



# PARENT HANDBOOK 2018 FALL SEASON



**FOR GAME SCHEDULES / NEWSLETTERS / PERMITS  
& ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THROUGHOUT THE SEASON**

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# Section 1 – Why AYSO & Why Soccer

## A Game For Kids And A Game For Life!

AYSO is child-first and child focused. We are a soccer organization with happy, healthy kids as our passion.

Every decision, every rule and every program has "what's good for kids" as its basis. Every girl and boy stepping on a soccer field for the first time can have fun. AYSO's child-first approach also makes it one of the finest player development programs. Everybody likes to win, but developing successful players and people is what's fundamental in AYSO.

You can set a soccer ball down on any corner in the world and have friends. It is a global sport that Americans have embraced in record numbers... because it's fun even with a beginner's skill. It's also a game you can play and enjoy for the rest of your life (U-5 soccer is one of the fastest growing levels in the U.S.!).

With children's natural joy in running and kicking, soccer builds on these two skills and adds in techniques to control the ball and work as a team. It also encourages creative decision making and strategic thinking. And it's a fast game that keeps each player moving the entire time. In AYSO there's no spending the game on the bench!

AYSO has age appropriate small-sided games. A full size soccer team has 11 players on the field. But smaller-sided teams for younger children allow more touches on the ball and a more successful soccer learning environment.

AYSO small-sided games emulate classic "street soccer" where children of many skill levels choose up teams and play together for a fun neighborhood game. This is a similar environment to where many of the greatest soccer players in the world developed their skills. Small-sided games continue as excellent development

## AYSO's Mission & Vision

### To Be The Nationally Recognized Youth Soccer Program Of Choice

AYSO's **Vision** is to provide world class youth soccer programs that enrich children's lives.

AYSO's **Mission** is 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

The mission is accomplished by providing these essential services:

- Coaching and referee programs including quality delivery systems
- Quality administrative and operating systems with a support network
- Strong financial position
- Special network for volunteers, supported by a national staff
- Program research and development



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## **Section 2 - AYSO's Six Philosophies**

AYSO's Philosophies are living tenets that separate it from other sports organizations. They are Everyone Plays®, Balanced Teams, Open Registration, Positive Coaching, Good Sportsmanship and Player Development.

### **Everyone Plays®**

The AYSO National Program's goal is for kids to play soccer, so we mandate that every player on every team must play at least 50% of every game. In Section 10, Area V, which Region 795 is a part of; we require that every player on the team must play 3/4 of the game where the team numbers allow it. 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.

## **Section 3 – Parent’s Code**

### **Parent’s Code**

- Enthusiastically support and practice Philosophies of AYSO
- Be reasonable in your demands of your young child’s time, energy, enthusiasm and their performance on the soccer field.
- Impress on your child that they must abide by the rules of the game at all times.
- Have respect for the ability of opponents, and for the judgment of referees and opposing coaches.
- Ensure that your child’s soccer experience is one of fun and enjoyment, winning is only part of it. Players should never be yelled at or ridiculed for making mistakes or losing a game.
- Set a good example and be generous with your praise when it is deserved. .
- Follow the advice of a physician when determining when an injured child is ready to play again.
- Have Fun, Remember the game is for the children
- Be on time
- Stay off the field during game time
- Everyone plays at least half a game
- Loud criticism is not part of AYSO
- Use only positive comments
- Games can end in a tie
- Enforce the no slaughter rule (maximum of 5 goal differential)
- Children should have a full uniform
- Remember all Referees, Coaches and administrators are volunteers
- Volunteer for something, anything!

## Section 4 – Conduct Pledge

### PARENT'S CONDUCT PLEDGE

I understand and agree:

- That I will not consume alcoholic beverages and/or tobacco products nor be under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs during AYSO practice or games, or in the immediate vicinity of an AYSO game.
- That any negative comments made by myself or others directed at or concerning any players relating to their participation in AYSO is detrimental to the primary objectives of AYSO and is not safe, fun, fair or positive for the players. Accordingly, I pledge to refrain from making any such negative comments and will instruct others to do likewise.
- That any negative comments or complaints that I make directed at or concerning a referee is disruptive to the game, is harmful to the AYSO program and undermines the authority of the referee. Accordingly, I pledge to refrain from making or cause to be made any negative comments or complaints concerning a referee before, during or after a game.
- That I have the right to submit comments, concerns or complaints of referee behavior. I will make such comments to my Division Manager, the Regional Coach Administrator, or Regional Referee Administrator.
- That Region 795 has adopted a "zero tolerance policy" toward any verbal harassment and/or violence toward referees, board members, coaches, parents, players and participants. I understand and agree that if I violate this policy I am subject to ejection from games and thereafter further suspension from attending subsequent games and/or removal from the region.

I agree to the foregoing and acknowledge that I have read & understand the Parent's Conduct Pledge.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Division \_\_\_\_\_

## Section 5 – Season Calendar

### 2018 Fall Soccer Season Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
April 29	Open Fall Registration \$160 + Sibling Discount
June 8	Registration Increases to \$180 + Sibling Discount
July 6	Registration Remains \$180 + No Sibling Discount
July 31	Close Fall Registration – New Registrations will be Waitlisted
August 1-5	Player Evaluations (Tentative)
August 6-12	Team Formation Meetings (Tentative)
August 12-13	Coach Meetings and Team Distribution (Tentative)
August 18	Coach and/or Referee Training Courses (Tentative)
August 25	Coach and/or Referee Training Courses (Tentative)
September 7	Opening Night @ MASON PARK
September 8	Saturday Games – Mason & SJE – Week 1
September 14-15	Friday Night & Saturday Games – Mason & SJE – Week 2
September 21-22	Friday Night & Saturday Games – Mason & SJE – Week 3
September 28-29	Friday Night & Saturday Games – Mason & SJE – Week 4 <b>(Silent Weekend)</b>
October 5-6	Friday Night & Saturday Games – Mason & SJE – Week 5
October 12-13	Friday Night & Saturday Games – Mason & SJE – Week 6
October 14	Picture Day – Chaminade Middle School
October 19-20	Friday Night & Saturday Games – Mason & SJE – Week 7
October 26-27	Friday Night & Saturday Games – Mason & SJE – Week 8 <b>(Silent Weekend)</b>
November 2-3	Friday Night & Saturday Games – Mason & SJE – Week 9
November 9-10	Friday Night & Saturday Games – Mason & SJE – Week 10
November 16-17	Rain Out, Wind Out, Fire Out Make Up Weekend
November 30-December 1	10U, 12U, 14U Regional Playoffs Start
December 7-8	10U, 12U, 14U Regional Playoffs Conclude

**\*\* U5 – U8 divisions finish Week 10 \*\***

**\*\* Trophies & Yearbooks handed out to all teams at end of Week 10 \*\***

**\*\* All games and events are tentative and subject to change \*\***

**\*\* 10U and 12U teams will also be scheduled for a Friday night game \*\***

**\*\* Make-up games may be held during weeknights \*\***

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## Section 6 – Regional Board Members Directory

The following is a list of board members that you may need to contact during the season. As a coach, your first point of contact will be the Regional Coach Administrator (RCA). Referee matters can be addressed to the Regional Referee Administrator (RRA).

**\*\*\*\*If you obtain phone numbers, please keep them private\*\*\*\***

Region Commissioner	Frank Gallucci	Frank795rc@gmail.com
Assistant Commissioner	Eric Unger	ericunger@sbcglobal.net
Region Treasurer	Brent Roberts	brent@roberts-accounting.com
Secretary	VACANT	
CVPA	Robert Schwartz	rds@gmx.us
Regional Registrar	Jessica Zallo	jesszallo@yahoo.com
Region Coach Administrator	Greg Hoke	glhoke@yahoo.com
Region Referee Administrator	Jody Liang	slidetackle08@yahoo.com
Regional Management Administrator	Kevin Riley	kriley211@gmail.com
Extra Program Coordinator	Brian Jacoby	brjgoat@yahoo.com
Webmaster, Uniforms, Fields	Frank Gallucci	Frank795rc@gmail.com
Equipment Coordinator	Ismael Aguila	isaguila1@gmail.com
Safety Director	Robert Schwartz	rds@gmx.us
Assistant Registrar	Suruchi Roodbari	suruchiayso@gmail.com
Region Referee Instructor	Joe Franiak	joe.franiak@ngc.com
Region Coach Trainer	Eric Unger	ericunger@sbcglobal.net
Region Coach Trainer	Kevin Riley	kriley211@gmail.com
Region Game Scheduler	Frank Gallucci	Frank795rc@gmail.com
Volunteer Point Coordinator & Regional Statistician	Frank Gallucci	Frank795rc@gmail.com
Fundraising	Dorit Jacoby	doritzj@yahoo.com
Yearbook	Jorge Martin	jorgemartin@sbcglobal.net
Regional Board Member	Argi Sayari	argisayari@yahoo.com
Regional Board Member	Alex Hobi	swisshobi@aol.com
Regional Board Member	Lance Larsen	wwfaustinfan@hotmail.com
Regional Board Member	Mike Applegate	mdapplegate@gmail.com



## Section 7 – Soccer Simplified

### Soccer Simplified

Many parents are unfamiliar with soccer. We encourage you to take one of the referee classes to learn more about the laws of the game, and to take a coach class to learn more about how soccer is taught to children of various ages. This here is an extremely abbreviated summary of soccer.

With the exception of the drop ball, any player who puts the ball into play may not play the ball again until it has been touched by another player, either a team mate or an opponent.

All restarts (kicks, throw ins, etc) are either direct or indirect. Direct restarts may have a direct score (like kicking the corner kick into the goal) whereas indirect restarts must involve a second "playing" of the ball before a score may be made.

<b>The Object</b>	Get the ball into the opponent's goal more times than they get it into yours.
<b>Kickoff</b>	This is how the game and the second half are started, and how the game is restarted after a goal is scored. The ball can be played backwards to a teammate <b>(Direct)</b>
<b>Throw In</b>	This is how the game is restarted after the ball goes out of play across the touch line (the line on the side of the field). The team that touched the ball last before it went out defends, and the other team takes the throw in. The ball must be thrown using both hands over their head starting behind the head. <b>(Indirect)</b>
<b>Goal Kick</b>	This is how the game is restarted after the attacking team kicks the ball out of play across the goal line. (Unless it goes in the goal!) The defending team designates a player to kick the ball; it need not be the goalkeeper. The ball is placed within the goal area, and must travel untouched by any player until it is outside of the penalty area before it is in play. If the ball fails to clear that distance, or if a player touches the ball before it leaves the penalty area, the goal kick is retaken. <b>(Direct)</b>
<b>Corner Kick</b>	This is how the game is restarted after the defending team kicks the ball out play across the goal line. (Unless it goes in the goal!) The referee indicates which corner the ball is placed in, and the attacking team designates a player to kick the ball. The ball must start with at least part of it in the corner arc. A corner kick is direct. <b>(Direct)</b>
<b>Free Kicks</b>	This is how the game is restarted after various fouls have been committed. The referee indicates an indirect free kick by holding his or her arm straight up, absence of this indicates a direct kick.

## Soccer Simplified Continued...

### **Penalty Kick**

This is how the game is restarted when a direct free kick is awarded to the attacking team inside the penalty area. The keeper must stand on the goal line, the player taking the kick must be inside the penalty area, behind the penalty mark, and all other players must be outside the penalty area, behind the ball, and outside of the penalty arc. The ball must move forward when it is kicked. **(Direct)**

### **Drop Ball**

This is how the game is restarted after the game has been stopped for reasons other than a foul or misconduct. This includes, but is not limited to, injuries, animals wandering onto the field, or an unsafe condition that needs to be fixed. **(Direct)**

### **Offside**

Offside is the most complex call to be made in the game. It is not implemented in the 5U, 6U, 7U and 8U divisions. To be called, a player in offside position must have some degree of participation in the play. Players are considered offside if one of the following is true: the player is in his or her side of the field, the player has two or more opponents ahead of him/her; the player is behind the ball.

The decision to call an offside penalty is made by the referee team based on a player being offside when the ball is kicked, and if the player is participating in the play. Please take a referee class for more information on this topic!

### **Handball**

A call of "handling the ball" is made by the referee when, in his or her judgment, the player has intentionally handled the ball. The "hand" is considered to start at the shoulder for this call. The referee bases their call on several criteria; here are the 3 main ones: did the player move to the ball, or did the ball strike the player in the hand; was the player protecting their face or private parts from being struck by the ball; did the player have sufficient time to avoid handball contact?

Please consider taking a referee class to learn more about this call.

### **Advantage**

Soccer is designed to be a continuous action game. If a player has been fouled, but it is to their advantage to keep playing, the referee may declare an advantage and let play continue for a couple of seconds. If the advantage has not materialized the call may be made. If too much time has elapsed the call may not be made.

A common case for advantage is when an attacking player has an open goal and is ready to shoot, but a defender pushes him or her out of the way. The referee can give the attacker a moment to recover before calling the foul.

Advantage is used more in "older" and professional matches.

## Section 8 – General Information

- I. What does my child need to play?
  - a. Shoes: soccer shoes suggested, not required. Tennis shoes OK, no toe cleats.
  - b. Shin Guards: should cover about 3/4 of shin
  - c. Ball: Size 3 – 5U, 6U, 8U; Size 4 – 10U, 12U; Size 5 – 14U, 16U, 19U - put name on ball
  - d. Water bottle: put name on it
- II. Practices and Games
  - a. Practices during the week are held at Mason park or another park chosen by the coach
  - b. Games – 5U, 6U, 7U, & 8U are held at St. John Eudes Church (SJE)
  - c. Games – 10U, 12U, 14U, 16U and 19U are held at Mason Park  
(Some games in the 14U, 16U and 19U may held at other sites in Area 10V)
- III. Fields
  - a. St. John Eudes: 9925 Mason Avenue, Chatsworth, CA 91311
  - b. Mason Park - 10500 Mason Ave, Chatsworth, CA 91311
- IV. Team Volunteers
  - a. Assistant coach: each team should have one and certified.
  - b. Referee: on the average the region needs one referee for every team (7U-19U)
  - c. Team Manager (can be shared): coordinates snacks (half time and after game), picture day, phone calls for events or parties, final team party
  - d. Banner Manager: coordinates the making of the team banner.
  - e. Field Crew: each team needs a parent who will help with field set up and take down duties.
- V. Team Banner: discuss kid made, parent made, or store bought. **KEEP COSTS LOW!**
- VI. Reminders for the Players
  - a. Be on time for practices and games (15 to 30 minutes before game time)
  - b. Bring a ball, water, and anything else needed to all practices and games
  - c. Wear shin guards and soccer shoes (or tennis shoes) to practices and games
  - d. Label anything your kids can leave behind!
  - e. Be in uniform for games: jersey, shorts, socks and shin guards
- VII. Reminders for **SJE** church & school. We are **guests** at SJE & must respect the grounds & all rules.
  - a. No smoking, No Alcohol, No dogs (except **service** dogs).
  - b. Stay out of the school classroom area. We are **only** allowed on the field & bathrooms.
  - c. We must leave the grounds and bathrooms clean when we are done.
  - d. Respect the neighbors. Park only in designated areas. Do not block driveways!
  - e. Do not allow your children to climb on the fences or back stops!
  - f. Do not ride bikes, skates, roller blades or skateboards on school grounds.
- VIII. Selection of team name should not be crude or offensive. If more than one team wants the same name, the first to request it will be granted.
- IX. Uniforms
  - a. Uniforms are **not** to be worn to practices, only to games
  - b. Team names and player names are **not** to be put on the uniform
  - c. The uniform is yours to keep after the season.