

Volunteers Positions to Suit Everyone

Where do I Fit In?

We always need volunteers at the team level, division level and at the regional level. Take a look at these positions, select the one that suits you and volunteer! We have the training and support you need to have a great time enjoying soccer with your child. Some of the positions involve getting out in the fresh air, and they are marked "Active." Other equally important tasks can be done from the comfort of home; they are marked "Administrative." Each position also includes an estimate of the time commitment and training required. If you'd like to help out, but you don't see a position that's right for you, contact the [Asst. Regional Commissioner](#) and they'll help you find a way to contribute.

Coach (Active)

Over 130 teams play every fall and spring in Region 1447 AYSO. That means we need 130 coaches. As a coach you will motivate, congratulate, teach, encourage, drill, console, strategize, lead, and mentor a small group of children or young adults for 20 weeks. Even if you have no soccer experience, AYSO will help teach you the principles of the game and how to coach kids to have fun and learn soccer. You'll learn about the game and you'll likely love it so much you'll become a coach next year.

The rewards come in the form of watching the kids have fun at a game or practice, and watching their individual skills and teamwork improve. There is also a great sense of accomplishment when you reach the end of a season and look back and see how far the team has come.

And for those who have "serious" jobs, there is no better way to regain your perspective than to watch a bunch of 7-year-olds at practice.

Training

Coaches need to attend the AYSO Child/Volunteer Protection training (2 hour) course, and the appropriate coach course (2-16 hours). *The majority of the training is online.* Coaches are AYSO certified.

Time Commitment

Coaches have to put in a lot of work during the course of the season: up to 2 practices per week, plus a game on Saturday, plus preparation time for each practice, plus general administrative work. Over the course of a 16-week season this is well over 80 hours of work. While other volunteer positions require more or less time, coaching provides the greatest opportunity for you to have fun!

Assistant Coach (Active)

If you don't have time to be a head coach, then become an assistant coach! We need 130 assistant coaches. Skill and tactical coaching is more effective if players can be divided into smaller groups. Coaches may not be available at some practices or games. If there is no assistant coach, there will be no practices and no games when the coach is away. No experience or soccer skills are required – just be willing to come and have fun with the kids.

Training

Coaches need to attend the AYSO Child/Volunteer Protection training (2 hour) course, and the appropriate coach course (2-16 hours). *The majority of the training is online.* Assistant Coaches are AYSO certified.

Attend practices and assist coach as needed. Practice time depends on age group, from 35 minutes to 43 hours per week during the season.

Referee (Active)

Referees enforce the laws of the game and help assure that sportsmanship counts as much as points on the board. We need 260 Referees. One to three referees work every game. Referees can be as young as 12 years old. Volunteering is good for community service hours. It looks great on high school and college applications, too! Instantly recognizable uniform! You'll learn more about soccer than you thought there was to know!

Training

Referees need to attend the AYSO Child/Volunteer Protection training (2 hour) course, and be certified to the level they will be refereeing. *The majority of training is available on line.*

Time Commitment

Being a referee is the perfect slot for those AYSO parents who have crowded schedules. Your commitment consists of training and, when the season begins, attends games scheduled around your child's games (when you would be down at the fields anyway).

Referee courses are 4-12 hours, depending on the level. Referees typically ref at least one game each weekend during the 16 week season.

Division Commissioner (Administrative)

Coordinate all activities of the division including registration, balancing of teams, allocation of coaches, scheduling of games, communications with registrars, coaches, referees and equipment manager. We need 20 Division Commissioners. The Division Commissioners take care of tasks like the following:

- Serve as liaison between Girls or Boys Coordinator and coaches in a division.
- First responder to coaching problems.
- Ensure first home team sets up the field equipment and last home team takes equipment home.
- Provide advice to ensure AYSO philosophies are upheld.
- Pick-up game cards in timely fashion.
- Provide information to scheduler for spring season.
- Balance and organize end of season tournament as appropriate.

Training

Attend two-hour training information session.

Time Commitment

- Meet with coaches at August coaches meeting: 2-4 hours.
- Coordinate conduct of division during season: 0-4 hours per week during season.
- Distribute equipment at beginning of season and collect equipment at end of season: 2 hours.
- Pass on information (email or phone) as required: less than 1 hour per week during season.
- Coordinate new player additions with coaches and registrar.

Field Marker (Active)

It's a walk in the park - literally. Region 1447 plays on over 14 fields 6 parks around west side Albuquerque. We need at least 14 Field Markers. Properly lined fields increase the enjoyment of the game for the kids and referees.

Training

Attend training to learn how to line fields.

Time Commitment

Line assigned fields as required on Thursday or Friday evenings: 2-4 hours per month.

Field Marking Administrator (Administrative)

Work with Division Commissioners, Field Markers to ensure each field has a Field Marker. Ensure each Field Marker has been trained and has all the necessary equipment to mark the fields as required.

Training

On the job.

Time Commitment

Twenty hours in August, ten in February, 0-2 the rest of the year.

Registration Volunteer (Administrative)

Each year we register 1200 children to play soccer. The registration volunteer is the team's representative at AYSO spring registration. This can involve greeting parents, answering questions, data entry, location code help, locating paperwork, etc.

Training

On the job.

Time Commitment

Four hours per year at spring registration.

Team Manager or Team Parent (Administrative)

The Team Manager coordinates and schedules the team roster, pictures, trophies, snacks, trash duty, phone calls, and parties. Offers refreshments to the referees at half time and after the game. AYSO requires that at least two adults be present at all practices and games. The team manager will ensure there is a practice parent designated to stay for the entire practice if either the coach or assistant coach will not be in attendance.

Training

On the job.

Time Commitment

Less than an hour per week during the season.

Volunteer Coordinator (Administrative)

Using your good phone, email and communication skills, assist and work closely to recruit new volunteers, donate your time and talents for the successful operation of the region and for the succession planning of board and staff members. We need 1 Volunteer Coordinator. **This is a Board of Directors position.**

Work to fill the list of available jobs received from the regional commissioner and others; find jobs throughout the season for volunteers and for those volunteers who are absolutely unable to perform their jobs; find workers for jobs that are understaffed from time to time; keep track of the parents who do not have AYSO jobs; and carry out this job from home without a specific schedule except as necessary to fill positions.

Training

On the job, orientation by regional commissioner, Board and Staff Introductory Certification provided at Annual Section Meeting, Safe Haven Training (2 hours)

Time Commitment

Attend monthly board meetings, 3 hours. 0-5 hours per week making contacts with parents, coaches and other volunteers.

Child and Volunteer Protection Advocate (Administrative)

Using your reputation of respect, fairness, and trustworthiness in the community. We need 1 Child and Volunteer Protection Advocate. **This is a Board of Directors position.**

The CVPA is expected to promote and implement AYSO Safe Haven Program, including the three main elements of volunteer protection; be familiar with the Child Protection Act of 1993, the Volunteer Protection Act of 1997, the Good Samaritan Laws of the State of New Mexico, and the state's provisions for the reporting of child abuse and neglect. Ensure that all volunteers complete, date, and sign the AYSO volunteer application form and its authorization to perform applicant background checks.

Training

On the job, orientation by regional commissioner, Board and Staff Introductory Certification provided at Annual Section Meeting, Safe Haven Training (2 hours), Kids Zone workshop, Child Protection Workshops, Volunteer Protection Workshops and be familiar with Safe Haven educational resources and materials.

Time Commitment

Attend monthly board meetings, 2-3 hours. 0-2 hours per week managing volunteers Safe Haven training.

Remember...AYSO is a 100% Volunteer Run Organization. We can't provide soccer for 4000 children without you!