

Introductions:

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10U-B Division Coordinator	Rommel Nunez
10U-G Division Coordinator	David Ortega
12U Division Coordinator	Victor Sanchez
14U Division Coordinator	Arvin Dalnay

Current Status:

- Teams are formed and they can be found on in Blue Sombrero (ayso98.org). Select "My account" and you should be able find your team page linked under "Participants".
- Please register as a head coach in the proper division in Blue Sombrero. You might also want to link your account with your kid's info.
- Please contact your parents ASAP as you will need to recruit a Team Manager and Referees.
- Blue Sombrero has many features found on Shutterfly and you should be able to use it to communicate with your team.
- Can't practice until August 1
- Raul Quezada, our webmaster, is currently working on a field sign up form. Should be available to coaches by early next week.
- Uniforms and some equipment can be picked up after today's meeting
- Balls will arrive in the next week or so.
- Coach Equipment reimbursement proposal appears more complicated than originally thought.

Games:

- First round of games - Saturday, September 9. The 10Us will have a friendly that weekend, so coaches, players and referee will have some practice with the new AYSO rules.
- Last regular season game - Saturday, November 11 (10 games per team).
- Weeknight games will on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays after October 1.
- TC Cup - Monday, November 13 to Saturday, November 18.

Region 98 Guidelines:

What is a point deduction?

Standings are kept for 10U and up, three points are awarded per win, one point is awarded per tie, and 0 point is awarded for a loss. To encourage coaches to follow Region 98 guidelines, teams would lose points in the standings if the following occurs:

Goalkeeper violation

For 10U: a point will be deducted if a player plays goalkeeper for more than two quarters. A point will also be deducted if a player plays goalkeeper for two quarters and doesn't play on the field.

12U-14U: No goalkeeper restrictions.

Send offs

Two points will be deducted if a coach is ejected from the game and will lose eligibility to coach and watch the next game.

One point will be deducted if a parent is ejected from the game and will NOT be able to come and watch the next game.

3-Quarter Rule & Player Rotation

One point will be deducted if a coach plays a player for the entire game while having another player play for only half a game. If you have too many players on a team that limits some players to only play two quarters (ie. 10 players on a 10U team), then all the remaining players have to play three quarters.

One point will be deducted if a coach neglects to rotate players sitting out throughout the season. If you have too many players on a team that limits some players to only play two quarters, then you'll have to make sure they play three quarter in the next game.

Please make sure you stay on top of this. If there is an injury or other reason that a player isn't playing three quarters, then please have the AR mark that on the card. We are solely going off of the cards this year and not conversations, photos or explanations from coaches after the fact.

It will be MANDATORY for each coach to sign the game card after the game to validate that everything is correct.

Snack bar duty

One point will be deducted if your team does not fulfill your assigned snack bar duty. You will be assigned a shift in advance with enough time to reschedule if needed.

Signed rosters and medical release forms

It is imperative that you have your medical release forms and signed rosters on you at all times. We will do spot checks. The first violation will result in a warning. The second violation will earn one point deduction.

Goal Differential

In the Fall Season, One point will be deducted if a team runs up their score to be more than six goals at the final score. There will be no Goal Differential restrictions for TC Cup.

Coaches, when you see that you have a 4-0 lead, you should really work on developing your team, switching things around and not running up to a 6 goal lead, then making changes. If your parents say, "this isn't soccer anymore" please tell them that it is. You, as the coach, switching players around in different positions is still playing soccer. See this as an opportunity to become a better coach by developing your players and managing your team and your game.

Referee responsibility

Each team will need to provide an AR for your own game. The AR will be on the opponent's sideline. The HOME TEAM will be responsible for centering the game after theirs at the field they just played on. The home team for the last game of the day will be responsible for centering the first game of the day on the same field. Failure to cover your shifts may result in a team losing eligibility for the TC Cup.

Standings Tie-breakers:

Head-to-head, goals allowed, goals scored, coach send-offs, Red Cards, Yellow Cards.

Other points of notice:

- Assistant Coaches need the same certifications as Head Coaches. They also need to register on Blue Sombrero.
- Goals - Retrieving of goals from shed. Please take care of it and do not abuse it. Put it on the rails in the shed. If you have parents taking them back that have never before, please make sure they know that it is the first shed on the north.
- Stay in your coaching box. Don't yell.
- Control your parents.

Post season:

Joshua Rappaport is this year's postseason coordinator. Post-season includes tournaments, all-stars and YDP.

Coach Selection:

A postseason coach interest form will be distributed to all 10U, 12U and 14U coaches in late September. Coaches for the postseason programs are selected in mid-October by a committee consists of: Region Commissioner, Assistant Regional Commissioner, Coach Administrator, Region Referee Administrator, and Division Coordinators. Coaches will be selected for a particular team based on a combination of the following criteria:

- Ability to follow the six AYSO Principles
- Experience
- Coaching ability/skill
- Volunteer history in region

Player Selection:

Coaches in each division with help of the Division Coordinator, will be selecting players for the All-Star program at the conclusion of the Fall Season (sometime in December). The head coach will select 50% of the team, not including his or her child (if applicable). He or she will present their selection to the division's coaches, highlight positions of need, and propose players to the other coaches who they would like voted on to help solidify the team.

Thanksgiving Turkey Tournaments:

Each Thanksgiving, our region will be sending two (and possibly three teams) in each division to various tournaments. These tournaments' competition level is significantly stronger than the local Fall Season and they give a good opportunity for coaches to evaluate players for the postseason.

Upcoming Events:

6U and 8U Coach Meeting	Wednesday, August 2
Team Parent Meeting	Monday, August 14
Referee Meeting	Tuesday, August 15
Picture Day	Saturday, August 26
Soccerfest	Saturday, December 2

Upcoming Courses (Register on AYSO U):

10U only	Saturday, August 5	South Pasadena
10U, 12U	Saturday, August 12	South Pasadena & Glendale
10U, 12U	Saturday, August 26	Pasadena
Intermediate	Saturday, August 5	Fountain Valley
Intermediate	Fri/Sat, August 18-19	Costa Mesa
Intermediate	Sunday, August 27	El Segundo
Regional Referee	Saturday, August 5	South Pasadena
Regional Referee	Saturday, August 12	South Pasadena
Regional Referee	Sunday, August 13	Glendale
Regional Referee	Saturday, August 26	Pasadena
Intermediate Referee	Sat/Sun, August 5-6	Fountain Valley
Intermediate Referee	Fri/Sat, August 18-19	Pasadena