



# SAYSO

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# HAVE FUN OUT THERE

With the season up and running, congratulations to all the teams on playing their first two games! I've heard lots of great stories come out of the last two weekends; with more to come.

From the U8 and under games at Berylwood to the U10 and over games at the Foundation Fields, Region 121 knows how to keep the ball moving! At Berylwood, you'll see games with teams competing and developing their game. Often times, you'll also catch our outstanding UK Challenger coaches out there watching and working with the kids as well.

The Foundation Fields in turn kick up the competition a notch, but never forget the spirit of the game. For our U10 and over, standings are kept, and will be available with each bi-weekly newsletter, and also on our [ayso121.org](http://ayso121.org) site. The kids are exciting to get to watch out there, and never cease to amaze us as they develop with each game.

One thing's for sure. We wouldn't be ANYWHERE without our refs! On a personal note growing up through AYSO, I can name a few refs that are still out there today that I wouldn't be here without. It goes to show how valuable our refs are to the region. Not just our more regular refs, but all of the refs who stepped up and volunteered for their team. After the game, be sure to thank a ref!

Kelly Litvinoff

SAYSO Editor



# THE PRICE OF A GOAL

(REPRINTED FROM LAST YEAR)

As a coach and a referee I hear a lot of things being said during a game. The one thing that I find shocking is the price a parent pays for a goal. I've heard some kids bragging that they get a \$1, \$5 and as much as \$20 a goal. This paying for goals causes problems out on the field. Kids stop passing the ball to open players, which sometimes results in a missed goal. Some kids won't pass the ball to a player knowing that that player won't pass it back because they have to score to get paid. It's OK to reward a player for playing a good game but; don't promote "ball hogging". If it weren't for the midfielders getting the ball to strikers, or the defenders deflecting a strike and rebounding the ball to their teammates, no one would score. Soccer is a TEAM sport and once a player is benefiting from an independent success, they will no longer work with their team.

Why not reward the whole team for working together to achieve the goal?

As a former AYSO player and coach, I have seen and experienced different ways that players behave and react to parental incentives. While monetary incentives have their disadvantages, the pros outweigh the cons. Earning money for a job well done and inspiring healthy competition is one aspect of the benefits of being paid for goals. It is the job of a coach to inspire teamwork and passing, and the individual player's job is to score. Coming from a family whose grandparents would pay a dollar a goal to their grandchildren created not only hard work and incentive, but a source of family bonding. Getting to call my grandparents and tell them how well I did in the big game, and them mailing or visiting with my few dollars are some of my favorite memories.

Team comradery comes in a different form when everyone on the team develops a rhythm and comfort in how to work together most successfully. For the players who don't score as often, getting a dollar is an incentive to work hard. For the players who score more often, they know they have a job to perform not just for themselves, but for their team as well.



## INTERVIEW WITH THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER

**Debby Tapia**



1. What is it like running AYSO Simi Region 121?

Being in charge of producing games for over 900 players every Saturday can be overwhelming at times. Parents and coaches are sometimes quick to complain. But for every complaint, I know I have an army of volunteers who put in countless hours to make sure we are ready for Saturday's games. At the end of a long day, it is worth every minute of hard work, to get to see all the players out on the field playing and having fun!

2. What is it you love about soccer?

I did not grow up watching or playing soccer, but when my son started playing in AYSO, I fell in love with the sport. It is open ended, creative and simple all at the same time. I love being outdoors and watching sports - soccer is so enjoyable to watch because the players are able to be creative on the field.

3. Do you have a favorite pro player or team?

I do have a couple of favorite teams. I am happy to wear the Chelsea blue and watch Eden Hazard. You will also find me wearing Real Madrid kit as I am a big fan of James Rodriguez. But if you see me on the fields, I will probably be wearing my University of Texas visor as both my husband and I are alumni. Our kids came home from the hospital in burnt orange- not pink or blue :)

4. What's your favorite drill?

My favorite drill for younger players is Wreck it Ralph where kids knock down tall cones with a ball while the Fix it Felixes stand back up the tall cones with their feet.

# STANDINGS

Rank	Team	Win	Lose	Tie	Points
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## BU10

1	4	2	0	0	13
2	5	1	1	0	10
3	7	1	1	0	8
4	2	1	0	1	7
4	1	1	1	0	7
5	9	1	1	0	6
5	6	1	1	0	6
6	12	1	0	1	5
7	10	1	1	0	4
7	3	0	1	1	4
7	11	0	1	1	4
8	8	0	2	0	2

## GU10

1	2	1	1	0	9
2	1	2	0	0	8
3	4	1	0	1	6
3	3	1	1	0	6
3	6	1	1	0	6
4	8	0	1	1	5
5	5	0	1	1	4
6	7	0	1	1	3

## BU12

1	2	2	0	0	10
2	5	2	0	0	8
3	1	1	1	0	6
4	6	1	1	0	5
5	3	0	2	0	3
6	4	0	2	0	1

## GU12

1	1	2	0	0	11
2	5	2	1	0	6
2	3	1	2	0	6
3	4	1	1	0	5
4	2	0	2	0	2

“Persistence can change failure into extraordinary achievement.”- **Marv Levy**

