

# A Message to All Members

AYSO Region 528 is a member of the American Youth Soccer Organization, a nationwide, nonprofit youth soccer organization founded in 1964, and is a national affiliate member of the U.S. Soccer Federation.

AYSO's philosophies are living tenets that separate it from other sports organizations. They are:

## **Everyone Plays®**

Our program's goal is for kids to play soccer so we mandate that every player on every team must play at least 50% of every game. It's no fun to spend the game on the bench...and that's no way to learn soccer!

## **Balanced Teams**

Each year we form new teams as evenly balanced as possible because it's more fun and a better learning experience when teams of similar ability play. It allows for each player to gain the experience of a wide variety of teammates of different skill levels.

## **Open Registration**

Our program is open to all children between 4 and 19 years of age who want to register and play soccer. Interest and enthusiasm are the only criteria for playing. There are no elimination try-outs and nobody gets cut.

## **Positive Coaching**

Encouragement of player effort provides for greater enjoyment for the players and leads to better-skilled and better-motivated players. A coach can be one of the most influential people in a child's life, so AYSO requires they create a positive experience for every boy and girl.

## **Good Sportsmanship**

We strive to create a positive environment based on mutual respect rather than a win-at-all-costs attitude, and our program is designed to instill good sportsmanship in every facet of AYSO.

## **Player Development**

We believe that all players should be able to develop their soccer skills and knowledge to the best of their abilities, both individually and as members of a team, in order to maximize their enjoyment of the game.

As Regional Commissioner, I am responsible to AYSO National and, together with our Regional Board, to you for running a quality program. We are dedicated to offering the best possible youth soccer program in a safe, fun and fair environment for our children's enjoyment. I welcome you to AYSO Region 528 and hope you enjoy being a part of our ever-growing family.

Linda Speck  
Regional Commissioner