



# Hill Country AYSO Select Soccer Program

## Overview

Hill Country AYSO offers a Select soccer program, open to players and coaches who participate in the primary (fall) season. The Select program is designed to develop AYSO players who are committed to improving their skills and to give them the opportunity to participate in tournaments that will challenge their technical skills. The Select program retains the AYSO child-friendly philosophies.

## Teams

The teams are formed in mid-October and participate in a Select season that doesn't conflict with the regular HCYSA fall and spring seasons. They play against teams in the San Antonio area and other cities.

Teams are formed for boys and girls, ages 8 to 18.

## Coaches

All coaches are required to be certified through AYSO for the appropriate age group they are coaching. They must be Safe Haven certified, register annually as a volunteer during the primary (fall) season, and must be in good standing in the region. Coaches must sign and comply with the AYSO Select code of conduct and carry the team roster and player participation forms to all practices and games.

## Players and Parents

Players must be registered through AYSO/HCYSA and be paid in full for the primary (fall) season to participate in the fall select program or for the spring season to participate in the summer select program. Any player who does not participate in at least three fourths (3/4) of the season's games, unless excused by the team coach, will be ineligible to participate on a select team.

A high level of commitment is expected from the players and parents. The Select program is for motivated and enthusiastic players and parents.

## Travel

Teams will typically play in weekend tournaments. Some of these tournaments are within driving distance, others may require an overnight stay.

## Fees

Hill Country AYSO has a field maintenance fee of \$20 per player. Other fees such as uniforms, tournament fees, and travel expenses are the responsibility of the players and parents.

Select programs are funded separately from the primary AYSO program.

Contact your coach if you are interested in the Select program.

### Philosophies

All coaches, players, and parents will abide by AYSO/HCYSA philosophies:

*Everyone Plays, Balanced Teams, Open Registration*

*Positive, Ethical Coaching, Good Sportsmanship, Player Development*

They will also be expected to follow the rules set by the tournaments.

Coaches who do not abide by AYSO philosophies may be subject to an inquiry by the HCYSA board which could result in expulsion from the program.

### Tryouts

Players will be invited to an open tryout scheduled towards the end of the primary (fall) season. Players already participating in the Select program must try out annually and can try out for a different team. Once selected for a team, the player must commit to that team for the next year. Parents/players must sign in at tryouts to determine eligibility to play in the program.

### Rosters

Rosters for U9 through U12 will consist of a maximum of 14 players and a minimum of 12 players.

Rosters for U13 through U19 will consist of a maximum of 18 players and a minimum of 14 players.

After coaches have determined which players will be on their team, with parental approval, they will provide player names and phone numbers to the board to be approved. Coaches will allow one month for finalization of roster and player cards. Rosters will be signed by appropriate board members and any unauthorized changes made by coaches will result in an inquiry to determine possible punishments.

Coaches must inform the board of upcoming participation in a tournament.

### Fields

All registered AYSO/HCYSA tournament teams are allowed to practice on the fields as approved by the organization. Dates and times must be given of practice schedules for field use only. Fields should be rotated each week to prevent field damage.

### Director of Coaching

Tournament coaches are encouraged to follow these philosophies: crossing, defending, communication, two touch passing, and using the width of the field. Coaches can use their own style of training but should implement these skills.

Only 4 hours of practice is permitted per week outside the primary (fall) and secondary (spring) seasons. During primary and secondary seasons, practice is limited to half of the recommended practice times for that age group.

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**Parents are to be supporters and spectators**

**Coaching is to be done by the Select coaches**