

## **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 a partial refund, prorated for the cost of the uniform & pictures, and the number of weeks left in the season. The AYSO Membership Fee is non-refundable, except in very rare cases with RC approval.

## **2.0 Team Assignments**

Team assignment of players shall be made by those persons delegated such task by the Region Board. 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>. 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 coordinators may make adjustments to insure accuracy of the player ratings.

A mandatory meeting shall be held for the purpose of coach ratings in the 14U, 16U & 19U divisions. Ratings discussed and provided at such meetings are to remain confidential and written ratings remain with the Registrars. Prior year ratings may be provided to the Divisional for each age and gender to use as reference to assist in their determination of the accuracy of the current ratings provided by the coaches. No ratings shall be shared with players, parents or coaches outside of the meeting.

A coach who fails to cooperate with this process may be restricted from playoffs, or face other disciplinary action.

Ratings will be assigned to unrated players, be based on Registration Questions (for example Years of Experience and participation in higher level soccer programs).

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 Division coordinator, 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. A meeting shall be held for the purpose of establish coaches' additional request in the 14U, 16U & 19U divisions, to allow the Division Coordinator to resolve draw conflicts. The order of coach request will be by random draw.

A coach request may be rejected by the Registrar if it restricts the balancing of teams. 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. For tournament teams, a weekend tournament counts as 1 of these 3. No practice may exceed the time slot allocated in the practice scheduler. Teams shall practice at

their assigned practice location and time, unless cleared with the Practice Scheduler in advance. 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 ½ 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 ¾ of every game during the regular season and Region Playoffs. If participating in a post-season tournament, the number of quarters will be determined by the tournament.

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.

If an injured player requires the coach to enter the field, the player must be removed from the field. After play has resumed, the player may return to the field with the Referee's permission. The referee does not need to wait until play has stopped to allow the player to return.

#### Scrimmage

Teams may replace a regularly scheduled practice with a scrimmage, but may not impact other teams' practice fields, use Region equipment, or request additional lights coverage.

#### Misconducts

This section applies to all Players, Coaches, Assistant coaches, parents and spectators.

All AYSO Standard Policies and Protocols, including Section 3 (AYSO National Policy Statements), paragraph 2.12 (AYSO Code of Conduct – Policy Against Discrimination, Harassment, Abuse of Violence) of the AYSO Reference Book, shall apply.

Spectators must sit on their own team's sideline to the left of the center line – this applies to 10U and older. For all ages, nobody may be behind the goal line.

The US Soccer Referee Abuse Prevention (RAP) Policy shall apply:

#### Non-physical abuse

- 1: Verbal Taunting – minimum 2 games
- 2: Harassment/Intimidation – minimum 4 games
- 3: Physical threats/Derogatory language – 6 game and/or 6-12 months
- 4: Offensive or discriminatory act (Race, Ethnicity, Religion, Gender, sexual orientation, disability, social origin, language, Nationality) – 10 games, 12-24 months

## Physical abuse

- 1: Minor or slight touching – 3 game and/or 1-6 months
- 2: Intentional physical confrontation – 10 game and/or 6-24 months
- 3: Violent Conduct – 12 months to lifetime

Second time – double. Third time – Lifetime ban.

Against minors – Triple multiplier

Optional 50% if first time from a minor

A Due Process hearing may be requested, however the suspension will not be reduced to less than half of the guideline.

For Upper Division Play (16U & 19U), there will be a mandatory cooling off period; coaches are required to remove a player receiving a Caution (yellow card) from the game for 3 minutes. A coach may use his/her own discretion if more time is needed, coach can also substitute that player out or play short until the 3 minutes have passed. If the team falls below minimum # of players, game will go on and not be suspended

Any player who receives a red card send off, or any Coach, Assistant coach, Parent or Spectator who is sent off by the Referee at any CORE game or tournament game is automatically restricted from attending the team's next game. Coaches and Assistant coaches sent off also may not attend as a spectator.

Send offs of Coaches, Assistant coaches, Parents and Spectators can result in more than a one game suspension, if warranted by the conduct, at the discretion of the Regional Commissioner.

Violent Conduct red cards can result in a season long suspension if deemed appropriate by the Regional Commissioner, based on the conduct.

The following matrix will be used to determine the length of a Red card/ send off suspension beyond one game (Referee abuse is covered by the RAP):

2 Games:

Violent conduct when described as minimal pushing or shoving

3 Games: Violent conduct for any reason other than minimal pushing and shoving;

Repeated red card offenses or send offs in a single season

Threatening language to another

These suspensions may be increased at the discretion of the Regional Commissioner.

Referee decisions and calls are not reviewable; however, all suspensions for longer than 1 game are subject of Due Process review when requested by the suspended party.

## 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.

## Hair Beads and Clips

Hair control devices and other adornments, such as beads, worn in the hair must meet the following criteria:

Be securely fastened to the head

Do not present an increased risk to the player, teammates or opponents

Flat clips less than two inches in length may be used to hold the hair in place close to the head so long as their placement on the head does not present an increased risk to the player, teammates or opponents.

Hair charms are still considered jewelry and are not permitted.

The Referee is the sole judge of whether or not the individual item in question is permissible to wear in the game.

#### **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 9 players. Play shall be 7v7 with a minimum of 4 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, preserving the minimum number of quarters played (3).

#### **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.

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), as well as any additional training or screening required by AYSO
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:
  - The IFAB Laws of the game
  - AYSO Referee Guideline
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 offer the AYSO Regional 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 may 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.

Division	Referee	Assistant Referee
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 using the following criteria to ensure the optimal experience for the players:

- Length of time coaching in Region 65
- Children or relatives in the requested division
- Highest AYSO Coach Certification and length of continuous active time at this level

For Upper Divisions (16U & 19U) only, if there are more coaches than teams

- 1) Division Coordinator (or coach admin) will reach out to all coaches to see if they can pair themselves up, explaining that we have too many coaches.
- 2) Division Coordinator (or coach admin) will pair coaches up (Teams in Area Play require an assistant coach).
- 3) New Advanced coaches should be paired with coaches with two or more seasons in the age group. The new coach will be assistant to the experienced coach.

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. Coaches may utilize assistant youth team assistants. A youth team assistant is one who is under the age of 18, at least 2 years older than the players on the team, even if not registered as a player in the current MY year. The youth team assistant must register in the same manner as a youth referee. An adult coach must always be present.

Fall Area teams (16U & 19U) are required to have an assistant coach, who must be assigned before the draw, and becomes the 2<sup>nd</sup> player request if applicable.

## Training Requirements

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 any additional training or screening required by AYSO.
3. Be trained per the National Coaching Program Guidelines at the age/skill level, of the team they wish to coach prior to conducting any practice. The following are the 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. This report is also required in the case of threats, fights, property damage or calls to the police.
3. It is recommended that coaches encourage parents to seek professional medical treatment immediately following an injury suspected of being a 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", and "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 4U/5U Program

In an effort to introduce parents and young players to the game of soccer, Region 65 shall make available a 4U/5U Program in recognition of the social, emotional and physiological differences of three, four 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.

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.

For 16U & 19U players not prevented (by High School rules) from participating after the end of the Area Fall season, a relaxed program of games (Jamboree, Pick-up, etc) may be established by the Division Coordinators.

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.

Post Season Tournament Guidelines will be published prior to each season's playoffs.

### **Team Referee Requirements**

In order to be invited to participate in playoffs, teams must earn Referee Points as defined by the RRA. Each team should recruit at least one certified referee. It is strongly recommended that each team (10U and higher) recruit more than one certified referee. 1/3 of required referee points must be earned by a referee affiliated with the team. Identification of affiliated referees will be determined by the RRA.

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 on the referee scheduler to referee 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 Fall 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 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
5. Head coach candidates must identify, in their application, at least one potential assistant coach who is eligible to be certified at the appropriate level.

### **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. No person on the committee can be an applicant for a team, or be a family member of an applicant, even if they currently hold one of the designated required positions above. In this case, or if a position cannot be filled, the RC shall appoint a replacement member of the Selection Committee or an alternate member to participate.

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 gender
  - c. Applicant's overall contribution to the Board/Region

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 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 Region Board.

## Players Eligibility

1. Must have registered and played in the Region 65 Fall season
2. It is recommended that the players participated in least ½ of the scheduled 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 all tryouts
4. Must tryout in proper age/gender group. Players may request to play up a division in the U16/19 divisions, with the approval of the team coach and RC, if deemed both physically and emotionally appropriate due to skill and maturity levels. (geared to the U14 player in high school who played up in fall)
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.
6. If there are insufficient players meeting the above requirement at the try outs to form a team, with RC and AD approval, coaches may also reach out to the neighboring Regions within our Area for additional players who meet the eligibility requirements in 1–5 above

## 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
4. If at any time, a team does not have enough eligible players, the Select Coordinator with the approval of the Regional Commissioner, may invite players from another Region to try out. This is only allowed if our Region does not have enough players attend tryouts AND the Region being invited does not have a travel team in that age group, or their tryouts are complete and the players being invited tried out for their Region's team and were not selected.

## 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.Proposed exceptions to the above Select coordinator responsibilities must be approved by the RC
4. All teams must have a Head Coach and Assistant Coach who are qualified in the division they are coaching. Assistant coaches must meet all the head coach criteria.

## 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 40% of the Fall Core Region Fee per player (including early bird discount, ignoring late fee)

### **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)

A player who voluntarily drops from the team after uniforms have been ordered (and cancellation is not possible) the uniform must return the uniform to the team, and the cost of the uniform kit will be deducted from any registration fee refund requested by the player.

If the player drops from the team due to injury or being unable to play due the family relocating, they may keep the uniform, but the cost will be deducted from any registration fee refund. If the uniform kit is returned to the team, a full refund will be issued.

### **Practice**

1. All practice fields will be at a place designated by the RC, in consultation with the Select Coordinator and the Practice Field Coordinator.
2. Practice (involving physical activity including conditioning) can begin as follows
  - a. 19U and 16U teams: first week in January
  - b. 10U thru 14U teams: first week in January
  - c. Teams may meet for bonding events and fundraisers before January.
  - d. Players on Core teams that are still active (e.g. – playoffs) may not miss a core activity in favor of a Select activity.
  - e. If 10U-14U players are still active on their Core team due to Area/ Section playoffs they may participate in ONE practice session per week with their Select team, as long as the practice day and time do NOT conflict with their Core team. Players on Core teams still participating in Area/ Section playoffs must give priority in practices and games to their Core team. This is an exception to the 3 event per week rule in Section 3.0 Player Participation.
  - f. Violation of these policies may result a suspension from team activities and tournaments.
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 and the Practice Field 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. 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 Practice Field 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 safety and screening requirements are met
- 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 RC 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
4. Participation in non-AYSO tournaments, such as those offered by Cal South or other club organizations, must be pre-approved by Select Coordinator, and will be limited to no more than 2 per season. Further exceptions may be made for 16U/19U teams, if insufficient AYSO tournaments are available for these age divisions.

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:

<b>Player arrives during:</b>	<b>Player plays:</b>
1st quarter	2 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, 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. Guest Players (players from a different Region) will be allowed to join a Region 65 Select team for tournaments that allow it. However, the Guest Player will be required to have the approval of both the Region 65 RC and the Host Team Regional Commissioner (per the tournament Guest Player Form).
2. Region 65 guest players can be used by non-Region 65 travel teams for any tournament that will allow guest players with the written approval of the RC. Request must be submitted at least 10 days in advance of need.
3. Guest players must be registered in the current MY.
4. If guest player is on a regular program Spring Season team, participation cannot conflict with regular season game or practice, subject to the coach's discretion in 16U and 19U.

### **Discipline**

All AYSO Standard Policies and Protocols, including Section 3 (AYSO National Policy Statements), paragraph 2.12 (AYSO Code of Conduct – Policy Against Discrimination, Harassment, Abuse of Violence) of the AYSO Reference Book, shall apply.

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.

Payment plans will not be allowed – the entire Fee must be paid by the deadline.

Travel teams must contribute back to the core program, by means identified by the Coordinators (e.g. – referee, field monitoring, etc)

- 1) Extra teams (Fall & Spring), and Select teams (Spring) will be required to provide referees to core games as determined by the Ref Admin (RRA).
- 2) Travel teams will be required to monitor core games, as determined by the Region Commissioner (RC)
- 3) These terms will be negotiated with the Coordinators
- 4) The RC may deny tournament approvals to teams that do not comply.

## **10.0 EXTRA Program Guidelines**

### **Introduction and Purpose**

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.

The Region shall offer the opportunity for development of teams in accordance with:

AYSO Reference Book – Extra Rules & Regulations

Section 1 Extra Program Guidelines

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 Eligibility** – Section 1 Extra Program Guidelines, plus each coach must be a certified Regional Referee.

**Coach Selection Process** – See below

**Players Eligibility** - Section 1 Extra Program Guidelines

**Player Tryouts** – AYSO Reference Book (Extra Player Selection)

**Team Formation** - Section 1 Extra Program Guidelines

**Finances** - Section 1 Extra Program Guidelines

**Uniforms** – Section 1 Extra Program Guidelines amended as below:

**Practice** – Section 1 Extra Program Guidelines **Referees** – Section 1 Extra Program Guidelines

**Tournaments** – See Below

**Player Participation** - Section 1 Extra Program Guidelines

**Guest Players** - Section 1 Extra Program Guidelines

**Discipline** - Section 1 Extra Program Guidelines

**Miscellaneous** – See Below

### **Coach Selection Process**

The selection of coaches for the EXTRA teams will be done by a Selection Committee of 7 Board members. The Selection Committee will include the EXTRA Coordinator, RRA, RCA, Select Coordinator. In addition, an Assistant Regional Commissioner and 2 other board members, appointed by the RC. No person on the committee can be an applicant for a team, or be a family member of an applicant, even if they currently hold one of the designated required positions above. In this case, or if a position cannot be filled, the RC shall appoint a replacement member of the Selection Committee or an alternate member to participate.

Head coach candidates must identify, in their application, at least one potential assistant coach who is eligible to be certified at the appropriate level.

Items 1-8 in the Spring Select Coach Selection Process (9.0 above) will apply.

### **Uniforms**

A player who voluntarily drops from the team after uniforms have been ordered (and cancellation is not possible) the uniform must return the uniform to the team, and the cost of the uniform kit will be deducted from any registration fee refund requested by the player.

If the player drops from the team due to injury or being unable to play due the family relocating, they may keep the uniform, but the cost will be deducted from any registration fee refund. If the uniform kit is returned to the team, a full refund will be issued.

## **Tournaments**

All Extra 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. Extra 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.

**Participation in non-AYSO tournaments, such as those offered by Cal South or other club organizations, must be pre-approved by EXTRA Coordinator, and will be limited to no more than 2 per season. Such tournaments will not count in the team's 10 tournament maximum, if played between the end of the Extra League season and before Jan 15th. If such tournament is played after Feb 1st, it will count toward the team's 10 tournament maximum.**

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## **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.

Payment plans will not be allowed – the entire Fee must be paid by the deadline.

Travel teams must contribute back to the core program, by means identified by the Coordinators (e.g. – referee, field monitoring, etc)

- 1) Extra teams (Fall & Spring), and Select teams (Spring) will be required to provide referees to Fall core games as determined by the Ref Admin (RRA).
- 2) Travel teams will be required to monitor core games, as determined by the Region Commissioner (RC)
- 3) These terms will be negotiated with the Coordinators
- 4) The RC may deny tournament approvals to teams that do not comply.

## **11.0 Region Operational Structure**

1. The Region's Annual Meeting shall be held each June for the purpose of appointing Board Members and reviewing Region guidelines (Standard Policies & Protocols Addendum B)

2. All regular Board Members shall be selected per the procedure provided in the Standard Policies and Protocols. Members must be registered as an AYSO volunteer and complete the currently required training. Members shall serve a 1 year term with no limit on the number of terms in any position. The Regional Commissioner shall have a maximum term of 3 years. There shall be no limit on the number of positions a member can hold.

3. All fully certified Board Members shall have a single vote on any issue presented at a Region Board meeting, regardless of the number of positions held. Voting must be in person unless special circumstances exist requiring an electronic vote. A majority (50% + 1) positive vote of Board Members present will be needed for approval of any issue. Some Board positions are non-voting:

- a) Asst Safety Director
- b) Asst Team Activities
- c) Sponsors Coordinator
- d) Web/System Admin (& asst)
- e) Due Process Coordinator
- f) Player Advocate
- g) Lights Coordinator
- h) Asst Player Development

4. Proposed guideline changes shall be provided to all Board Members at least 7 days prior to the scheduled Annual Meeting. A 2/3 approval vote of the Board Members who vote will be needed for approval of any item.

5. For a board position with more than 2 candidates, the first vote will select the top 2 candidates, then a second vote will choose a winner between these 2.

## **AYSO Region 65 Season Tournament 10U-14U Post Season Pool Play & Single Elimination Guidelines**

All current IFAB Laws of the Game, AYSO National, Section 1, Area G and Region 65 Rules and Regulations shall be in effect.

### Participation

- 1) All players must be in Region issued uniform. Uniform protests must be lodged prior to start of game.
- 2) All players in full issued uniform shall play a minimum of 3 quarters of each game.
- 3) In the case of uniform conflicts, as determined by referee, the Home team shall wear cover-ups.

### Competition – Pool Play

#### Format

Pool format will be used with pool opponents randomly drawn to allow for new opponents as much as possible. Specifics on structure and advancement to be provided at time of draw.

- 1) All games will be full length times as follows:  
10U = Two 25 minute halves; 12U = Two 30 minute halves; 14U = Two 35 minute halves
- 2) Pool Play points will be awarded for a maximum of 10 points.  
6 points for a win,  
3 points for a tie  
1 point for a shut-out; 0-0 tie = 4 points  
1 point for goal to a maximum of 3  
Declared Forfeit = 10 points (3-0 shutout)

### Discipline

- 1) Discipline action received by a player, coach or spectator, will generate 1 point for a Caution (yellow card) and 2 points for a Send Off (red card). A second Caution (resulting in a Send Off) will only generate 2 points. Discipline points will only be a factor in determining a tie in pool play standings.
- 2) A Send Off for Violent Conduct, or receipt of more than one Send Off during the tournament, will result in suspension from all further participation.
- 3) A player or coach receiving a 3<sup>rd</sup> Caution during the tournament shall have an automatic 1 game suspension and possible appearance before a Review Panel.
- 4) A player or coach who instigates or participates in a physical or verbal confrontation may be suspended from the tournament.

### Referee

- 1) Referees may not center their own team's game, nor any other game in their pool.
- 2) Referee point requirements will be posted on the website and Referee Points Report. If not enough teams in a pool qualify to advance, a wildcard will be drawn from the other pools among teams that earned their referee points but did not advance from their pool.

### Special

- 1) No protest of game results will be accepted.
- 2) If a wild card is needed in a pool structure, a draw of interested teams shall be conducted as scheduled by the Divisional Commissioner or designee. All eligible teams shall be notified. Wild card(s) will be drawn randomly from the 2<sup>nd</sup> place teams in each pool (or 3<sup>rd</sup> place for pools that send 2 teams). If there is a tie for this position, the tied teams will be included in the draw.

- 3) The Regional Commissioner and appropriate staff will review and determine the outcome of any incomplete game or other special situation.

## Competition – Single Elimination

### Format

All final rounds (after pool play) will be single elimination.

Game times will be as follows:

DIVISION	GAMES	OVERTIME
10U	2 x 25	2 x 5
12U	2 x 30	2 x 7
14U	2 x 35	2 x 9

In ALL games, if the game is tied after regulation time, the following method will be used to break the tie:

- 1) Two (2) overtime periods will be played IN FULL (see table for overtime durations)
- 2) If a winner has not been determined after the two (2) overtime periods, kicks from the mark will occur (see below).  
Only the players left on the field at the end of second overtime period can participate in the kicks from the mark.
  - a. Any player ejected or removed for injury during play, not having been returned to play, may not participate in kicks from the mark.
  - b. Both teams must start the kicks from the mark with the same number of players. If one team is short, the other team must "reduce to equate".
  - c. Five (5) players from each team will commence with kicks from the mark in alternating fashion, as determined by a coin toss.
  - d. All five (5) of the players must have an opportunity to shoot unless they are mathematically eliminated before their shot.
  - e. Play starts when the referee blows the whistle.
  - f. At the end of the first 5 players, if the teams are still tied, the format shall be one (1) player from each team in alternating fashion, with each team getting a chance, until a winner has been determined.