

**AMERICAN YOUTH SOCCER ORGANIZATION (AYSO)
REGION 65 OPERATING GUIDELINES
2011-2012 SEASON**

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ARTICLE ONE: Purpose

These Guidelines have been adopted pursuant to the authority granted in AYSO National Bylaw Section 1.03(a)(6) to provide guidance to Region 65, serving the city of Rancho Cucamonga, in its organization and operation. Under AYSO National Bylaw Section 1.04(1) and National Policy Statement 6.1, the Region has the responsibility to operate in accordance with these Regional Guidelines. The Region shall be non-profit, nonpolitical, and non-sectarian.

These Guidelines are subject to AYSO's Articles of Incorporation, National Bylaws, National Policy Statements, National Rules and Regulations, Section Rules and Regulations, and Area Guidelines (AYSO's "operating regulations"). Copies of these documents will be made available by the Region upon request and are hereby incorporated by reference as a part of these Guidelines. These Guidelines are meant to enhance and to conform with the operating regulations. To the extent that there may be any absence, contradiction, or conflict among these documents, the operating regulations shall prevail.

These Guidelines shall be approved by the Area and Section Directors. A copy shall be given to all Governing Members of the Region. A copy or information relating to any category of these Guidelines shall be made available to any member upon request.

ARTICLE TWO: Mission

The AYSO Mission is to develop and deliver quality youth soccer programs which promote a fun, family environment based on the AYSO philosophies of: **Open Registration * Balanced Teams * Positive Coaching * Everyone Plays * Good Sportsmanship * Player Development.**

ARTICLE THREE: Duties and Responsibilities of the Region

To the extent permitted by its size and available resources, the Region shall offer a program to all youth from 4½ through 18 years of age in a safe, fun, fair, and positive environment. The Region shall

1. Elect, at a minimum, a Regional Commissioner (RC), Treasurer, Risk Manager/Safety Director, Child and Volunteer Protection Advocate (CVPA), Registrar, Coach Administrator, and Referee Administrator.
2. Implement AYSO National programs available to the Region at least once a season.
3. Hold periodic meetings of the Regional Board and disseminate information to members and the community concerning Region programs and activities.
4. Collect and disburse monies for the sound financial organization and operation of the Region. Regular financial reports shall be forwarded to the AYSO National Office. An Annual Financial Report shall be presented to the membership.
5. Obtain proper registration documentation for all players, coaches, referees and administrators and forward, with appropriate fees, to the National Office prior to permitting individuals to participate in any capacity.
6. Assign players to assure proper balance of teams within each age division.
7. Recruit volunteer coaches and referees and provide age appropriate training clinics.
8. Obtain playing facilities and needed equipment and monitor their safe condition and use.
9. Comply with the Soccer Accident Insurance (SAI) plan and procedures, notifying the National Office immediately of any threatened or actual claim or lawsuit against the Region.
10. Participate in Area, Section, and National events and programs; cooperate with neighboring Regions to promote growth, development and cooperation throughout AYSO.

ARTICLE FOUR: Membership in the Region

Governing Members are persons serving the Region in a coaching, refereeing or administrative capacity. All Governing Members must be registered with the AYSO National Office. Playing Members are all registered soccer players. Contributing Members include parent(s) of Playing Members and other persons to whom the Regional Board has granted membership to recognize a contribution of value to the Region or to express its gratitude.

All Governing Members shall have the right to cast one (1) vote, in person, on any Region issue.

The names, addresses and telephone number of all members of the Region, are private and confidential. Such information and any mailing lists may not be disclosed or distributed to anyone, including any vendor or sponsor, without the prior written approval of the National Executive Director.

ARTICLE FIVE: Management of the Region

1. The Regional Board shall conduct the business and affairs of the Region. A majority of the Board Members shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of conducting business.

2. No Board Member, or any other participant in the Region, shall receive monetary or other compensation for service to the Region, nor may he/she use the position to receive any direct or indirect benefit.

3. An Annual Meeting will be held in January for the purpose of electing Board Members. At least 2 months prior to the Annual Meeting, the RC shall appoint a Nominating Commission consisting of 4 Board Members, and 3 non Board Members - 1 each representing coaches, referees, and parents. The Nominating Commission shall recruit and provide a list of recommended candidates for Board review and submission at the Annual Meeting.

4. The nominee for RC is subject to approval of the Area and Section Directors and shall be appointed by the AYSO National Board of Directors for a term of two years.

5. Elected Board Members shall take office on April 1 and serve a one (1) year term. The Board Members may serve multiple terms if nominated and reelected as per above.

6. Any vacancy on the Regional Board shall be filled by appointment of the RC and the person filling the vacancy shall serve until the next Annual Meeting.

7. Any Board Member, except the RC, may be removed in accordance with Article Nine of these Guidelines. The RC may be suspended by the Area or Section Director and removed only by the National Board of Directors in accordance with Sections 3.07 and 7.03 of the National Bylaws.

8. The Regional Board shall establish, at its initial meeting each year, the time, date and place of regular meetings of the Regional Board and Governing Membership. In addition, the RC, the Regional Secretary, or 1/3 of the Board Members may call a special meeting on 3 days prior notice stating the purpose of such meeting. Notice may be given in writing, by telephone, or in person. Board and Governing Membership meetings shall be held monthly during the season and approximately every other month during the off season.

9. All meetings will be open to the public unless it is deemed necessary to restrict attendance due to the need for protection of confidentiality. Minutes of all meetings will be recorded and provided to all Board Members. Minutes shall be provided to any member upon request.

10. Each Board Member shall have one (1) vote, to be cast in person. Unless otherwise specifically provided by these guidelines, all decisions of the Regional Board shall be made by a majority decision of the Board Members voting on any such matter. By a 2/3 vote of the entire Regional Board, any issue may be put to the Governing Membership of the Region.

11. The RC shall not serve as a coach or assistant coach in the Region except with the approval of the Regional Board. If so approved, procedures shall be adopted to assure neutrality of decisions in matters of possible conflict.

ARTICLE SIX: Officers

The Regional Board shall consist of the following positions:

Regional Commissioner (RC)	Divisional Commissioner for each Division
Assistant Regional Commissioners	Secretary
Treasurer	Sponsor Coordinator
Risk Management/Safety Director	Fields/Equipment Coordinator
Child and Volunteer Protection Advocate (CVPA)	Team Activities Coordinator
Registrar	Game Scheduler
Coach Administrator	Assistant Coach Administrator
Referee Administrator	Assistant Referee Administrator
Director of Referee Instruction	Practice Fields Coordinator
Director of Referee Assessment	Uniform Coordinator
VIP Coordinator	Publicity
Spring Coordinator	Travel Team Coordinator

In addition, there may be additional assistants or other positions as deemed necessary by the RC.

The RC shall review the board position job descriptions developed by AYSO National Office and modify as appropriate to Region operations. The RC shall meet with individual board members to review the job description and expectations and obtain acknowledgment of acceptance via signature. The Region CVPA shall retain a copy of the signed job descriptions. A copy of a job description(s) shall be provided to a member upon request.

All Board members will attend job specific training provided by the National Office and perform their duties as defined in their job description to benefit the Region and AYSO in general. The RC shall participate in specialized training provided by the National Office. He/she shall be familiar with all AYSO operating documents and these Guidelines. The RC shall have the responsibility to manage the overall operation of the Region, guiding the Board in making decisions and performing to the overall benefit of the AYSO program. The RC shall insure that all legal and financial obligations are fulfilled. The RC shall represent the Region at community functions, Area meetings, the Annual Section Meeting and the National Annual Governing Membership Meeting providing the Board Members with current information.

ARTICLE SEVEN: Information About the Program

Eligibility

All boys and girls, between the ages of 4 ½ and 18, based on their age as of July 31st of the year in which the season begins shall be eligible to register for the program.

Length of Season and Cancellation of Games

The official season shall be established by the Regional Board and specific dates listed on the Region Calendar. All games shall be played according to the published schedule. Every team shall be at the field in time to play the game regardless of weather conditions. Inclement weather or poor field conditions may necessitate cancellation of games. After consulting with the Referee Administrator and the Fields/Equipment Director, the RC shall be the sole judge of whether to commence play. Once the game begins, the referee in charge of a game may suspend or cancel a game due to safety concerns.

The Regular Season shall consist of a maximum 10 games, without standings, for all teams. Under 10 through Under 19 Divisions may have the opportunity to participate in post season playoffs as described in Appendix C.

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 list maintained by the Registrar ~~in the order of contact~~. Registration will proceed on a space available basis. The Regional Board shall fix the registration fee for each player annually. The RC may waive such fee in part or whole if it would create a hardship. The fee shall be refunded in whole if written notification of non-participation is provided prior to the published cancellation date. After such date, the Region shall have the right to retain 25% for an administrative fee and any other direct costs will be deducted.

Team Assignments

Team assignment of players shall be made by those persons delegated such task by the Regional Board. Special request 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 rating at the end of each season. A meeting shall be held for coaches to review all ratings in a Division. The Registrar Job Description shall include specifics for establishing rating for new players. Rating information shall remain confidential and shall not be given to anyone, including player parent(s).

Each head coach shall automatically have his/her child on that team and may choose one (1) player by name. No other retention/selection of players will be allowed. An AYSO endorsed computerized registration program will be used to place remaining players on teams. Twice prior to the start of the season, the Registrar will coordinate with the RC regarding the replacement of vacancies 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 two available substitutes. A player must attend two (2) practices before participating in a game.

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

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 two (2) hours in length. Every player in the Under 19 and Under 16 Divisions shall be entitled to play at least ½ of every game. Substitution procedure shall be per Area G Guidelines. Every player in the Under 14 through Under 6 Divisions shall be entitled to play at least ¾ of every game. 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. Teams shall practice at their assigned practice location and time. Any coach found practicing his or her team on any blackout date or at any location or time not assigned by the Region will be subject to discipline.

Player and Team Equipment

Each player shall be issued an official uniform that may be retained at the end of the season. Each player shall provide appropriate footwear and shin guards that must be worn at all times during practices and games. Players may not wear jewelry of any kind (including chains, watches, body jewelry and earrings), bandannas or other ornamentation item that is likely to cause risk of injury to self or others. Prescription glasses may be worn but must stay firmly on wearer's head or be restrained by a strap. Hard casts (including padded casts), splints, and helmets are not permitted during game or practices. Players with permanent orthodontic braces are strongly encouraged to wear mouth guards. Any player who has a special requirement to wear something contrary to these guidelines must submit documentation of that requirement to the RC and have received the RC's written approval prior to participation. Copy of approval shall be given to player's coach.

Each team will be provided with a goalie shirt, one (1) practice ball and one (1) game ball. No Region equipment or supplies may be used in non-Region activities unless approved by the RC.

Parental Participation

As AYSO is an "all-volunteer" organization, each parent or guardian of a playing member is strongly encouraged to volunteer his/her valuable time and service. No fee distinction shall be made based upon parental or player participation as a volunteer or in Regional fundraising activities.

Conduct During Games

The highest standards of conduct and good sportsmanship must be maintained at all times by administrators, players, coaches, referees, spectators and other participants. Offensive, insulting or abusive language, use of alcohol, tobacco products or illegal drugs in the vicinity of the playing field during practices or games is strictly forbidden.

Coaches are expected to be positive and set the best possible example. He/she should provide encouragement and a positive direction. Excessive coaching from the sidelines is not permitted. Spectators must remain along the sidelines, between the penalty areas, and their vocal efforts should be limited to positive compliments and encouragement. A derogatory remark to players, coaches or referees is forbidden.

Any coach, player or spectator who is given a Send Off will serve an automatic 1 game suspension in that Division. The Region will review the circumstances of the Send Off and notify the individual(s) if further disciplinary action is being imposed.

Any coach, player or spectator receiving a Send Off for Violent Conduct will immediately be suspended from the program. The Region will review the circumstances and advise the individual(s) if further disciplinary action is being imposed.

Facilities

Both teams for the first game shall be responsible for setting up the nets (and goalposts if necessary) and both teams for the last game shall take down that equipment. Each team shall clean their sideline after the game. All participants will park in the legally designated areas and be respectful of neighboring homeowners.

Sponsors

The Region encourages local businesses and individuals to support the program. All such contributions are considered charitable and are deductible for U.S. tax purposes, subject to the applicable limitations of the Internal Revenue Code. Teams having a sponsor shall display a banner noting the sponsor name at all games. The Region shall provide a listing of all sponsors to all members. Contributions shall not be solicited for the benefit of an individual regular season team.

ARTICLE EIGHT: Financial Matters

The Regional Treasurer shall receive the AYSO official Treasurer Manual and shall abide by all requirements and policies noted. The Treasurer and RC shall develop, and advise Board Members, of procedures for the accurate control and accounting of all monies received and disbursed. Procedures shall be included in the approved/accepted Treasurer Job Description.

ARTICLE NINE: Dispute Resolution

The Region shall strive to resolve all disputes in an amicable way. Compromise will be emphasized and all means available will be taken to avoid legal action. Suspension or removal procedures will be used as a final resort with voluntary resignation being encouraged whenever possible. Disputes should first be directed to the appropriate Board Member. If a successful resolution is not reached, the issue should be presented to the RC for appropriate action which may include directing the Assistant RC to convene a Regional Review Board.

The RC may suspend any member from further involvement in the program if there is found to be a violation of the AYSO operating regulations, policies and philosophies, or conduct which disrupts or threatens the Region program. If disciplinary action is applied, the RC, shall give written notice to the involved individual specifying the action to be taken and the justification. The notice shall advise of the individual's right to request a hearing before a Regional Review Board to explain why such action should not be taken.

The Regional Review Board shall consist of an Assistant RC (Chairperson), RC, Coach Administrator, Referee Administrator, appropriate Divisional Commissioner, a neutral (non Board Member) coach from another Division, and a neutral (non Board Member) parent. All appropriate parties shall be given no less than 72 hours notice of the date, time, and location of the hearing.

The hearing shall be conducted in a manner to allow the Review Board to listen to the facts of the situation from those individuals directly involved. The panel shall then adjourn to a private session to determine appropriate action. Only the affected member shall be notified of the Board's decision. If discipline is imposed, the member shall be given written notification which will include the right of appeal to the Area Director.

It is the policy of the Region to avoid punishing the players for conduct of the parents except when there is no other solution (e.g., where a parent cannot or will not cease his or her disruptive behavior).

ARTICLE TEN: Changes in Guidelines

These guidelines shall become effective after being approved by the Governing Membership, RC, Area Director, and Section Director and then submitted to the National Office. Any Governing Member may submit proposed amendments, in writing, ten (10) days prior to the Annual Meeting in January. Acceptance will require a majority of the Governing Members present at the meeting. Amendments necessary during the off season must be passed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board Members present at a meeting held for that purpose. The Governing Members shall be advised of any such changes prior to the start of the season and may repeal the Board action by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) present at a meeting held for that purpose.

APPENDIX A: 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 recommendations provided by the National Office and National Director of Coaching.

Under 10 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.

Under 8 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.

Under 6 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 penalty area.

APPENDIX B: Coach Program

These requirements shall be relevant to any person noted as head coach, assistant coach, or otherwise working directly with players in a coaching or training capacity.

Selection Procedure

The Region Coach Administrator (RCA) shall prepare a list of all potential coaches for approval by the Region Board. Coaches in all Divisions must be certified and trained in the age specific or higher certification. In the event that there are more potential head coach applicants 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. Coaches with children in that specific Division will be given priority. All potential coaches' 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 applicant.

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

Training Requirements

All coaches shall be required to meet requirements of AYSO Safe Haven Program and have a Safe Haven certification on file in eAYSO.org. They must 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:

<i>Division Being Coached</i>	<i>Required Certification</i>
U-6	U-6 Coach Course
U-8	U-8 Coach Course
U-10	U-10 Coach Course
U-12	U-12 Coach Course
U-14	Intermediate Coach Course
U-16 / U19	Advanced Coach Course

Responsibilities

All Coaches shall become familiar with documentation provided in Coach's Packet, especially the "AYSO National Rules and Regulations" and "Region 65 Operating Guidelines". 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 main 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.

APPENDIX B: Referee Program

Requirements

The Referee Administrator 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 (Under 10 and higher) provide more than one certified referee.

1. A referee may represent one (1) team without having a child on the team.
2. An adult referee may not represent more than two (2) teams and he/she must have a child on one of the two teams. All requests to represent two teams must be approved by the Regional Referee Administrator and the RC.

To be eligible to be a certified referee, the referee must

1. Complete the requirements of AYSO Safe Haven Program.
2. Submit a volunteer application to the Region's CVPA, and be approved by the Regional Board.
3. Register with the Regional Referee Administrator each season
4. Complete an appropriate training course and pass the certification exam
5. Be familiar with the AYSO National Rules and Regulations, Region 65 Guidelines, and the following documents, (where age appropriate):
 - AYSO edition of the FIFA Laws of the game
 - AYSO edition of the FIFA Questions and Answers
 - AYSO Guidance for Referees and Coaches
 - USSF Advice to Referees
6. Be familiar with the rules modifications in the Under 10, Under 8 and Under 6 Divisions as applicable.

These requirements shall apply to any person ~~noted~~ designated as a referee.

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 registered with the Divisional Commissioner and Regional Referee Administrator as representing the team
3. Be dressed in an appropriate uniform (with badge)
4. Legibly sign or print his/her name and team number on the back of each official game card.
5. Attend an annual referee refresher course.

Training

The Regional Referee Instructor staff will conduct the AYSO Basic Referee Course and Universal Safe Haven Course each season. In addition, referee refresher courses 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 Referee Administration and the Youth Referee Administrator.

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

1. May only represent one (1) team.
2. Must be at least 12 years of age.
3. Must be at least 2 years older than the age of the teams they are refereeing.
4. Must be accompanied by a certified adult referee for the complete duration of the game. The adult must sign the back of the game card along with the youth referee for the game to count toward post season play.

Scheduling

Each referee is responsible to pre-schedule their game assignments with the online referee scheduling system, or directly with the Referee Scheduler.

The Referee Scheduler will attempt to schedule referees as indicated in the following table.

Division	Referee	Assistant Referee
Under 19 through Under 12	scheduled by region	scheduled by region
Under 10	scheduled by region	provided by each team
Under 8 and Under 6	provided by home team	

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.

APPENDIX D: Post Season Tournament

The Region will conduct a post season tournament for the Under 10 and higher divisions, which are not participating in Area G League play. Participation in this post season tournament is by invitation in recognition of support of the program. Format for the tournament shall be adopted by the coaches in each Division at a Governing Membership meeting noticed for that purpose. The format shall consist of some type of pool play.

In order for a team to be invited to participate in the tournament, the team must have earned sufficient referee credits and have met any other eligibility requirement that the Region may implement.

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.

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 Regional Referee Administrator and approved by the Regional Board prior to start of the season.

This determination will also specify how many credits a Youth referee may earn towards the teams requirement. A team's Youth referee(s) shall be limited to earning approximately one-third (1/3) of a team's referee credits. The remaining credits must be earned by adult referee(s). To ensure a balance of referees throughout the season, a team referee may only credit a particular team with a maximum of 2 games per day.

In the event of a "rain-out" where the game is not rescheduled, referee requirements may be reduced by one or the deadline may be extended for the period in which the "rain-out" occurred."

The Referee Administrator, 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.

APPENDIX E: Spring Regional Play Program

The program shall be under the direction of a Spring Committee appointed by the Region Board prior to December 1. The committee shall consist of the Spring Coordinator, Coach Administrator, Referee Administrator, and at least 2 Divisional Commissioners. The Spring Committee shall appoint additional members as needed to operate the program.

The Committee shall arrange for registration notification to go to all Regular Season players. The Committee shall develop program policies which should incorporate the following basics.

1. Registration beginning in mid January.
2. Season starting in mid March and ending the week prior to end of the school calendar year.
3. Maximum of eight (8) scheduled games.
4. Post season tournament for teams meeting program referee requirements
5. Participation awards for all participant; medals for tournament finalist teams.

APPENDIX F: Spring Travel Team Program

Travel Team program guidelines shall be proposed, submitted to Region Board for approval, and administered each season by the Select Committee which shall consist of 7 members chosen by the RC and approved by the Regional Board. No individual applying for a team may serve on the committee.

The program shall provide an opportunity for players who have demonstrated enthusiasm, soccer skills, an attitude for fair play and cooperative team spirit to participate on a team of players with similar qualifications. New teams shall be formed at the end of each Regular Season.

The Travel Team program shall not negatively impact or interfere with the practices, games, or referee needs of the Spring Region Play Program.

The season will be February to mid-July, dependant on parent and financial support. The season may include league play and up to 5 tournaments or no league play and up to 10 tournaments.

All potential participants must understand that the program must be entirely self-supporting. Each team will be responsible for purchase of uniforms and all other participation expenses. Each team shall provide the Region with a \$5.00 per player fee to reimburse for Region expenses such as light fees, equipment usage, etc.

All coaches will be given the opportunity to request a Travel Team. Travel Team coaches will be selected by the Select Committee. Coach candidates must meet the following qualifications:

1. Have completed either the AYSO Intermediate or Advanced Coaching Course
2. Have coached in the most current regular season, ideally in the Division requesting
3. Have demonstrated commitment to the AYSO organization and support of the basic philosophy

All players will be given the opportunity to seek a position on a Travel Team. Travel Team players must meet the following qualifications:

1. Have participated in the most current Regular Season, playing at least $\frac{1}{2}$ of the total number of games scheduled for his/her assigned team.
2. Participate in at least one try-out session.
3. Have not received a send off for Violent Conduct in the preceding season.
4. Try out in the appropriate age group despite playing up for CIF eligibility.

Once selected, a Travel Team coach shall establish a minimum of two (2) try-out sessions. The Region shall confirm that flyers are provided to all players in the Division. No player shall be offered a position on a team until after the end of the Region Post Season Tournament. Players involved in Area or Section playoffs may not participate in Travel Team activities without permission of the Regular Season coach.

Team roster size for Division U10 will be no more than 10 players due to small-sided games (7v7) and minimum $\frac{1}{2}$ game requirements. Rosters for Divisions U12 and U14 will be 13 to 15 players as determined by the Coach. Rosters for Divisions U16 and U19 will be no more than 18 players. No player may be added to the original roster unless there is an official drop on file with the Region. No player may be recruited from the Spring Regional Play Program once those teams have been formed. All players must play $\frac{1}{2}$ of each game although $\frac{3}{4}$ play is strongly recommended.

The RC must:

1. Approve the final team roster and any subsequent roster changes
2. Approve practice location, days, and time
3. Approve all scrimmages, games, and tournaments
4. Be an authorized signer on any bank account and receive regular financial statements

All participants in the program shall be expected to demonstrate the highest level of commitment to the AYSO philosophy and Code of Ethics. The RC shall have the authority to disband a team at any time. Any member whose conduct is detrimental to the program shall be removed.