



## Region 66 EXTRA™ Program Guidelines

### **PROGRAM**

The EXTRA program is a pilot program for U-10 Boys currently being offered in Region 66. This program is designed to provide options for players to play soccer at a more challenging level for those players who possess the desire and appropriate skills and abilities. These guidelines shall serve as the governing document for the EXTRA Program conducted in this Region/Area **and are subject to Section 1 and National Guidelines for “side by side” playing circuits.**

### **LEADERSHIP**

An EXTRA Program Coordinator will be appointed by the Regional Commissioner with approval of the Region Board. The Coordinator shall assist all teams to insure proper procedures are followed. The Coordinator will arrange for coach selection process, player evaluation sessions, game scheduling, uniform selection and any other function necessary for the successful implementation of the program. The Coordinator will represent all teams as needed at Circuit functions. The Coordinator may select additional volunteer assistants with approval of the Regional Commissioner.

### **PLAYING CIRCUIT**

All EXTRA teams will participate in the Section 1 East playing circuit during the fall season. Upon completion of the fall season the EXTRA teams will be converted to “travel” teams and be permitted to participate in tournaments.

### **PLAYER ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION**

All currently registered AYSO players are eligible for participating in an EXTRA team evaluation session. Non AYSO registered players are also eligible but must register for the evaluation session on the region’s website.

The Region will conduct a minimum of 2 evaluation sessions during the month of May. Notification of the session dates will be widely publicized via email/flyer to all families, posters at appropriate playing sites and posting on Region website. All parents of players attending an evaluation session will be given information describing the commitment expected when participating on an EXTRA team.

The Coordinator shall determine the number of evaluators needed to conduct the sessions. They shall be certified coaches or have equal coaching experience and knowledge. Use of outside individuals such as high school or college coaches/trainers is recommended. All evaluators must be completely impartial. Individuals

applying to be an EXTRA team coach or assistant coach, or parent of a child applying, may not serve as an evaluator in same division.

### **TEAM FORMATION**

After completion of the evaluation sessions, the evaluators shall calculate the scores for all participants and establish a rank order of participants in each Division and coaches will provide a wish list of players they choose to have on the team. A Region panel shall review the rankings and wish list to establish the final list of players. The Panel shall consist of the EXTRA Coordinator choosing. All panel members must be neutral and may not be seeking a coach position or have a player relative who participated in the sessions. If there is a conflict, an appropriate replacement will be appointed by the Regional Commissioner.

All players must be newly selected each membership year. Teams are to be reformed and balanced each membership year. No player should be guaranteed of a position on any EXTRA team.

Selection of players should be completed by June 1<sup>st</sup>. All players that participated in the evaluation sessions will be notified within 1 week of the selections being completed. Notification must be given first to players not selected with the assurance that they will be placed on a standard primary program team if registrations have been completed.

### **COACH ELIGIBILITY**

Coaches participating in EXTRA should be of excellent quality. At a minimum, EXTRA coaches (head or assistant) must:

- Have a current Volunteer Application on file at the National Support & Training Center;
- Be an AYSO trained and certified coach as specified in these Guidelines;
- Be Safe Haven certified (**latest version**);
- Be an active participant in the Region's standard primary program as an instructor, coach or Referee mentor, or other volunteer service the Region determines adequate to fulfill this requirement;
- Be in good standing with the Region, Area and/or Section and AYSO;
- At a minimum, be a trained and certified Regional Referee.
- Be evaluated and renewed each membership year **by submitting a Coach Application**.
- Assistant coach must be approved by the EXTRA Coordinator and Region Commissioner.

Coaches desiring to coach must have completed age specific training/certification levels as listed below:

U-9, U-10	Intermediate Required
U-11, U-12	Advanced Required
U-13, U-14	Advanced Required
U-15 and Above	Advanced Required

If the application is deemed acceptable, a personal interview will be scheduled with the Coach Selection Panel. Not all applicants will be required to do a personal interview.

The Region and/or Area EXTRA Coordinator will conduct a mandatory EXTRA coach meeting prior to the start of the EXTRA season which each coach assigned to an EXTRA team must attend.

### **FINANCES**

Once a Team has been selected for the EXTRA program, fees of approximately \$400 per player shall be assessed for the season. This will cover \$250 per player to the region for a home and away uniform, Players Warm-ups, Players Practice shirts, team pictures, registration fees and EXTRA program fees. \$150 per player will stay in the team account for participation in two tournaments. Additional tournaments may be scheduled by the coach on a pay for play basis. **(Payment will ONLY Cover the cost of Fall EXTRA League and Playoffs plus Two Tournaments during Fall Season)**

The EXTRA program is a self-funded program and all teams will need to get sponsors and fundraise in order to play in more than two tournaments.

Each team must appoint a Team manager and Treasurer to monitor team finances. The Team Manager and Treasurer must not be a spouse of the coach or live in the same household as the coach.

Treasurer will make team deposits as per the Regional Treasurers instructions and the Regional Treasurer will then deposit those funds into the AYSO Region 66 Account. **ALL** team funds collected (cash or checks) **MUST** be deposited into the AYSO 66 account.

Deposit and check request will be made by the team treasurer with the rules set out by the Regional Commissioner.

Treasurer will provide all parents and treasurer with a spreadsheet showing all deposits and disbursement of funds once a month. Team Treasurer should not put any player names on the spreadsheet.

### **PRACTICE/TRAINING**

Teams are NOT permitted to begin practice or engage in any training activity until all participating teams have been chosen within their Region and approved by the Regional Commissioner, but no sooner than August 1 of the new membership year. Only players on the official roster are permitted to participate in team training.

### **TOURNAMENT PLAY**

The Regional Commissioner is the only person who may sign rosters, ID cards and forms requiring his/her signature. No blank rosters will be signed. Any forgery of signatures will result in sanctions being placed on team, up to and including disbandment.

Only regional checks requested may be used to enter tournaments. No personal check may be used. Team manager will need to request a tournament check by emailing the regional treasurer at least one week prior to needing check.

### **REGION 66 CRUISIN' CLASSIC**

All EXTRA teams will be required to participate in the annual Region 66 Cruisin' Classic tournament. All EXTRA teams must also complete all assigned volunteer duties during the tournament.

### **REFEREE POINTS/NEW REFEREE**

All EXTRA teams are required to complete the referee points/new referee requirements. In the event your team does not complete these requirements you will not be able to play in a tournament before April 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **GUEST PLAYERS**

No guest player will be allowed during league play or playoffs. Guest players for tournament may only be used if you do not have any substitutes and with the approval from the Regional Commissioner.

### **ADDING PLAYERS**

You may replace a dropped player after league play and playoffs are completed. You may not add any additional players exceeding the original roster size.

Coaches will be in jeopardy of being removed from the program if the Section One and Regional Guidelines are not followed.