



## Team Formation Policy

The American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) is a non-profit, all volunteer program.

In alignment with the AYSO Philosophy of Balanced Teams, Region 878 strives to form balanced teams each season. It allows for each player to gain the experience of a wide variety of teammates of different skill levels.

### Creating a Team

The initial process of forming teams is assigning the player with their adult volunteer that is registered in one of the following roles: Coach, Assistant Coach, or Team Manager. A selection process is used within the Blue Sombrero registration system. The selection process assigns players based on age, experience, and evaluation ratings.

The board will review the team formations and make manual adjustments if required.

### Volunteer Impact

Each team has three volunteer positions required in order to be a well-functioning team. Based on the volunteer requirements for each team, a partnership of up to 3 volunteers per team is permitted. This includes up to three related players for the team. This is to keep the team as balanced as possible.

Volunteers are encouraged to make arrangements with other volunteers to staff their team. The request to partner with a specific volunteer must be submitted to the registrar ([registrar@hesperiaayso.org](mailto:registrar@hesperiaayso.org)) by the end of the coach meeting for the upcoming season, the volunteers must have an active volunteer application on file. If the request is not made prior to the deadline indicated above, the request will not be honored due to team formation and uniform order deadlines.

Once teams are formed, additional volunteers to fill positions such as referee, community volunteer, or field monitor can be determined.

### Sibling Maximum

Siblings within the same division/gender may be requested to play on the same team. This includes step siblings and half sibling. Place a note in the registration process to identify the related player.

Due to the roster of 5 players, the 6U and 8U divisions will have a sibling cap of two per team to ensure that a lack of attendance by one family does not impact the ability of the team to participate in games.

### Team Requests

Due to the volunteer nature of our program, we are unable to honor requests for teams or specific coaches. This includes requests based on:

- Practice days/times
- Carpool reasons
- Cousins, distant relatives, or family friends



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### Waitlist

Our waitlist process begins when we do not have enough coaches to assign to teams. Players placed on the waitlist will be activated due to one of the below scenarios:

- A new coach is located and the team can be activated. This will not be an option as of the first games of the season.
- A player formally submits a request to drop from the team

The waitlist will be closed and no players activated after the third week of games.