



American Youth Soccer Organization

AYSO Region 894 Parent Guide Spring 2021

Purpose

- More info about AYSO & Region 894
- How to Register
- Info about the Spring 2021 Season, how to participate and get the most out of the season

AYSO Region 894

- The American Youth Soccer Organization
- Region 894 serves the Monrovia, Harvest and Toney areas – started in 1993



Our Vision

To provide world class youth
soccer programs that
enrich children's lives.

EVERYONE PLAYS® BALANCED TEAMS OPEN REGISTRATION POSITIVE COACHING GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP PLAYER DEVELOPMENT



Our Mission

To develop and deliver quality youth soccer programs which promote a fun, family environment based on AYSO's Six Philosophies.

Everyone Plays

Balanced Teams

Open Registration

Positive Coaching

Good Sportsmanship

Player Development

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 percent 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

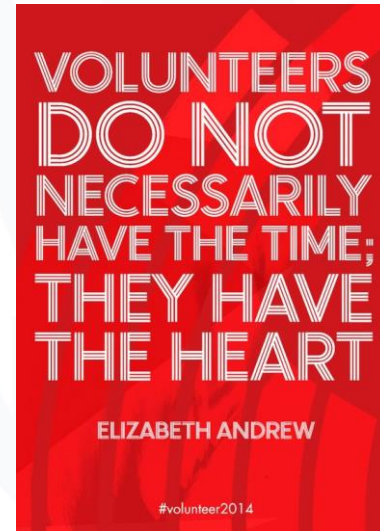
We believe that all players should be able to develop their soccer skills and knowledge to the best of their abilities, both individually and as members of a team, in order to maximize their enjoyment of the game.

How To Register

- <https://www.ayso894.net>
- \$40 if played in the Fall season
- \$60 for New Players

Volunteers Needed!

- **AYSO 894 is 100% volunteer powered**
- Coaches, referees, division coordinators, registrars, treasurers, field managers and commissioners are all volunteers
- Volunteers strengthen AYSO by giving their time and energy, their ideas and ideals. Volunteers make AYSO happen.



Please Volunteer!

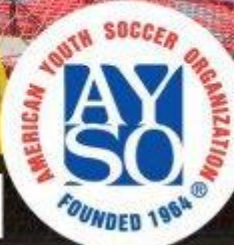
Board members needed!



Coaches Needed!



Referees Needed



EVERYONE PLAYS® BALANCED TEAMS OPEN REGISTRATION POSITIVE COACHING

ALERT!

You are entering an



By entering this
kids zone
you agree to the following:

- Kids are #1
- Fun - not winning - is everything
- Fans only cheer, and only coaches coach
- No yelling in anger
- Respect the volunteer referees
- No swearing
- No smoking
- Leave no trash behind
- Set a proper example for our children

If you can agree to the above, we welcome you.
IF NOT, WE ASK THAT YOU PLEASE LEAVE NOW
AYSO – it's for the kids!

Divisions

- 5U: 4 year-olds
- 6U: 5 year-olds
- 8U: 6-7 year-olds
- 10U: 8-9 year-olds
- 12U: 10-11 year-olds
- 14U: 12-13 year-olds
- 16U: 14-15 year-olds
- 19U: 16-18 year-olds

Based on age as of
December 31st, 2021

Equipment: What Players Need

Required: **Shinguards**, completely covered by **long socks**, are mandatory during practice and games. **Shoes** are required, and it is advisable to use shoes designed specifically for soccer (NOT football or baseball/softball cleats!).

Recommended: soccer ball and water.

Equipment

- No watches, wristbands, hair beads, earrings or other jewelry allowed during practices or games
- Soft braces (meant to protect) are OK.
- Casts or splints (meant to immobilize) are not allowed (and cannot simply be removed)

Ball Sizes

5U-8U: Size 3

10U-12U: Size 4

14U-19U: Size 5



Fields

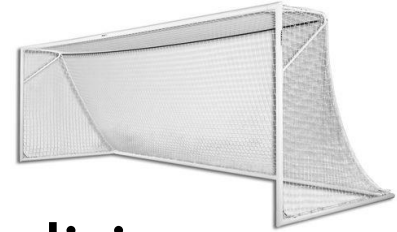
- 5-6U, 8U: Endeavor Elementary School, County Line Rd
- 10U: Asbury Church Harvest, Wall Triana Hwy
- 12U: Harvest Baptist Church, Ford Chapel Rd
- 14U: Calvary Baptist Church, Douglas Rd
- 16-19U: Monrovia or Creekside Middle Schools



Field Safety



- No pets are allowed at or near the fields
- Never allow children to play on goals
- Goals must be anchored at all times
- Please notify us of any unsafe field conditions
- Lightning & Thunder: “If you can see it - flee it; if you can hear it – fear it.”



No Referee, Game Canceled Policy (8U and Higher)

- If a game does not have at least one referee by the deadline, the game will be canceled
- For games starting before noon, the deadline is 10pm the night before
- For games noon and after, the deadline is four hours before the start of the game

5U

- Practice & Game every Saturday Morning
- Start date: March 13th
- Time: 8:00am
- Start with Jamboree
- May form teams



6U

- Practice & Game every Saturday Morning
- Start date: March 13th
- Time: 9:15am
- Start with Jamboree
- May form teams



8U-12U

- Practices: Two times per week, Mon, Tue, Thu or Fri, 5:00 or 6:15pm (coaches get to choose practices days and times)
- Games: Typically Saturday
- Practices Begin: Week of Mar 1st
- Games Begin: March 13th



I4U

- Practices: Two times per week, Mon, Tue, Thu or Fri, 5:00 or 6:15pm (coaches get to choose practices days and times)
- Games: Typically Saturday
- Practices Begin: Week of Mar 1st
- Games Begin: As early as Mar 13th



16-19U* (if teams can form)

- Practices: Two times per week, Mon, Tue, Thu or Fri, 5:00 or 6:15pm (coaches get to choose practices days and times)
- Games: Typically Saturday
- Practices Begin: March 9th
- Games Begin: Up to coach & available players



Other Dates

- Last Game of the Season: May 15th
- No Games
 - Mar 27th and April 3rd (coaches may plan activities, but attendance is optional)
- Silent Saturday (8U and up): May 1st

Get Announcements

- Facebook: <http://facebook.com/ayso894>
- You should receive emails from SportsConnect after you are registered

Get Field Updates

- Facebook: <http://facebook.com/ayso894>
- To opt-in to field announcement text messages, please text 894SPRING21 to 84483.

Find Coach/Team Info

- 8U-12U coaches should get team assignments on or about March 1st
- Log into <http://www.AYSO894.net> to see team affiliations

Questions? Need Help?

- Contact coach if possible
- Coach Admin: coach@ayso894.net
- Ref Admin: ref@ayso894.net
- Field Admin: fields@ayso894.net
- Equipment: equipment@ayso894.net
- Regional Commissioner: rc@ayso894.net
- Voicemail: 256-213-1969