

## **1.0 Registration, Fee and Refund**

The Region Board shall publish registration dates for guaranteed placement on a team. These figures will be used to establish the number of teams required so that coaches can be recruited and uniforms ordered. Players registering after these dates shall be placed on a waitlist maintained by the Registrar. Registration will proceed on a space available basis. The Region Board shall fix the registration fee for each player annually. The Regional Commissioner (RC) may waive such fee in part or whole if it would create a hardship. The Region fee shall be refunded in whole if written notification of non-participation is provided prior to the deadline established by the Region. After such date, there shall be no refund unless specifically approved by the RC. The AYSO Membership Fee is totally non-refundable.

## **2.0 Team Assignments**

Team assignment of players shall be made by those persons delegated such task by the Region Board. Special requests for a specific team, coach, or practice day / time / location will not be accepted. The Region shall use an age-rating system for balancing of teams. Individual team coaches shall provide player ratings at the end of each season. The Region may institute additional mechanism(s) designed to supplement the coach's rating designation, and designated Region Administrators may make adjustments to insure accuracy of the player ratings. A meeting shall be held for coaches to review all ratings in a Division. Rating information shall remain confidential and shall not be given to anyone, including player parent(s).

Each coach shall automatically have his/her child on that team. A coach without a relative playing may also request 1 player. With approval of RC and respective Division coaches, each coach may request one (1) additional player by name for the purpose of having parent support as Assistant Coach, Referee or other team volunteer. The order of coach request will be by random draw at the designated meeting. No other retention/selection of players will be allowed. An AYSO endorsed computerized registration program will be used to place remaining players on teams. Balancing of teams will be the priority for adding of players. No team shall be formed after the first game. No player shall be assigned to a team after the first game unless that team has less than three available substitutes. Exceptions to team formation and late player additions after the first game, can also be made as appropriate with the RC approval if unusual circumstances arise.

Siblings (having at least 1 common parent/step-parent) may request placement on the same team if age/gender appropriate.

## **3.0 Player Participation: Practices and Games**

Prior to the first game, each team may conduct a maximum of ten (10) practices/scrimmages with a maximum of three in any one week. During the regular season, a team shall be limited to a total combination of three practices, scrimmages, or games per week. No practice may exceed the time slot allocated in the practice scheduler. Teams shall practice at their assigned practice location and time. Any coach found practicing outside of published dates, on any blackout date or at any location or time not assigned by the Region will be subject to discipline.

Each player is strongly urged to attend every team practice. A player who misses practices regularly may have playing time limited to one-half (but not less than one-half) of a game following review by the Divisional Commissioner and approval of the RC. Coaches shall not initiate or extend reduced play-time beyond that which is approved by the RC.

Every player in the 19U and 16U Divisions shall be entitled to play at least  $\frac{1}{2}$  of every game. Substitution procedure shall be per Area G Guidelines. Every player in the 14U through 6U Divisions shall be entitled to play at least  $\frac{3}{4}$  of every game during the regular season. For the purpose of determining the time required to be played by a player who arrives after the actual start of the game in the 16U and 19U Divisions, one-half of the game shall be calculated using the time the player arrived. For 6U through 14U, inclusive, the time required to be played by a player who arrives after the actual start of the game shall be calculated using the table below.

<b>Player arrives during:</b>	<b>Player plays:</b>
1st quarter	3 quarters
2nd quarter	2 quarters
3rd quarter	1 quarters
4th quarter	0 quarters

A coach may not play short and leave a substitute on the sideline. If additional players arrive which create a situation where there are available substitutes, then the above rubric shall apply and the coach will have the discretion to decide who plays on the field, regardless of the order in which they arrived.

#### Uniforms

If a player drops before the 4th game of the season, and a uniform cannot be ordered within a reasonable timeframe, the Region can request the uniform from the player and offer a coupon for \$30, to be used for the following season.

### **4.0 Short Sided Play**

The Region supports the value of smaller teams, playing on smaller fields, with emphasis on developing basic skills. Soccer experts around the world support this concept and the Region is striving to meet the requirements of AYSO National Rules and Regulations in alignment with USSF Player Development Initiative.

#### **12U Boys and Girls**

Program shall be aligned with requirements for participating in Area G and Section Playoffs. Team roster shall be a maximum of 12 players. Play shall be 9v9 with a minimum of 6 players necessary for a game to be played.

#### **10U Boys and Girls**

Program shall be aligned with requirements for participating in Area G and Section Playoffs. Team roster shall be a maximum of 9 players. Play shall be 7v7 with a minimum of 5 players necessary for a game to be played.

#### **8U Boys and Girls**

Team rosters shall be a maximum of 9 players. Play shall be 7v7, with a minimum of 5 players necessary for a game to be played. To encourage the development of basic defensive techniques, games will be played without the position of goalkeeper and no stationary player shall be within the goal area.

#### **6U Boys and Girls**

Team rosters shall be a maximum of 8 players. Play shall be 6v6 with a minimum of 5 players necessary for a game to be played. To encourage the development of basic defensive techniques, games will be played without the position of goalkeeper and no stationary player shall be within the goal area.

Exceptions to the maximum number of players on a roster can be made with approval of the RC if unusual circumstances arise

### **5.0 Referee Program**

#### **Requirements**

The Region Referee Administrator (RRA) shall oversee the referee program and be responsible for the functions of the Referee Scheduler, Referee Instructor and the Youth Referee Administrator.

Each team shall provide at least one certified referee. It is strongly recommended that each team (10U and higher) provide more than one certified referee.

To be eligible to be a certified referee and accrue team points, the referee must

1. Submit a volunteer application for the current membership year, including background check, and be approved to volunteer.
2. Complete the requirements of AYSO Safe Haven Program (includes Safe Haven, Sudden Cardiac Arrest, and Concussion Awareness Training).
3. Register with the RRA each season.
4. Complete an appropriate Referee training course and pass the certification exam.

5. Be familiar with the AYSO National Rules and Regulations, AYSO Standard Policies and Protocols with Region 65 Addendums, and the following documents, where age appropriate:
  - AYSO edition of the FIFA Laws of the game
  - AYSO Guidance for Referees' Coaches, Other Volunteers and Parents
6. Be familiar with all current rules modifications

### **Responsibilities**

In order for the team to receive credit for their team referee officiating a game, the referee must

1. Meet the eligibility criteria
2. Be dressed in an appropriate uniform (with badge)
3. Legibly print his/her name and team number on the back of each official game card.

### **Training**

The Regional Referee Instructor staff will conduct the AYSO Basic Referee Course and 8U Official course each season. Notification of additional level courses will be published. In addition, referee refresher courses and/or Law Clinics will be conducted each season.

### **Mentoring/Assessment**

The Regional Referee Assessor and his/her appointees will be available for referee mentoring and friendly observations.

### **Youth Referees**

The youth referees will be administered and mentored by the RRA and the Youth Referee Administrator.

In addition to the requirements listed for adult referees, the following special rules apply to youth referees:

1. Must be at least 12 years of age.
2. May not referee games with players less than 2 years younger than the youth referee unless approved in advance by the RRA.

### **Scheduling**

Each referee is responsible to pre-schedule their game assignments with the online referee scheduling system, or directly with the Referee Scheduler. Only certified referees who are current registered volunteers shall be granted access to the online scheduling system. The Referee Scheduler will attempt to schedule referees as indicated in the following table.

<b>Division</b>	<b>Referee</b>	<b>Assistant Referee</b>
19U through 10U	Ref scheduler	Ref scheduler
8U and 6U	provided by home team	N/A

10U AR is reserved for the team's referee until midnight Wednesday before the game, but must be entered on Ref scheduler. Except where indicated that the referee is provided by the team, no referee shall officiate a game in which his/her son or daughter is playing without prior approval of the opposing coaches. In addition, during the regular season (prior to the post season tournament, including pool play), 12U and 14U Assistant Referees may officiate a game in which his/her son or daughter is playing.

## **6.0 Coach Program**

### **Selection Procedure**

The Region Coach administrator (RCA) shall prepare a list of all potential coaches and assistant coaches for approval by the Region Board. Coaches in all Divisions must be certified and trained in the age specific or higher certification.

Applicants will be chosen in the following order:

1. Continuing Region 65 coaches, with children in the requested Division, who have or may obtain the age specific certification before the season starts.
2. New Region 65 coaches, with children in the requested Division, who have or may obtain the age specific certification before the season starts.

3. Continuing Region 65 coaches, without children in the requested Division, who have or may obtain the age specific certification before the season starts.
4. New Region 65 coaches, without children in the requested Division, who have or may obtain the age specific certification before the season starts.

In the event that there are more potential head coaches than teams available, consideration will be given to applicants in the order of highest AYSO Coach Certification and then the length of continuous active time with that certification. All coach certifications are to be verified by the RCA prior to being awarded a team. In the event a coach does not complete the age appropriate certification, the team shall be assigned to the next certified coach.

No one under the age of 18 shall be designated as a head or assistant coach.

### **Training Requirements; Responsibilities**

All coaches shall be required to:

1. Submit a volunteer application for the current season, including background check, and be approved by the board to volunteer.
2. Meet requirements of AYSO Safe Haven Program (includes Safe Haven, Sudden Cardiac Arrest, and Concussion Awareness Training), as well as SafeSport and fingerprinting where required.
3. Be trained per the National Coaching Program Guidelines at the age/skill level, or higher, of the team they wish to coach prior to conducting any practice. The following are the minimum required certifications for each age level:

<u>Division Being Coached</u>	<u>Required Certification</u>
6U	6U Coach Course
8U	8U Coach Course
10U	10U Coach Course
12U	12U Coach Course
14U	Intermediate Coach Course
16U / 19U	Advanced Coach Course

### **Concussion & Injury Responsibilities**

1. It is required that an athlete suspected of a concussion must be removed from participation for the remainder of the day. The athlete may not return to play until an AYSO [Concussion Release form](#) has been signed by a licensed healthcare professional experienced in concussion management and has been presented to the Safety Director or RC.
2. It is required that coaches complete an [AYSO Incident Report](#), when an athlete has been removed from play for a concussion or sustains a serious injury.
3. It is recommended that coaches encourage parents to seek professional medical treatment immediately following an injury suspected of being concussion.

All Coaches shall become familiar with documentation provided in Coach's Packet, especially the "AYSO National Rules and Regulations", "AYSO Standard Regional Policies and Procedures" "Region 65 Addendum". Head coaches shall attend all scheduled Governing Membership meetings and provide all requested information to the Region in a timely manner. Assistant coaches, as voting members, should attend all scheduled Governing Membership meetings. All coaches shall behave in a manner that positively represents AYSO, reflecting the AYSO philosophies and keeping in mind that the game is for the welfare and enjoyment of the players. Each coach shall set an example of good sportsmanship and respect toward opposing players and coaches, referees, and officials. Coaches must train their team(s) to the best of their ability and participate in positive coaching that will instruct and encourage players during games and practices.

### **7.0 5U Program**

In an effort to introduce parents and young players to the game of soccer, Region 65 shall make available a 5U Program in recognition of the social, emotional and physiological differences of four-year-old and five-year-old players. The two goals of the program are to allow the players to enjoy the game of soccer and let the game be the teacher. A parent or other adult will be actively involved with each player.

AYSO's year (for the purpose of the age of the players) begins on January 1<sup>st</sup> each year and extends to the following December 31<sup>st</sup>.

The program will be administered by a Lead Coach who shall be a current registered AYSO volunteer and properly certified for the approved AYSO 5U Program. The Lead Coach will introduce a game/activity that will practice a certain skill or part of the game using explanation and demonstration. Each pair (player/parent) will then attempt the activity while the Lead Coach circles between pairs providing specific help or suggestions so that the activities are performed as intended. After a suitable amount of time, the Lead Coach will bring the players and parents back together as a group and recap what they have done, introducing the next game/activity.

### **8.0 Post Season Play**

The Region will conduct a post season play for the 10U, 12U and 14U. 16U and 19U may participate in Area G Playoffs, otherwise they will be included. Team participation in post season event is by invitation in recognition of program support.

In order for a team to be invited to participate in the Area G League Playoffs or Region 65 Post Season play, the team must have earned sufficient referee credits and have met any other eligibility requirement that the Region may implement. Teams participating in Region 65 Post Season play may be eligible for advancement to Area G Playoffs. Teams participating in Area G Playoffs may be eligible for advancement to Section 1 Playoffs.

All players participating in post season play must have participated in one half of the games scheduled for his/her team unless prevented from doing so due to injury or illness, or excused absence approved by the RC.

### **Team Referee Requirements**

The exact number of referee credits required for eligibility, and the dates that they are required to be completed, will be determined by the RRA and approved by the Region Board prior to start of the season. This determination will also specify how many credits a Youth referee (age 12 or older) may earn towards the team's requirement.

The deadline for completion of the referee credits may be extended by the RRA with the approval of the RC. In the event of a "rain-out" where the game is not rescheduled, referee requirements may be reduced or the deadline may be extended for the period in which the "rain-out" occurred

To ensure a balance of referees throughout the season, a team referee may only sign up to referee on the referee scheduler a maximum of 2 games per day. There is no limitation on the number of games that a referee may referee as a walk-on.

The RRA, or designee, will track the referee credits and publish periodic reports. It is the responsibility of the team coach to monitor that their requirements are being fulfilled.

## **9.0 Spring Select Travel Team Program**

### **Introduction and Purpose**

The purpose of this program is to provide the more skilled AYSO players the opportunity to participate in a competitive soccer experience during the spring/summer. The program seeks to provide a place to develop their skills at a level of enjoyment they seek and at a cost that is substantially less than other non AYSO soccer programs. The program will be offered to all Divisions 10U thru 19U subject to available qualified coaches.

The Spring Select Travel Team (SSTT) program will be administered each season by the Select Coordinator. Teams will be named RC Flames.

### **Coach Eligibility**

All coaches will be given the opportunity to request a SSTT. Coach candidates must meet the following qualifications:

1. Coached in the most current regular season, ideally in the Division requesting
2. Demonstrated commitment to the AYSO organization and support of the basic philosophies
3. Meets the required coach certifications:
  - 10U Division – 10U and 12U coach or higher
  - 12U Division – 12U coach; Intermediate highly recommended
  - 14U Division – Intermediate coach; Advanced highly recommended
  - 16U & 19U Division – Advanced or higher
4. Certified as a Regional Referee or higher

### **Coach Selection Process**

The selection process for coaches of the Travel/Select teams will be done by a committee of 7 or more members selected from the Select Coordinator, Assistant Select Coordinator(s), Referee Administrator, Coach Administrator, Assistant Regional Commissioner, 2 Divisional Commissioners, 1 Board Member (not a Divisional) and Select Treasurer as chosen, approved by the Regional Commissioner. Any member of the Selection Committee applying for a team, or with a family member applying for a team, must not participate in the selection of the coach for that particular age and gender. If any position on the Selection Committee is vacant, a member is unavailable to serve on the Selection Committee, or a member has a conflict in a particular age and gender, the RC shall appoint a replacement member of the Selection Committee or an alternate member to participate in the selection of the coach in the age and gender where there is a conflict.

1. All applicants must submit an application letter to the Select Coordinator by the deadline date as set by the Selection Committee.
2. Applicants can only coach one team. No head coach or assistant coach may act as head coach or assistant coach of another AYSO team.
3. All applications will be reviewed by the Selection Committee. Applicants may be interviewed by the Selection Committee to evaluate their qualifications for a team.
4. If there are more than one applicant in an age group, consideration will also be given to the following factors in order to choose the best coach for the program and team:
  - a. Applicant who coached in Region 65 during current season, in the requested age and gender
  - b. Applicant who coached in Region 65 during current season, in another age or genderIn all cases, a higher badge level will be given extra consideration.
5. It is the express intent of the Region that if there is not a qualified coach to lead a team, after all reasonable efforts have been made to recruit a qualified coach, including reaching out to division certified coaches who have previously coached for the Region, a team will not be formed.
6. Applicants that are chosen will be notified by a set date by Select Coordinator via phone call and later by letter confirming selection. All others will be notified of the committee's decision via email.
7. Coaches must select an Assistant Coach no later than 1 week after teams are formed, which must be approved by the Selection Committee.
8. Selected coaches and assistant coaches must be approved by the board.

### **Players Eligibility**

1. Must have played in Region 65 during current season

2. Must have played in at least ½ of the games in the Fall unless prevented due to injury or illness, or other approved absence.
3. Must attend at least one tryout, although it is recommended that players attend both tryouts
4. Must tryout in proper age/gender group. In case of 14U player that played up for reason of CIF High School said player(s) must move back down to appropriate age level.
5. Any player who has received a red card send-off for Violent Conduct during the Fall season, to the degree that resulted in a season long suspension. shall be ineligible for participation on a SSTT. Appropriate exception can be made with the approval of the RC and Select Coordinator

### **Player Tryouts**

1. All players should have access to notification of all tryout dates, times and location of all tryouts.
2. Tryouts for 16U and 19U teams will be held on dates decided by Select Coordinator and assistant, in coordination with the select coaches, so as not to conflict with high school soccer.
3. Tryouts for 10U thru 14U teams will be held on dates decided by the Select Coordinator

### **Team Formation**

1. All teams will be allowed to be formed after the conclusion of the second tryout and prior to the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of January or earlier when permissible.
2. The maximum number of players will be as follows, with the strong preference that coaches select the maximum number of players to allow qualified players to participate in the select experience:
 

19U and 16U	18 players maximum
14U	15 players maximum
12U	12 players maximum
10U	10 players maximum
3. The Select Coordinator will approve:
  - a. Final roster and any subsequent changes as submitted by the Coach.
  - b. The practice field, time and days.
  - c. Approve all scrimmage games and tournaments.
4. All teams must have a Head Coach and Assistant Coach

### **Registration of Players**

1. Players' forms will be emailed, after every player has registered and paid, along with the official roster.

### **Finances**

1. All teams must have a designated Treasurer that will be responsible to work with the Select Treasurer and is not related to either coach by marriage, domestic partner, or kinship/family. Team treasurer shall not live in the household of Head Coach or Assistant Coach.
2. Registration fee will be set by the Select Coordinator in consultation with the uniform coordinator and the Select Treasurer
3. Coach and or team Treasurer will be responsible for collecting all team funds and providing them to the Select treasurer in a timely manner.
4. All teams must submit a team budget to the RC, Select Coordinator and Select Treasurer prior to start of the travel season.
5. All Fundraising activities must have prior approval from the Select Coordinator.
6. All money is to be handled through Select Treasurer via each Team's designated treasurer.
7. All reimbursements must be accompanied by original receipt and a detail as to what expense was for to the Select treasurer who will verify the legitimacy of the expense and then will issue reimbursement to the team.
8. All teams will submit a monthly team financial report to Select Treasurer, Select Coordinator and RC. Financial reports are due on the first of the month and they are late on the 5<sup>th</sup>. Once the Select Treasurer has approved your financial report you need to send a copy to all your parents.
9. Any money/funds not used by end of season will be donated to AYSO Region 65 Flames Memorial Fund or the Select general fund.
10. Each team shall designate a minimum amount to be donated to the Memorial Fund each season.

11. Each team will be required to reimburse the Region for the use of practice fields, lights and field maintenance at a rate of 30% of the Fall Core Region Fee per player

### **Uniforms**

For consistency purposes, all teams' kits will be chosen by the Region Uniform Coordinator. The uniform coordinator will make every attempt to have all kits delivered to all teams before their first tournament. The Select Coordinator and Select Treasurer will provide a budget for the Region Uniform Coordinator. The program name will not be printed on the uniform.

1. Suggested order list with team colors being: Red, White and Black
  - a. up to 3 jerseys
  - b. 2 shorts
  - c. 3 pair socks
  - d. 1 duffle or back pack gear bag (optional)
  - e. 1 set warm ups (optional)

### **Practice**

1. All practice fields will be at a place designated by the RC, in consultation with the Select Coordinator.
2. Practice can begin as follows
  - a. 19U and 16U teams: first week in January
  - b. 10U thru 14U teams: last week in January
3. Practice fields will be for a maximum time frame of no more than 1½ hours per day and for no more than 2 days a week
4. Time slots will be allocated as follows, earlier time slots for younger aged teams and the later time slots will be for the older aged teams.
5. Practice days will be Monday thru Thursday. Select Coordinator must be contacted for scheduling of all scrimmage games. Those games will be allowed on a first come, first served basis.
6. Scrimmages can be scheduled Monday thru Saturday for one hour per day prior to April 1st. Lights will not be turned on for scrimmages without prior approval. Teams are encouraged to scrimmage other Select teams.
7. No scrimmage games can be schedule on a team's practice night without the prior approval of the coach/team sharing the other portion of the practice field and Select Coordinator.
8. Equipment, Referees and the painting of fields for any games is the responsibility of the coach/team

### **Referees**

Each team will submit to the RRA all the names of their team referees so the RRA can verify the following:

- Current season volunteer form
- Current Safe Haven & Concussion Awareness Training
- Referee certification level

### **Tournaments**

Each team must play in a minimum of 5 and a maximum of 10 tournaments. The Region 65 Grape Stomp is not counted as one of the 10 tournaments. AYSO National Games is not counted as a tournament. No team can play at tournaments that are regularly scheduled for more than 2 weekends in a row. This requirement is subject to deviation with the approval of the RC or Select Coordinator.

1. It is the responsibility of coach to locate/apply to various AYSO sanctioned tournaments.
2. All completed tournament paperwork/packages must be submitted to Select Coordinator for roster verification and approval
3. All tournament paperwork/packages will require at least a 24 hour review by Select Coordinator This will allow for the validation of all information

All Select teams are required to participate in the Region 65 Grape Stomp Tournament

1. Region 65 teams will not need to pay registration fee but may have to provide referee coverage for the tournament.
2. Select teams must still submit a completed registration forms for the Grape Stomp Tournament.
3. Each team must participate in all areas of the Grape Stomp such as field monitors, check-in, set-up and take down of nets, goals, paint fields and any other related duties and functions that may be required



4. All net profits from the Tournament will be distributed as determined by the Tournament Director, RC and Select and Extra Coordinators.

## Player Participation

All players must play at least ½ game unless injured or sick. For the purpose of determining the time required to be played by a player who arrives after the actual start of the game in the 16U and 19U divisions, one-half of the game shall be calculated using the time the player arrived. For 10U through 14U, inclusive, the time required to be played by a player who arrives after that actual start of the game shall be calculated using the table below:

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1st quarter	2 quarters
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A coach may not play short and leave a substitute on the sideline, unless for a momentary equipment or bandage issue. If additional players arrive which create a situation where there are available substitutes, then the above rubric shall apply and the coach will have the discretion to decide who plays on the field, regardless of the order in which they arrived.

## Guest Players

1. Region 65 guest players can be used for any tournament that will allow guest players with the written approval of the Select Coordinator and RC. Request must be submitted at least 10 days in advance of need.
2. Guest players must be registered in the current MY, with preference given to a player who tried out for Select but was not chosen, whenever possible..
3. If guest player is on a regular program Spring Season team, participation cannot conflict with regular season game or practice.

## Discipline

AYSO Standard Policies and Protocols regarding discipline set the minimum standards.

1. It is a coach's responsibility to notify Select Coordinator and RC immediately upon the ejection/send-off of any player, coach or parent from any game.
2. It is the coach's responsibility to make sure that any player that is ejected/sent off does not play in the next scheduled game even if it carries over to the next tournament that team is playing in.
3. Failure to comply or notify Select Coordinator could result in further disciplinary actions by Region.

## Miscellaneous

All injuries need to be reported to the Region Safety Director and the Select Coordinator with 48 hours of the injury and followed up with a written report to Region Safety Director.

## **10.0 EXTRA Program Guidelines**

AYSO EXTRA is an optional tryout based program that provides an option to play soccer at a more challenging level for those youth players who possess the desire, appropriate skills, and abilities. AYSO EXTRA is a player development, player focused program within the AYSO player development pyramid. AYSO's Six Philosophies apply to the program.

The Region shall offer the opportunity for development of teams in accordance with the AYSO National Rules and Regulations, AYSO National [Rules and Regulations of EXTRA Program Play](#) . Teams will participate in the EXTRA East Circuit and will be governed by [Circuit Guidelines](#) and any specific Region 65 requirements. The Region program will be guided by the Region EXTRA Coordinator.

The Region shall open the possibility of an EXTRA team for 10U, 12U, and 14U for both genders. Teams for additional ages may also be considered. It is the express intent of the Region that no team will be formed if there is not a qualified coach.

EXTRA teams shall be self-funded beyond the level provided to regular core program players and teams. Each team shall have a designated Treasurer not related to either coach.

### **Coach Selection Process**

All applicants to coach an EXTRA team must meet all AYSO coach certification requirements in the AYSO EXTRA Rules and Regulations and Section 1 EXTRA Circuit Guidelines. In addition, applicants must be certified as a Regional Referee or higher.

The selection of coaches for the EXTRA teams will be done by a Selection Committee of 5 Board members. The Selection Committee will consist of the EXTRA Coordinator, RRA, RCA, Select Coordinator, and an Assistant Regional Commissioner appointed by the RC. Any member of the Selection Committee applying for a team, or with a family member applying for a team, must not participate in the selection of the coach for that particular age and gender. If any position on the Selection Committee is vacant, a member is unavailable to serve on the Selection Committee, or a member has a conflict in a particular age and gender, the RC shall appoint a replacement member of the Selection Committee or an alternate member to participate in the selection of the coach in the age and gender where there's a conflict.

1. All applicants must submit an application letter to the EXTRA Coordinator by the deadline date set by the Selection Committee.
2. Applicants can only coach one team. No head coach or assistant coach may act as head coach or assistant coach of another AYSO team.
3. All applications will be reviewed by the Selection Committee. Applicants may be interviewed by the Selection Committee to evaluate their qualifications for a team.
4. If there are more than one applicant in an age group, consideration will also be given to the following factors in order to choose the best coach for the program and team:
  - a. Applicant who coached in Region 65 during current season, in the requested age and gender
  - b. Applicant who coached in Region 65 during current season, in another age or gender

In all cases, a higher badge level will be given extra consideration.

5. It is the express intent of the Region that if there is not a qualified coach to lead a team, after all reasonable efforts have been made to recruit a qualified coach, including reaching out to division certified coaches who have previously coached for the Region, a team will not be formed.
6. Applicants that are chosen will be notified by a set date by EXTRA Coordinator via phone call and later by letter confirming selection. All others will be notified of the committee's decision via email.
7. Coaches must select an Assistant Coach 1 week after teams are formed, which must be approved by the Selection Committee.

Selected coaches and assistant coaches must be approved by the board.

### **Tournaments**

All Extra teams are required to participate in the Region 65 Grape Stomp Tournament

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3. Each team must participate in all areas of the Grape Stomp such as field monitors, check-in, set-up and take down of nets, goals, paint fields and any other related duties and functions that may be required
4. All net profits from the Tournament will be distributed as determined by the Tournament Director, RC and Select and Extra Coordinators.