage our

coaches to make the extra effort to understand and offer positive help to our players, rather than negative criticism.

- **Open Registration** Our programs are open to all children between the ages of 5 and 18 who want to register and play soccer. Interest and enthusiasm are the only criteria for playing.
- **Good Sportsmanship** We desire to create a positive environment based on mutual respect, rather than a win-at-all-costs attitude. All our programs must be designed to instill good sportsmanship in every facet of AYSO.

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For more information about AYSO and youth soccer, visit our website at www.ayso253.org!!!