

# NORTH PARK AYSO ALL-STAR POLICY FOR 2019-20

## 1. Overview

The purpose of All-Stars is to provide players who have demonstrated superior skills, effort, attitude, team play, and commitment with the opportunity to continue to develop their skills in a more competitive environment against teams with similar skills.

## 2. All-Star Tournaments

The Area 11R All-Star tournament will be played January 11-12, 2020 at Walnut Gove Park in San Marcos, CA.

The winners of the Area 11R All-Star tournament will advance to the Section 11 All-Star tournament to be played February 15-16, 2020 at Imperial Middle School in La Habra, CA.

The winners of the Section 11 All-Star tournament advance to the Western State Championships to be played March 14-15 in Bullhead City, AZ against the winners from AYSO Section 1 (Los Angeles County North, Inland Empire, S. Nevada, and S. Arizona), Section 2 (N. Cal, Nevada, Oregon, and Washington), Section 10 (Central California), and Section 11 (Los Angeles County South, Orange County, and San Diego County).<sup>1</sup>

## 3. All-Star Coach Selection

The Board will select the coach of each All-Star team by majority vote at its monthly board meeting on November 13, 2019. Coaches wishing to be considered as the All-Star coach for their respective divisions must meet the following minimum requirements to be considered:

- Must have been a coach or assistant coach in North Park AYSO in the Core Season;
- Must have the minimum certification required for that age division; and
- Must have completed Safe Haven training.

The Board will also consider, among other things, the candidate's coaching ability, years of experience, higher levels of coaching certifications, additional training accomplished, discipline record, and demonstrated commitment to [AYSO's Six Philosophies](#). Service to the Region and certification and experience as a referee will also be considered. **Winning the regular season title does not automatically qualify a coach to be the All-Star coach.**

All-Star coaches should refrain from selecting their own child for the All-Star team if the child does not play at an All-Star level. The coach's child who does not make the team may practice with the team but may not participate in any All-Star games.

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<sup>1</sup> You can view an AYSO Section map [here](#).

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### **4. Player Eligibility**

All-Stars is open to players in U10, U12, and U14 who played in North Park AYSO's Core Season.<sup>2</sup> Players must play All-Stars in the same age division in which they played the regular season.

### **5. Number of Teams and Players**

We will have six All-Star teams as follows:

- One team each in U10 boys and girls, each with 10 players.
- One team each in U12 boys and girls, each with 12 players.
- One team each in U14 boys and girls, each with 15 players.

### **6. Player Selection**

In each all-star eligible division, coaches should only nominate players they sincerely believe to be all-star caliber players, and should be sure to nominate players who have strong defensive skills as well as those with strong offensive skills. Each coach may also separately nominate one player as a goalkeeper, provided that the coach sincerely believes the goalkeeper is one of the top two goalkeepers in our Region for that Division. This player must be willing to play goalkeeper as his or her primary position if named to the All-Star team.

There is no guarantee that every Core team will have a player on the All-Star team, or that an equal number of players will come from each Core team. This is especially true in the U10B division where we have approximately 100 players from 10 teams, but an All-Star roster of just 10 players.

#### **6.1. U10 Selection Process**

Due to the large number of players (99) and teams (10) in the 10UB Division, we ask these coaches to limit their nominations to no more than three players. Coaches should consider nominating less than three players if their players are not all-star caliber players, but may still separately nominate one goalkeeper as described above.

### **7. Evaluations**

Following the initial nomination process, the All-Star coach will invite the nominated players to attend an evaluation. All-Star coaches must hold at least one evaluation session so the nominated players will have an opportunity to compete for a spot. All-Star coaches may have more than one evaluation session, as long as they are able to submit the final roster by December 13, 2019. All nominated players must be invited to the evaluation.

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<sup>2</sup> Matrix players are not eligible.

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All-Star coaches may also invite other players to attend the evaluation, based on scouting reports, regular season player observations, or general open evaluation philosophy. *The child of any potential coach for an All-Star team must compete at the evaluation to make the team and must be an All-Star caliber player in order to make the team.*

### **8. Confidentiality**

To avoid disappointing players, all aspects of the All-Star nomination process must be kept confidential. Coaches should not discuss their nominations with any players or any parents.

### **9. Player Notification**

All-Star Coaches will notify families that their players have been invited to play on the All-Star team. All-Star coaches must notify selected players within 3 days after the conclusion of evaluations. The All-Star coach must also notify any players who attended an evaluation but were not selected. All-Star Coaches will provide families of the selected players with the following information:

- Name and contact information for the head coach
- Dates of play for All-Star tournaments
- Anticipated practice start date and days and times of practices
- Mandatory and optional costs of participating
- Commitment required from players and families

The All-Star coaches must report their final All-Star rosters to the Coach Administrator by emailing [coach@aysonorthpark.org](mailto:coach@aysonorthpark.org).

### **10. Player & Family Commitment**

Families may immediately accept the invitation to play or may take up to 2 days to decide. Players whose families do not commit within 2 days may forfeit their spot on the team. Participation in All-Stars involves a significant commitment of time and must be given priority. Practices and tournaments are held around the holidays. Travel outside of North Park AYSO fields is required to participate.

Players who fail to live up to the commitments will severely harm their team's chances. If families/players know that they will have conflicts with the All-Star tournaments that will cause them to miss games, the families/players should fully disclose those conflicts to the coach and consider not accepting the invitation to be on the All-Star team.

### **11. Optional Tournament Play**

All-Star teams have the option to play in one or more tournaments offered in the local area around the holidays other than the Area R tournament and the Section 11 tournament. Tournament play is optional and is not funded by North Park AYSO.

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### **12. Costs**

There is no registration fee to play in All-Stars. Insurance for the All-Star season is covered by the Core registration fee. North Park AYSO charges \$40 to cover the cost of the All-Star uniforms and other expenses. Uniforms will not be distributed until all fees have been collected from players. Fees for sweatshirts, player bags, banners, balls, and optional tournaments are the responsibility of the players' families.

### **13. Questions**

All questions about the All-Star program may be directed to the North Park AYSO Coach Administrator, Aaron Werner, via [coach@aysonorthpark.org](mailto:coach@aysonorthpark.org).