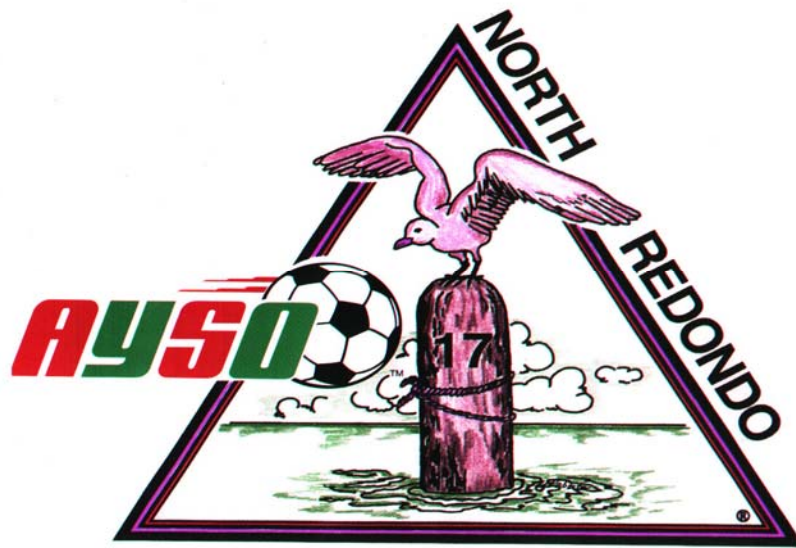


AYSO Region 17

North Redondo Beach

Winner of the *AYSO Regional Performance Award* Platinum Level



2008

Team Parent Handbook

Chartered in 1969 Serving Redondo Beach Since 1965

The AYSO Vision Is:

To be the national recognized
youth soccer organization of choice.

The AYSO Mission Is:

To develop and deliver quality youth soccer programs
which promote a fun, family environment
based on our philosophies:

Everyone Plays

Balanced Teams

Open Registration

Positive Coaching

Good Sportsmanship

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THE MIGHTY VOLUNTEER

What are Volunteers?

People who give freely of their time and talent to a worthwhile group or cause. A volunteer is someone who believes that people make a difference and is willing to prove it.

Why are Volunteers so vital?

People power runs AYSO. Volunteers strengthen AYSO by giving their time, energy, ideas and

ideals. AYSO happens because of our volunteers!

Who are AYSO Volunteers?

Coaches, referees, registrars, fundraisers, field markers, publicists, treasurers, administrators, and many dedicated people all contributing their time and efforts to make AYSO a premier soccer program for kids!

Who can be one?

Moms, dads, sisters, brothers, grandparents, even friends. AYSO needs volunteers who want to help make our soccer program a fun experience for kids - women and men, young folks, middle-aged folks and the "young at heart".

As we say, "**Everyone Plays**" in AYSO and that means that everyone has something to contribute to the program. Our volunteers contribute:

- special skills or abilities
- energy
- time
- ...*themselves*

What do Volunteers do?

They do what is needed to make the program work. They:

- coach teams
- referee games
- make sure the fields are ready for play
- take registrations
- raise funds
- schedule games
- bandage knees
- put up registration posters and take pictures
- run meetings
- take care of computer-related matters
- ...**make a difference**

What do you get as an AYSO Volunteer?

AYSO Volunteers make new friends. They learn new skills. They develop their creativity. They investigate new careers. They enrich their lives by growing from their experiences. Plus, it's a lot of fun!

How can I participate in this vital role?

It's easy. Talk to your child's coach; call your Regional Commissioner or any of the Region's board members. They will be very helpful - and *very grateful* - to find the right job for you.

Take the first step, become involved in your Region and discover the Power of Volunteers.



Kids Zone Parent Pledge

Every Parent required to abide by the following pledge

1. I pledge to be on time or early when bringing my child to his/her practices and games. I understand that it may be uncomfortable for my child to be late to a game or practice and that he/she is subject to physical risk if not provided with adequate time to warm up. I understand that I am encouraged to stay during practices and games, but if I do not, I will be there when he/she is finished. Being punctual shows respect for the coach, who has other time commitments, and it tells my child that he/she is my top priority.
2. I understand that the top three reasons kids play sports are to have fun, make new friends and learn new skills. I understand that the game is for the kids, and I will encourage my child to have fun and keep sport in its proper perspective. I understand that athletes do their best when they are emotionally healthy, so I will be positive and supportive.
3. I will redefine what it is to be a "Winner" in my conversations with my child. Winners are people who make the maximum effort, continue to learn and improve, and do not let mistakes, or fear of making mistakes, discourage them. I understand that mistakes are an inevitable part of any game and that people learn from their mistakes. I understand that all children are born with different abilities and that the true measure of success is not how my child compares to others, but how he/she is doing in comparison to his/her best self.
4. I will "Honor the Game." I understand the importance of setting a good example of sportsmanship for my child. I will show respect for all involved in the game including coaches, players, opponents, opposing fans, and referees. I understand that officials, coaches, and players make mistakes. If the referee makes a call I do not agree with, I will refrain from questioning, insulting or making personal attacks against him or her.
5. I understand that games can be exciting for my child as he/she deals with the fast-paced action of the game, responds to opponents, referees, teammates, and listens to coaches. I will not yell out instructions. During the game, I will make only sportsmanlike comments that encourage my child and other players on both teams.
6. I will not make negative comments about the game, coaches, referees or teammates in my child's presence. This sets a bad example, which can negatively influence my child's motivation and overall experience. I agree to act in a sportsmanlike manner and make every effort to foster a friendly and nonviolent atmosphere.

PARENT'S CODE

As a parent, you play a special role in contributing to the needs and development of youngsters.

Through your encouragement and good example, you can help assure that all the boys and girls learn good sportsmanship and self-discipline. In **AYSO**, young people learn to work together,

to sacrifice for the goon of the team, to enjoy winning and deal appropriately with defeat - al while becoming physically fit and healthy *Best of all, they nave fun.*

Support Your Child

Supporting your child by giving encouragement and showing interest in their team is very important.

Help your child work toward skill improvement and good sportsmanship in every game. Teach your child that hard work and an honest effort are often more important than victory - *that way your child will always be a winner despite the outcome of the game.*

Always Be Positive

Parents serve as role models for their children. Become aware of this and work to be a positive role model. Applaud good plays by your child's team *as well as* good plays by the opposing team.

Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from youth sports activities.

Remember That Your Child Wants to Have Fun

Remember that your *child* is the one playing soccer, not you. It's very important to let children establish their own goals to play the game for themselves. Take care not to impose your own standards and goals on them.

Don't put too heavy a burden or your child to win games. Surveys reveal that **72% of children would rather play for a losing team than ride the bench for a winning team.**

Children play for the fun of playing.

Reinforce Positive Behavior

Positive reinforcement is the best way to help your child achieve their goals and their natural fear of failure. Nobody likes to make mistakes. If your child does make one, remember it is all part of learning, so encourage your child's efforts and point out the good things your child accomplished.

Don't Be a Sideline Coach or Referee

Coaches and referees are usually parents like you. They volunteer their time to help make your child's youth soccer experience a positive one. They need your support too.

That means refraining from coaching or refereeing from the sidelines. As a volunteer organization, there's usually always an opportunity for you to take your interest in coaching or refereeing to the next level and become one yourself.

PLAYERS CODE

Play for the fun of it, not just to please your parents or coach.

Play by the Laws of the Game.

Never argue with or complain about referees' calls or decisions.

Control your temper. Most of all, resist the temptation to retaliate when you feel you have been wronged.

Concentrate on playing soccer with your best efforts. Work equally hard for your team as for yourself.

Be a **good** sport by cheering all good plays, whether it's your team or your opponent's.

Treat all players as you would like to be treated.

Remember that the goals of the game are to have fun, improve your skills and feel good. Don't be a showoff or a ball hog.

Cooperate with your coaches, teammates, opponents and the referees.

COACHES CODE

Enthusiastically support and practice the *"Everyone Plays"*, *"Good Sportsmanship"* and *"Positive Coaching"* philosophies of AYSO.

Be **reasonable** in your demands on a young player's time, energy, enthusiasm and performance on the field.

Impress in your players that they must abide by the Laws of the Game at all times.

Develop team respect for the ability of opponents and for the judgement of referees and opposing coaches.

Ensure that your players soccer experience is one of fun and enjoyment (winning is only part of it). Players should never be yelled at or ridiculed for making mistakes or losing a game.

Set a good example and be generous with your praise when it is deserved. Children need a coach they can respect.

Keep informed of Sound principles of coaching, growth and child development.

Check your equipment and playing facilities. They should meet safety standards and be appropriate for the age and ability of your players.

Follow the advice of a physician when determining when an injured child is ready to play again.

REFEREES CODE

Always remember that the game is for the players. Player safety and fair play come first

Study and learn the laws of the Game and understand the “spirit” of the Laws. Help fellow referees do the same.

Encourage and enforce the AYSO Philosophies of “Everyone Plays”, “Positive Coaching” and “Good Sportsmanship”.

Respect other referees decisions and do not publicly criticize another official.

Wear the proper uniform and keep it in good condition.

Maintain good physical condition so you can keep up with the action.

Stay calm when confronted with emotional reactions from players, coaches and parents.

Honor accepted game assignments. In an emergency, find a replacement.

Support good sportsmanship with a kind word to players, coaches and parents of both teams when deserved.

Always be fair and impartial, avoiding conflicts of interest. Decisions based on personal bias are dishonest and unacceptable.

TEAM PARENT JOB DESCRIPTION

Purpose

The AYSO volunteer position of Team Parent is intended to be responsible for all non-coaching aspects of the team.

Specific Duties and Responsibilities

The team representative is expected to:

1. Meet with the Coach at the start of the season to understand coach's needs and expectations;
2. Attend the annual Team Parent meeting;
3. Help the players decide on a team name;
4. Distribute team practice and game schedule to all parents and coaches;
5. Organize the team parent volunteers to help with distributing uniforms and sweatshirts, coordinating team sponsorships, making phone calls, organize the making of the Team Banner, and planing the end-of-season party;
6. Provide a schedule for parents to bring half-time oranges, water, ice, and after game snacks; - *Try to encourage healthy snack alternatives.*
7. Pick up and distribute *The DRIBBLER* each week (or tell your players to read it online at www.aysol7.org)
8. Make calls 2 days in advance to remind parents of game day commitment;
9. Get gifts for coach(es), including plaques(s) for assistant coaches, as agreed among all parents;
10. Work with the coach throughout the season to ensure that all directives and any schedule changes are communicated to all players; and

Qualifications and Desired Skills:

Team parent must complete eAYSO Volunteer Pre-registration form. (www.eayso.org). Please enter online and print out and sign 2 copies and turn them over to board member.

To be considered for the position of Team Parent, the applicant should:

1. Be able to work with others;
2. Have strong organizational skills; and
3. Be reliable.

Supervision Protocols

While performing as the Team Parent, the volunteer is:

1. Subject to the bylaws, rules, regulations, policies, procedures, and guidelines of AYSO;
2. Under the overall authority of and directly supervised by the regional commissioner; and
- 3 To maintain the recommended supervision ratio of 1:8 or less; that is one adult for every

eight or fewer children and two adults (one of whom may be the coach and one of whom should be of the same gender as the group) present at all times. For the protection of both the children and the volunteer, no volunteer should permit himself or herself to be alone with any child or group of children (except his or her own) during AYSO-sponsored activities.

Time Commitment

The anticipated time commitment for a Team Parent is the regular season (August thru December). The estimated hours to fulfill duties are 4 to 6 hours each month.

Orientation, Training, Certification, and Continued Education Provided

To prepare a volunteer for the position of Team Parent, AYSO will offer the following educational opportunities. It is the duty of the volunteer to attend these sessions.

1. Orientation by the regional commissioner;
2. Board and Staff Introductory Certification (BASIC); and
3. AYSO Safe Haven Program.

BASIC and Safe Haven are available online at www.aysotraining.org.

Activity Locations

While performing the duties of Team Parent, the volunteer is limited to the following locations, unless expressly authorized in writing by the regional commissioner to hold activities in another location.

1. Regional board meetings;
2. The annual section meeting;
3. Assigned field locations;
4. Assigned classroom locations; and
5. Independent work at home alone, in committees of adults, or in a properly supervised situation with children.

**If you have any questions please call our
Team Parent Coordinators:**

Deborah Pleasant at 310.376.3355
Email: pleasant.Deborah@gmail.com

Tammie Ragels at 310-379-8665
Email: Bigbirdragels@hotmail.com

SCHOOL DISTRICT RULES



*NO ALCOHOL OF ANY KIND! on any of the fields.
NO SMOKING and NO DOGS are allowed on or near our fields.*

Each Team is responsible for cleaning up the field after their Game.

SWEATSHIRTS

Region 17 does not have an organized sweatshirt provider. You can use any supplier of your choice.

FUNDRAISERS

Region 17 will not be doing the candy sale this season. The only fundraiser available this season is through sponsorships.

PICTURE DAY

Team and individual player pictures will take place on September 13th at Anderson Park.. Make sure everyone is on time and in their clean uniform! Bring your Banner and a Game Ball. The schedule will be posted on our website as well as the Dribbler.

Pictures are included in the Registration Fee. Every Coach and/or Team Parent is responsible for having Players on time and in clean uniforms with the Team Banner for Pictures.

*There will be a make-up day (for individual pictures only) announced in *The DRIBBLER*. Picture Coordinator is Martha Bellamy.*

Her email: mbellamy@westviewschool.com.

UNIFORMS:

Uniforms were handed out on the 23rd August. If your Team did not pick up theirs, you or your coach can pick them up from their Division Commissioner. Uniforms do not need to be handed back after the season ends. These are yours to keep.

SAFETY DIRECTOR

*Be sure the Team Coach reports all injuries to our Safety Director **Bart Cruz** at: ayso17@gmail.com.*

Players who see a Doctor for their injuries must have a release from the Doctor and the Safety Director before they can play or practice again. The AYSO Insurance Plan was handed out to parents at Registration. Extra copies are available from the Safety Director.

DRIBBLER

*The DRIBBLER is the Official newsletter of AYSO Region 17 North Redondo. Every Friday during the season we will be publishing a edition which will include Regional Notes, Coaches Corner, Referee Notes, Sponsor Information and STORIES ABOUT YOUR TEAM!!! Each Team needs to pick a Reporter to write a 4 to 7 line story about their team. Stories must be positive and should include player's names and information about that weeks games. Because of the cost of printing we will be making less copies this season. You can read *The DRIBBLER* weekly on our web site at www.ayso17.org. Audrey Fine is our Dribbler Editor. Please email your stories to her by Monday at 6:00 pm at asfine@hearst.com. Please include your coaches and the reporters name. Stories may be edited due to space. *The DRIBBLER* should be picked up by the Team Coach or Team Parent at the Adams containers after 6:00pm on Friday and should be passed out at the next game.*

SAMPLE STORIES

HURRICANES 2

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COACH: BOB JULIAN

RENEGADES 0

ASSISTANT COACHES: JEFF ADAMS, SAM VARGAS, & JIM PIDD

Nicole Reinhart and Shannon Pidd scored goals as the Hurricanes won their opener 2-0 against the N. Redondo Renegades. The Hurricanes defense was outstanding with Coral Byrd, Jenny Merlo and Asia Owens keeping the ball away from the Hurricane goal and repeatedly trapping the Renegades off sides. Megan Julian played a strong first half in goal and Coral Byrd and Patricia Whittington preserved the shut out as each played a quarter at keeper in the second half. Gina Vargas played a strong game at mid-field repeatedly transitioning the ball out of the Hurricane defensive end up to the strikers. Nicole Adams, Jessica Hopkins, and Dixie Lee all play well in the offensive end and Tiffany Davis really enjoyed her first soccer game. Welcome to AYSO Tiffany. Coach Bob sends a big thanks to the parents who assisted on the team banner and for supporting the girls and the team. Outstanding Thanks too. to team mom Linda Whittington for doing the myriad things necessary to get the season started....By Jim Pidd

RENEGADES 0

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COACH JOHN KICKOFF

HERRICANES 2

ASSISTANT COACH: BOB GOAL

The season started off with the Renegades putting their best efforts and kicks forward. The defense was exceptional with Leslie, Marie, and "Bulldog" Sara keeping the ball out of our zone. Early in the second half there was great hope with Laurens breakaway, but was stopped short at goal. Danielle's big kicks, April's fast feet and the constant drive from Robin R., Nicole J., Katie and Nicole P. made for a fun game. Keep up the great effort girls....By Barbara Sheets

The AYSO Region 17 Web Site

*The AYSO Region 17 Webmaster is Michael Clinton. The site is at www.ayso17.org. Check it out! There is lots of information for coaches, referees, players and parents. Our newsletter *The DRIBBLER* will be posted weekly. There are also links to other soccer sites*

and a Region 17 Board Member page with links to their e-mail address. If you have any questions about the web site contact our Webmaster Michael Clinton at: ayso17.org.

REGIONAL RULES - SUMMARY

TEAM FORMATION:

Is held to produce balanced teams of equal ability. Team Formation is done using eAYSO. At the end of each season Coaches turn in Player Evaluation Forms for all of their players. These ratings are entered into the computer and the computer will produce balanced teams based on these ratings. New players in Divisions U-14, U-12, & U-10 have try-outs to determine their ratings.

At the annual Coaches Meeting, the Coaches will have a opportunity to look at the ratings of all players in their Division. If they feel that any of the ratings are wrong they can be changed. After this review the ratings are reentered into the computer for Team Formation.

When teams are formed a Team Formation Meeting will be held. At this meeting the Teams for each Division will be placed into a hat and each coach will pick their team. Then if they would like their children on their team a trade will be made for a equal player (i.e. if a Coaches child is rated a 60 then they must trade the other team a 60 player to get their child) from the other team.

NO OTHER TRADES ARE ALLOWED!!! No deviations from these procedures are permitted unless approved by the Regional Commissioner.

U-10 up to U14 divisions form Balanced Teams according eAYSO and their Division Commissioner. U16 & U19 players are drafted into teams by the respective coaches and commissioners.

Commissioner Note: As in past seasons, when the Teams are formed, there will be a coach's child placed on each Team. If all of the coaches agree that the Teams are balanced the coaches will take the team that their child is on. If one or more coaches request that Teams be picked out of the hat, then that method shall be implemented.

IN CASE OF RAIN:

If a Game is called off because of Rain your Coach will let you know as soon as possible. Soccer is a sport that can be played in the rain and because of a lack of field space we try not to cancel games. If the schedule permits we will reschedule rained out games.



Remember... If you do not get a call from the Coach you should show up at the field for the Game or Practice!

PLAYER ATTENDANCE:

1. Be on time for all Practices / Games. Otherwise, call the Coach, Assistant Coach or Team Parent the night before!
2. Arrive at ALL Games ½ hour before the start time.
3. Make every effort to have your parents, family, and friends at every Game.
4. Any Player who misses sessions may face possible disciplinary action.
A session is defined as one required practice per week or an officially scheduled Game. Illness is an acceptable excuse when a Parent calls before a Player's absence.
5. It is the Parents' responsibility to get their Players to Practices / Games on time.

PLAYER CONDUCT:

1. No bad language! Players who use abusive language are guilty of misconduct. Encourage Players with only constructive criticism in a positive manner with fellow Team members.
2. Refrain from talking to the REFEREE (only the Team Captain may do so)!
3. No arguing with fellow Players, be positive and encouraging.
4. Always play the ball, never the Player.
5. Always play as part of the Team - don't be a "BALL HOG"!

PARENT CONDUCT:

1. Adults asked to leave a Game because of violent conduct face permanent suspension.
2. All spectators must observe from behind the spectator line (3 yds outside the touch line).
3. One Coach from each Team is allowed between the touch line and spectator line ten yards from the midfield line on each side of the field only!
4. No one is allowed behind the goal line or in the No Spectator Zones!

PLAYER SUBSTITUTION:

1. All Players **SUITED** up at Game time **must play 3/4 of each game** (exception: Division U-19 & U-16) unless a written excuse is provided to (accepted by) the Divisional Commissioner and it is so noted on the Line up card.
2. Players being substituted must report to the Assistant Referee at the touch line.
3. Players may change positions on the field during a Game without notifying the Referee.
4. Any Player may change places with the Goalkeeper during the Game provided notice is given to the Referee before such change is made.
5. Substitution for an injured Player is at the time of injury. The injured Player receives playing time credit for that quarter. If the injured Player leaves the field and is not replaced at that time said Player may re-enter the Game at any time provided permission from the Referee is given (usually a wave-in).
6. In a division where there are too many players on the team to play each player 3/4 of the game, one player will only play 1/2 of the game. This player **MUST** be a different player each game.

COACHES:

All Head Coaches in **Region 17** must be at least a *Youth* level coach and take and pass the *Safe Haven Coach Certification* course. Also **ALL** Volunteers **MUST** fill out the online *AYSO Volunteer Application* and be approved by the *Board of Directors*.

PLAYING UP:

Playing up is not allowed except in the following cases:

Exception # 1: Players in U-6 may move up to U-8 if requested by their parents, but must stay in the U-8 division for 3 seasons to catch up to their age group.

Exception # 2: Players going into 9th grade (high school) will play in the U-16 division unless their parents request that they remain in the U-14 division (if the player is eligible for the U-14 division).

All requests for playing up must be made before August 10th of the current season.

STANDINGS:

There will be **NO STANDINGS** in Divisions U-5 through U-8.

Teams in Divisions U-10, U-12, and U-14 will play their regular season games for fun and for learning the game of soccer without the pressure to win.

At the end of the regular season there will be a tournament involving all teams to determine the division winners in Divisions U-10, U-12, and U-14.

AFTER THE GAME - POST GAME CEREMONIES:

1. After all Games, Players will congratulate the other Team.

DISCIPLINE OF PLAYERS BY COACH:

Player discipline is for the following reasons: Bad language, late to practice or missing practice (without excuse), abusing (verbally or physically) anyone.

If a Head Coach is having a problem with a Player consistently missing Practices or Games:

1. Make their Divisional Commissioner aware of the problem.
2. Talk to the Player's parents in an attempt to straighten out the situation.
3. Consult their Divisional Commissioner and request disciplinary action if the Parent(s) fail to rectify the situation.

A Coach must play each Player 3/4 of a Game except Divisions U-19 and U-16 which are free substitution. If additional discipline is required as provided above, a player can be played less than 3/4 of a Game. However, prior written approval **MUST** be obtained from the Divisional and/or Regional Commissioner.

A Player ejected from a Game for any reason by the Referee is suspended from the next Game. Two or more cumulative offenses can result in suspension from **AYSO REGION 17**. A Player's reinstatement is **ONLY** by decision of the Regional Commissioner after a meeting attended by the Player, the Coach, the Players parent(s) and the Divisional Commissioner.

JUDGEMENT DECISION: A judgement decision by the Referee is final.

COMPLAINT PROCEDURE:

Complaint by a Player or Parent: go to Coach or Team Parent.

Complaint about a Coach: go to Team Parent or Divisional Commissioner.

Complaint about a Player or Parent: go to Coach, then Divisional Commissioner.

Complaint about a Div. Commissioner: go to Regional Commissioner.

Complaints about procedural matters go to the Board of Directors (Regional Board) by asking any Board Member to put that item on the Agenda. The Agenda is drawn up by the Secretary and Regional Commissioner at the end of each month for the next month's scheduled meetings. All meetings are open to the Public.

FIELD SET-UP AND TAKE-DOWN:

Both Teams are responsible to set up the fields (goal posts, nets, flags, marking of lines) as the Game will start on time (or late) but end on time (shorted Game) if the field is set up late! Last Teams to play are responsible to take down the field at the end of the Day (weekend).

HOME TEAM SIDE:

On U10, U12, and U14 games, the Home team shall occupy the North or West side of the field. The Visitor shall occupy the opposing side. In a match, by definition the first team listed is the Home team.

EQUIPMENT:

The Region supplies: a jersey with an AYSO logo affixed to it, uniform shorts, and socks. Players are expected to provide their own footwear and shin guards are mandatory for practice and games.

Players may NOT wear any Jewelry (Ear Rings, Watches, etc...) at practice or games!

AYSO SAFE HAVEN

AYSO Safe Haven is designed to address the growing need for child and volunteer protection through an educational program that includes accreditation, volunteer certification, and protection policies.

AYSO Volunteer Certification: Every Volunteer in **Region 17** must fill out a Volunteer Application and be approved by the Regional Board of Directors.

AYSO Child Protection: The new Board position of *Child and Volunteer Protection Advocate* was created to provide screening and training for all volunteers.

We Must Take The Lead... While others talk, AYSO moves to protect. AYSO will be the first to the future by creating the new standard in child and volunteer protection today.

Short-sided soccer is about what is best for young soccer players. It's for AYSO coaches, referees, administrators, spectators, and anyone else concerned with the development of 4 to 12 year old soccer players.

WHY SHORT-SIDED SOCCER?

Because young players need special consideration. Little research or attention has been given this critical period in the development of the under-12 year old players, but most educators agree the early learning experiences are the most important and result in the most retention.

Traditionally, youth soccer programs are viewed from an adult perspective, using the 11-a-side game as a reference. But we need to remember these important points about young players:

Children must be treated as children, not as mini-adults.

Children are essentially self-oriented and only relate naturally to a friend or two, not to groups of six or more.

Children cannot sustain prolonged activity and function best with frequent rest periods.

Children have a limited span of attention, so frequent activity changes are necessary.

Children focus best when learning activities are fun.

Almost 70 percent of AYSO coaches are first-time coaches-parents with little free time. Short-sided soccer is a way to ease adults into coaching as well as to ease children into playing.

Be creative and remember, children play games to have fun. Short-sided games help ensure children have fun and at the same time, maximize their learning opportunities.

SHORT-SIDED GAMES:

The purpose of the **Region 17** Short-Sided Soccer Program is to benefit the player by making available to them the chance to become better players. It is hoped that by adopting a short-sided team type of programming as modified for our needs that this goal will be accomplished. The specific changes from the **FIFA/AYSO** Laws of the Game for our short-sided soccer program are presented here.

- a. All **FIFA** Laws as modified for **AYSO** are in force unless specifically changed.
- b. Short-Sided rules will apply to Divisions U-12, U-10, U-8, U-6, and U-5.
- c. No Divisions are co-ed.
- d. **There will be NO OFFSIDE in Division U-8, U-6, and U-5.**
- e. A size 4 ball will be used in Divisions U-12 & U-10 and a size 3 ball will be used in Divisions U-8, U-6 & U-5.
- f. As the specific rules vary by Division they will be listed individually.
- g. All spectators must remain at least 3 yards from the touch line and may not be behind the goal area or in other No Spectator Zones.
- h. Coaches coach, Spectators watch and cheer. Only 2 Coaches are allowed from each team to coach.
- i. All players will play 3/4 of every game unless there are too many on the team. In this case, a different player each game will only play 1/2 of the game.

Under-5, Under-6

- a. **FIELD DIMENSIONS:** Maximum 30 yd long x 20 yd wide. with the same markings as a regulation size field.

- b. **GOAL SIZE:** 5ft high x 10ft wide
- c. **CORNER KICKS:** Same as **FIFA/AYSO** **except** all players must be 5 yards from the ball when kicked.
- d. **THROW INS:** Same as **FIFA/AYSO** **except** all players must be 5 yards from the ball when kicked. Should a throw-in be done incorrectly the **SAME PLAYER** will be allowed a second chance to throw-in properly. If the second attempt is also incorrect a third attempt by the same player will be taken and played regardless of correctness.
- e. **GOAL KICKS:** Same as **FIFA/AYSO**.
- f. **FOULS AND MISCONDUCT:** All Penal and Non-Penal Fouls will be called in accordance with **FIFA/AYSO** Laws except that there will be no Penalty Shots allowed. All Fouls and Misconduct will warrant a Direct Free-kick from the point of the occurrence or the nearest point on the boundary line of the goal area which ever is furthest from the offending teams goal.
- g. **NUMBER OF PLAYERS AND SUBSTITUTION SYSTEM:**
 - 1. Teams will consist of no more then 5 players.
 - 2. No more then 3 players will be allowed on the field at any one time. There will be NO goalkeeper.
 - 3. Substitutions will be done about every 5 minutes when the ball is out of play. One or more field players will be subbed out and one or more of the players on the sideline will be subbed in. No player should sit out more then 5 minutes a game!
 - 4. Game Cards will NOT be kept in Division U-5 or U-6.
 - 5. Should a team have less then 3 players for the game the other teams coach will lend one or more players so that the game may be played. Overlays (pennies) will be worn by the team borrowing players
- h. **GAME LENGTHS AND STANDINGS:**
 - 1. Each game will be played in two 15 minute halves with time called at 5 minute intervals for substitutions and for a 5 minute half time break. Teams will change goals at half time.
 - 2. **THIS IS A NON-COMPETITIVE DIVISION!!! THERE ARE NO GAME STANDINGS!!! EVERY TEAM THAT PLAYS IS A WINNER!!! NO GOALS SHOULD BE COUNTED NOR SHOULD SCORES BE KEPT!!!**
- i. **PRACTICES:** Practices are held during the 20 to 30 minutes before the game.

Under-8

- a. **FIELD DIMENSIONS:** Maximum size of field will be 40 yds by 30 yds with the same markings as a regulation field.
- b. **GOAL SIZE:** 6½ ft high x 12ft wide.
- c. **CORNER KICKS:** Same as **FIFA/AYSO** **except** all players must be 5 yards from the ball when kicked.
- d. **THROW INS:** Same as **FIFA/AYSO** **except** all players must be 5 yards from the ball when kicked. Should a throw-in be done incorrectly the **SAME PLAYER** will be allowed a second chance to throw-in properly. If the second attempt is also incorrect the throw-in will be taken by the other team.
- e. **GOAL KICKS:** Same as **FIFA/AYSO** **except** that they **must be taken by the Goalkeeper**
- f. **FOULS AND MISCONDUCT:** All Penal and Non-Penal Fouls will be called in accordance with **FIFA/AYSO** Laws except that there will be no Penalty Shots allowed. All Fouls and Misconduct will warrant a Direct Free-kick from the point of the occurrence or the nearest point on the boundary line of the goal box which ever is furthest from the offending teams goal.

Under 8 Continued...

- g. **NUMBER OF PLAYERS AND SUBSTITUTION SYSTEM:**

1. Teams will consist of no more 7 players.
2. 5 players maximum on the field at any one time. One of these will be the goalkeeper.
3. No goalkeeper may play in goal for more than one quarter in any one game.
4. Should a team have less than 4 players for the game the other teams coach will lend one or more players so that the game may be played. Overlays (pennies) will be worn by the borrowing team.

h. GAME LENGTHS AND STANDINGS:

1. Games are played in two 20 minute halves with time called for quarters at approximately 10 minute intervals and for a 5 minute half time break. **Quarters are for substitutions only!!!**
2. THIS IS A **NON-COMPETITIVE** DIVISION!!! THERE ARE **NO** GAME STANDINGS!!! **EVERY TEAM THAT PLAYS IS A WINNER!!!** NO GOALS OR SCORES SHOULD BE COUNTED.

- i. **PRACTICES:** Structured practices, held a maximum of one hour, once a week, are permitted.

Under-10

- a. **FIELD DIMENSIONS :** Maximum size of field will be 80 yd by 40 yd with the same markings as a regulation field.
- b. **GOAL SIZE:** 8ft x 24ft.
- c. **CORNER KICKS AND THROW INS:** Same as FIFA/AYSO.
- d. **GOAL KICKS:** Same as FIFA/AYSO.
- e. **FOULS AND MISCONDUCT:** Same as FIFA/AYSO Laws.
- f. **NUMBER OF PLAYERS AND SUBSTITUTION SYSTEM:**
 1. Teams will consist of no more than 10 players.
 2. 7 players maximum on the field at any one time. One of these will be the goalkeeper.
 3. No goalkeeper may play in goal for more than two quarters in any one game.

g. GAME LENGTHS:

Games are played in two 25 minute halves with time called for quarters and a 5 to 10 minute halftime.

- h. GAME STANDINGS:** There are none, except for the end of season Tournament

- i. **PRACTICES:** Structured one hour practices, held a maximum of twice a week, are permitted.

Under - 12

- a. **FIELD DEMENSIONS :** Maximum size of field will be 110 yd by 60 yd with the same markings as a regulation field.
- b. **GOAL SIZE:** 8ft x 24ft.
- c. **CORNER KICKS AND THROW INS:** Same as FIFA/AYSO.
- d. **GOAL KICKS:** Same as FIFA/AYSO.
- e. **FOULS AND MISCONDUCT:** Same as FIFA/AYSO Laws.
- f. **NUMBER OF PLAYERS AND SUBSTITUTION SYSTEM:**
 1. Teams will consist of no more than 12 players.
 2. 9 players maximum on the field at any one time. One of these will be the goalkeeper.

g. GAME LENGTHS:

Gamea are played in two 30 minute halves with time called for quarters and a 5 to 10 minute halftime.

- h. GAME STANDINGS:** There are none, except for the end of season Tournament

- i. **PRACTICES:** Structured 1.5 hour practices, held a maximum of twice a week, are permitted.

1. Any Coach who fails to control their team to the point that they win the game in a manner which is deemed unsportsmanlike by the Referee will receive an automatic caution for unsporting behavior (poor sportsmanship) which will be assessed after the game by the Sportsmanship Committee and duly recorded and reported in the manner listed below (#5).
2. The Sportsmanship Committee will levy an appropriate suspension, per FIFA/AYSO/Regional Guidelines, to any Coach who receives a Send-Off or two Cautions in any game.
3. As in Paragraph 1 above, any Coach who allows their team to win more than three games in the same manner will be automatically declared ineligible for consideration as an All-Star Coach and will only be allowed to return as a Coach for the next season if the Regional Board approves their return.
4. Any member of the Coaching Staff of any team who receives a Send-Off or two Cautions during any game will cause the team to lose all of their Sportsmanship points for that game.
5. All Send-Off and Cautions issued will be reported as part of the team Standings Statistical Report as will all Sportsmanship points. Sportsmanship points will have no bearing on Divisional Championship standings except for determining the team demonstrating the best sportsmanship in that Division.
6. **Sportsmanship points will be awarded as follows:**
 - A. **CONDUCT OF PLAYERS: 5 POINTS, UNLESS...**
The Team fails to continuously demonstrate a positive attitude and respect towards each other, the opponents, all Coaches, the Referees and Spectators before, during, and after the game.
 - B. **CONDUCT OF COACHES: 3 POINTS, UNLESS...**
The Coach(es) fails to perform as a positive example for the Team and Spectators towards the opposing Coach(es), Team and Referees or fails to coach the Team in a positive manner in keeping with AYSO Philosophy and Regional Guidelines.
 - C. **CONDUCT OF SPECTATORS: 2 POINTS, UNLESS...**
The Spectators fail to support the Teams, Coaches and Referees in a positive manner or fail to show proper courtesy and respect towards the game venue (i.e. Do Not clean up their mess).

D. *Maximum Points will be awarded unless players, coach(es), and/or Spectators fail to perform to the standards set.*

E. **MANDATORY POINT DEDUCTIONS:**

Regardless of the Guidelines listed above the following points MUST BE DEDUCTED, as indicated on next page:

<i>Send Off to a Coach or Spectator</i>	<i>-- 10 points</i>
<i>Send Off to a Player</i>	<i>-- 5 points</i>
<i>Caution (per incident)</i>	<i>-- 1 point</i>

F. *Sportsmanship Points will influence the coaching assignments for next season and this year's invitations for All-Star Team Coach.*

SCHEDULES & STANDINGS

Game Schedules will be given out to the Coaches as soon as they are done. Games that are canceled for any reason will only be made-up if there is time and space available during the regular season. Please also note we are migrating to Clubspaces where schedules will be maintained. More information will follow on our website.

There are no Standings in divisions U-5, U-6, & U-8 *(See page 13)*

SPONSORSHIPS

One of the fund-raisers for **Region 17** is Team Sponsorships. There are three (3) levels of sponsorship:

Bronze : \$125.00

Silver: \$250.00

Gold \$500.00 or more.

Each Sponsorship is a tax-deductible donation since **AYSO** is a non-profit, non-stock corporation. Sponsors receive a wall plaque with a picture of the Team they have sponsored, advertising in the weekly Newsletter *The DRIBBLER* and advertising in our end of season Yearbook.

Teams receive the following for obtaining sponsors: The first sponsor that a Team gets all of the money goes to **Region 17**, for each sponsor after the first the Team gets to keep ½ of the sponsorship money. Sponsorship monies raised by the Team are for the Team only not any person with the Team. Personalized equipment which is purchased with the Team Sponsorship Funds such as warm-up jackets, sweat pants, shoes, and the like become property of the Player to whom it has been issued.

All sponsorship checks must be made out to AYSO Region 17.

The Sponsorship monies are kept in the **Region 17** Treasury and disbursed by the Treasurer upon written request of the Team's Head Coach. Such request will include what the money is being spent on, how much is being spent and where its being spent. All such use of Team Funds is verified with receipts within a reasonable time period after the expenditure is made. Such receipts are submitted to the Treasurer. All Sponsorship monies are issued back to the Team via **Region 17** check made out to the Team's Head Coach and Team Parent jointly.

If a Team is due sponsor monies and has not used them, one week after the Awards Presentation all such funds revert to the **Region 17** Treasury.

If **Region 17** provides the sponsor, all of the sponsor fee goes into the **Region 17** General Fund.

For more information call our **SOC CERLINE** at **310-798-2449**

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Picture Day

Picture Day occurs on Saturday, September 13 at Anderson Park located just north of Lincoln Elementary school. Team Parent must relay the necessary information and forms to the player/parents on the team.

Additionally, the team's Final Roster must be completed and submitted on picture day. To help prevent typographical errors, the form can be downloaded from our website www.ayso17.org, filled out on your computer, printed out, and turned in at Picture Day.

TEAM BANNER SPECIFICATIONS:

- A. Maximum size: 6 (six) feet in length - 3 (three) feet in height.
- B. Minimum size: 3 (three) feet in length -2 (two) feet in height.
- C. Team Name Letters: Should be readable from 20 feet. Type style: Any.
- D. Banner material: a cloth-like material, such a felt, vinyl, etc. **NO** sign boards or placards permitted.
- E. A PVC pipe used as a cross-bar support is recommended as the bottom bar weight. No metal rods or piping allowed.
- F. Team colors are the predominant color of the Banner for easy identification. Use of **AYSO** colors (red, white and blue) is acceptable.
- G. All Banners must be new each season. Professionally made Banners are not eligible for awards.

THEME CONTENT:

- A. Banner theme **MUST** center around the Team name and colors.
- B. The Banner **MUST** have "**AYSO REGION 17**" on it (a Regional Patch may be used).

DUE DATE:

- A. Complete banners by **Picture Day (Sept. 13th)** and bring them with you to accompany your team pictures.

Award Ceremonies

At the end of the season Region 17 traditionally holds an all-region award ceremony at Redondo Union High School Auditorium. This year the date is set for Sunday, December 14. Divisions VIP, U5, U6 and U8 will occur on the 11AM to 2PM timeslot while divisions U10, U12, U14, U16, & U19 will be 3PM to 5PM. There will be a slide show presentation containing pictures of players in action that parents/spectators have submitted to us by November 20. Each team will walk on stage to receive their trophy in front the audience.

Spring Select and Tournament Teams

Soccer is becoming a year round sport. Here in Region 17 we offer two different post-season programs for players that are interested in continuing their soccer season.

Spring Select: Some soccer leagues offer a Spring Select soccer program. These programs run from the end of February thru May with most games on Saturdays. Area 1-D Spring Select hosts a Spring League program with mostly Saturday games from March through May.

All players who participated in he just completed fall season are eligible for Spring Select teams. Players chosen to participate are selected by the team Coach based on skill and attitude. Good parent participation is also a plus. Players may not play on more then one Spring Select or Tournament team at the same time. Players can not be asked to participate on a Spring Select team until after the last regular game of the season.

Tournament Teams: Tournaments are held by Regions during the post season. Most Tournaments are 2 or 3 day events held on weekends from January thru July each year. Some are local and some require travel and hotel stays. It is up to the Tournament Coach to choose which Tournaments they wish to enter and how many they wish to enter.

All players who participated in the just completed fall season are eligible for Tournament Teams. Players are selected by the team Coach based on skill and attitude among other things. Parent participation is also required. Players may play up a Division. Also they may not play on more then one Spring Select or Tournament team at the same time. Players may not be asked to participate on a Tournament team until after the last regular game of the season.

Lack of volunteer coaches for both Spring Select and Tournament teams may mean that some players will not be able to play.

All costs of the Spring Select & Tournament teams are to be borne by the participants.

Information on both Spring Select and Tournament teams will be available in our newsletter *The DRIBBLER* in late October or November. ***Watch for it!!!***

Thank You for volunteering to be a Team Parent!!!

*We hope that this Handbook helps
answer most of your questions.*

*If you have any other questions please feel free
to call or e-mail any Region 17 Board Member.*

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To reach any or our Board Members please call the SOCCERLINE at 310-798-2449 and leave a message If you would like to e-mail any Board Member go to our web site at www.ayso17.org and click on Board and there are links to their e-mail address or e-mail us at ayso17@aol.com and we will forward it.

Position

Name

Regional commissioner- interim	Bart Cruz
Assistant Regional commissioner	Ron Sipes
Registrar	Yolanda Cascio
Regional Auditor	OPEN
Webmaster	Michael Clinton
Newsletter Editor	Audrey Fine
Secretary	OPEN
Treasurer	Tom Pulte
Safety Director	Bart Cruz (acting)
Team Parent Coordinator	Deborah Pleasant & Tammie Ragels
Community Relations	Matt Kilroy
Coaching Administrator	Isidro Alonso
Game Scheduler	Matt Kilroy
Team Balance Coordinator	Tom Pulte
Referee Administrator	Tom Bastian
Director of Youth (PRO) Referees	Eddie Garcia
Director of Referee Assessment	Phil Ockelmann
Director of Referee Instruction	Jim Graham
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Awards Chairperson	Mike Hoyer
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Field Manager	Eric Chow
VIP Commissioner	Sean Kenney
Child & Volunteer Protection Advocate	Mike Hoyer & Heather Hoyer
Post Season/Spring League Coordinator	Eddie Garcia
Uniform and Equipment Coordinator	Emmanuel Paliungus
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Under-5 Girls Commissioner	Maria Barajas
Under-6 Boys Commissioner	Dawn Ockelmann
Under-6 Girls Commissioner	Heather Hoyer
Under-8 Boys Commissioner	Jimmy Rodriguez
Under-8 Girls Commissioner	Martha Bellamy
Under-10 Boys Commissioner	Eddie Garcia

Under-10 Girls Commissioner	John Chiappe
Under-12 Boys Commissioner	Dave Dillard
Under-12 Girls Commissioner	Emmanuel Paliungus
Under-14 Boys Commissioner	Phil Ockelmann
Under-14 Girls Commissioner	Jimmy Rodriguez
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