

# Post-Season Team Rules (Oct 01, 2015 mcs)

**The following is addressed to coaches and team administrators of All Star and tournament teams:**

Although common sense should be your guide in dealing with All Star and Tournament teams, which collectively will be referred to as "post-season teams", we have put into place rules and guidelines to avoid problems and maximize the enjoyment of all the participants - players, families, coaches and other AYSO volunteers.

**IMPORTANT:** As soon as you decide to enter a tournament the first order of business is to notify the Coach Administrator immediately of your intentions of taking a team to a sanctioned or non-sanctioned AYSO tournament:

## Team Status

**All post-season teams are Tournament teams until December 1. After this date, All Star teams may be announced. It is important to note that post-season play may not in any way interfere with the regular season.** Once the Area All Star tournament (including the Sectional and Tri-Section tournaments) has been completed, each All Star team, if still together, becomes another Tournament team and will have no special status or priority.

## Team Organization

It is recommended for each team to appoint a team administrator or manager. The team administrator/manager will need to:

- Collect (three is recommended) medical release forms per player. Make sure the forms are completely filled out, are dated and have a wet signature unless they are e-signature, keep one set and give the other two sets to coaches.
- For teams participating in Area tournaments, players' AYSO ID's must be issued in advanced for each player.
- Pertinent information from players and parents for a team roster (address, phone numbers, including cell phone, e-mail etc. If not restricted) will be available to the coaches once players have been assigned by the Coach Administrator.
- **Arrange for parents to pay tournament fees**
- Provide a list of (3) certified referees that are division appropriate that

planning to support the team during the post season to the Referee Administrator at [referee@ayso75.org](mailto:referee@ayso75.org).

## Team Expectations

At the first team meeting the following needs to be discussed with the parents and players:

- Notify parents that (3) certified, division appropriate referees are required to volunteer to referee if you don't have these referees from your team then you must choose referees from the list provided to you by the Referee Administrator. Team coach or Team manager/administrator is responsible for signing up the team's volunteers and their scheduling at the tournament(s).
- Stress the fact there is a long-term commitment; most teams will play well into the spring or until the summer.
- Discuss the team's expectations in regards to practices.
- Discuss that parents are expected to pay for tournament/travel/field fees if they apply.
- Encourage parents to become certified referees. Tournament teams will directly benefit from bringing a referee team to a tournament. Many tournaments prefer complete referee teams to come along (3 referees completing 3 games each), rather than banking the referee deposits. Many tournaments are now rejecting applications if a team does not provide certified referees. Other tournaments may not accept teams that come from regions that did not supply referees in the past; this is not always explicitly stated. It is important for each team to do its utmost to bring referees to each tournament. There is higher likelihood of admission to a tournament if a team brings a complete set of referees.

## Fees

There may be a onetime uniform fee for each tournament team player, as well as an administration fee (if it applies). All teams are responsible for all tournament fees and referee deposits for all tournaments, including the tournaments that we will apply to as a region: Tournament application fees are typically \$350-\$650, and the referee deposits are about \$150-250.

## Uniforms (if applicable)

### All Star uniforms must be ordered through Region 75.

The primary uniforms for all teams will be the same pattern, each jersey having a unique number. There will be extra uniforms available to each team in case of new players or other changes later on in the season. Contact the Uniform Coordinator well in advance. Uniform numbers will be allocated to players by coaches according to the following procedures:

Different sized uniforms will be allocated by the coach or team administrator as needed according to the sizes of the players.

The coach retains final discretion over the allocation of uniform numbers

It is optional for a team to order bags, jackets and other team items. Each team orders these individually. The region's color scheme (black/gold) and logo need to be adhered to.

## Tournament Applications

### Every tournament team must follow these procedures:

- a. **You may not enter a team in a tournament without first notifying our Tournament Director** (Coach Administrator) at E-mail to [coach@ayso75.org](mailto:coach@ayso75.org).
- b. All rosters must be printed out from e-AYSO and signed by the [Regional Commissioner](#) or, if the Commissioner is unavailable, the [Registrar](#). Most tournaments require that players be listed in order of uniform number. It is recommended to have a few rosters signed at the same time. However, any roster changes (other than an absent player) need to be signed by the Regional Commissioner.
- c. All tournaments must be paid for by a Region 75 check, to be issued by our Treasurer, and the funds for payment must be remitted to the region before we will issue a check.
- d. Please follow this procedure when applying to tournaments. Call or e-mail your Director of the Tournaments, Provide, a list of players that you are taking to the tournament. There may also be a referee form that you would need to fill out and get the Regional Referee Administration to sign. Once all the paperwork is approved, the Regional Commissioner will sign the roster and we will have a Regional check prepared by the Treasurer and we will notify you how it can be picked up.

*Regardless of what the Tournament Director says. You must, upon completion of all forms you are presenting to the TD, make a copy or scan them to Region 75's Coach Admin, Referee Admin and RC prior to receiving a Region 75 check.*

e. If any player is unable to afford the cost of participation in a tournament, please let us know and we will determine if funds are available to subsidize participation on a case by case basis each year. Unfortunately, we are prohibited from using general Region 75 funds but we hope the Secondary Programs will provide us with available funds that can be applied for this purpose. For full or partial scholarship requests, the applicant is required to contact the Regional Commissioner at [rc@ayso75.org](mailto:rc@ayso75.org).

f. Teams need to apply to all tournaments on an individual basis. Information about tournaments can be found on [the National website](#). The Tournament Committee will also try to notify the teams of additional tournaments as they become available.

## Referees

For all tournaments, teams are responsible for providing their own referees and they must provide this information at the time of application to a tournament; if they do not have any referees, they might lose their referee deposit. The Referee Administrator will make a complete list available to teams with the names of referees in the region who will be available for post-season tournaments. We suggest that teams contact referees on this list as soon as they apply to a tournament. Whenever a tournament team is accepted into a tournament, the team must finalize the referees by contacting the referee(s) and notifying our Referee Administrator by e-mail at [referee@ayso75.org](mailto:referee@ayso75.org).

## Referee Deposits

Tournaments will refund the referee deposit when referees have been supplied. The region will receive a check and will refund each team for referees that have been submitted directly by the team.

## Conduct

We expect coaches, assistant coaches, parents and players to remember that they are representing Region 75 and to conduct themselves appropriately. In particular, everyone is required to cooperate with tournament officials and referees and to make sideline comments that are positive, instructional (in the case of coaches only) and encouraging.

## Practice Fields and Scrimmage Games

Teams need to contact the Coach Administrator for practice time and field space availability. Sierra is the ONLY location where we have a permit and where you may practice. Scrimmage games MUST be approved in advanced by the Coach Administrator and the Referee Administrator.

## Player Transactions

If the [Rules Governing Selection of Coaches, Teams and Players for Post-Season Play](#) are not yet in place then please contact the Coach Administrator for information about player transactions between tournament teams.

## Fundraising

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**PLEASE NOTE** that failure to adhere to any of above mentioned rules may result in disciplinary action towards the coach and/or even may lead to disbanding of the team.