

MY2018 Fall Gold Team Program

The purpose of identifying Gold teams is to recognize teams with volunteer support from multiple sources. Region 894 wants to encourage teams with parents dividing the workload and stepping in to provide a better experience for the players. Area tournaments require commitment levels beyond what a single individual can reasonably provide. The Gold team standard signifies that a region 894 team is ready to fully represent the region in area activities.

Requirements:

Gold teams must be 8U and up.

Gold teams must meet the following criteria:

- Head coach AND Assistant coach
 - Certified for the age level coached
 - 8U – 8U Coach online or equivalent*
 - 10U – 10U Coach online AND 10U Field Training session or equivalent*
 - 12U – 12U Coach online AND 12U Field Training session or equivalent*
 - 14U – Intermediate Coach
 - 16/19U – Advanced Coach
 - Completed Concussion awareness after Nov. 2017
 - Completed Safe Haven online certification or equivalent*
 - Complete a volunteer form and pass background check
- Team Referee
 - At least Basic or 8U referee training completed
 - Completed Safe Haven online certification or equivalent*
 - Completed Concussion Awareness online certification or equivalent*
 - Referee at least 5 games in the 2018 Fall Season
 - Complete a volunteer form and pass background check
 - Youth referees are eligible
- Team Parent
 - Complete a volunteer form and pass background check
- All volunteers (Head Coach, Assistant Coach, Team Referee and Team Parent) MUST be a different person.

* Equivalent courses must be recognized or provided by AYSO. Cross-certifications must be complete and on record to qualify.

Deadlines:

- Certifications must be completed prior to Sept. 17, 2018.
- Head Coach and Assistant Coach volunteer forms and background checks must be complete prior to a coach leading a practice or a game. Head coaches taking over for another coach and newly added Assistant coaches must be background checked prior to Oct. 1, 2018.
- Volunteer forms and background checks must be completed prior to Oct. 1, 2018.
- Referees must complete their 5 games prior to Oct. 22, 2018.

Certification Levels:

- Gold – Team meets ALL criteria for Head Coach, Assistant Coach, Team Referee AND Team Parent
- Silver – Teams must have a Head Coach, a Team Referee and either an Assistant Coach or a Team Parent.

Individuals qualifying for multiple teams:

Individuals may apply their qualifications for multiple teams if they wish to do so. Coaches must meet age level coaching certification standards for each team they will represent. Higher level certification does not automatically qualify a coach for a lower aged group. For example, a coach must hold both 8U certification and 12U certification to qualify for both an 8U and 12U team.

Referees must complete at least 5 games for each team they will represent. Referees must designate which teams their games will count towards prior to Oct. 22, 2018. Referees must have a compelling reason to represent a second team (e.g. child, sibling, relative, or friend on the team) and be willing to represent both teams in Area games and tournaments.

Gold Team Rewards:

Gold Certification Level

- Pizza Party at practice: Pizzas, Sodas, Lots of thanks and recognition
- Drawing for end of season party: Altitude/Shakalaka
- Prioritization for Area Tournament Slots
- End of season party drawing will take place on Oct. 22, 2018
- All parties must be scheduled prior to Nov. 1, 2018

Silver Certification Level

- Prioritization for Area Tournament Slots

Tournament Prioritization:

Regions are allotted tournament slots for each division by the area. Slots allotted to Region 894 will be allocated in the following order:

- 1) Gold teams in order of their rank in the regional tournament
- 2) Silver teams in order of their rank in the regional tournament
- 3) All other teams in order of their rank in the regional tournament

Regardless of order of allocation, Region 894 teams will be seeded by their rank in the regional tournament.