

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS - AYSO REGION 210

Fall 2010/Spring 2011

What are the start and end dates for the season? Practices will start the week of August 30, and the first games will be September 11. We will have 8 scheduled games in the Fall 2010 season, with the last game being played on October 30. November 6 will be used for make-up games (if necessary). Picture Day will be on September 25, except for the U5 division which will take place on October 2.

When will we know our child's team and practice information? The Fall 2010 Coach/Referee Kick-Off Meeting will take place on Monday, August 30 at 6:30 PM. You will be contacted shortly thereafter by your child's coach and he/she will give you the team's game and practice schedule. If you do not hear from your child's coach by 9 PM on Tuesday, August 31, please contact your child's Division Commissioner (DC). Names and email addresses for DC's are located in the 'Contact Us' section of our website: www.aysohinsdale.org.

How are players placed in divisions? Players are placed in divisions based on date of birth. A copy of a birth certificate will need to be shown during one of the registration dates in order to register each player. The cut-off date for each division is July 31, per AYSO National guidelines. There are only two exceptions to this placement. First, parents of children with August birthdays (only) will be contacted and given the option to have their children "play up" to their grade level to coincide with the State of Illinois school cutoff date of September 1. Second, exceptions to "play down" will be considered for children with certain significant medical conditions that adversely impact their motor skills.

How are teams formed? We follow one of AYSO's core principles when forming teams: Balanced Teams. This means that teams are formed as balanced as possible based on the following criteria (when available), in order: (1) ratings from coach from prior year, (2) years of soccer experience, (3) school grade (in multi-grade divisions), and (4) gender (for co-ed divisions).

Will my child play with children from the same school? For children who are registered by May 8, we do our best to make sure that they are placed on a team with others from their same school. Keep in mind that our first priority is to form fair, balanced teams.

Will I be able to switch teams? In general, we do **NOT** allow any changes in the team rosters once they have been finalized and distributed to the coaches. In cases of **extreme hardship**, an exception to this rule may be considered. If you feel your circumstance qualifies as an extreme hardship, please talk to your child's coach and he/she will make the appropriate inquiries.

Does AYSO offer scholarships? Yes, a limited number of full and partial scholarships are available. Please contact the Regional Commissioner, Sue Gould at commissioner@aysohinsdale.org, for further information.

What is the refund policy? If you find that your child will not be able to participate in AYSO soccer after you have already been through registration, we ask that you please apply for a refund **as soon as possible**. Our Division Commissioners cannot accurately form their teams if they do not have this information. Requests received by July 31 will be refunded the full \$95 fee. Requests received after July 31 will be refunded \$50. All refunds must be requested in writing and no refunds will be issued after the first game (September 11, 2010). Please see our website (www.aysohinsdale.org) for detailed instructions on how to apply for a refund.

Do the teams remain the same for the spring season? Yes, teams will remain intact for the Spring 2011 season. A new practice schedule and game schedule will be communicated to your child's coach sometime in March or April 2011. Most practice schedules will remain the same as the Fall 2010 schedule, however, some adjustments will be made to due to soccer field closures as a result of spring baseball.

Why does each family need to turn in a Volunteer Sign-Up Form? AYSO is an all-volunteer organization and we need to have everyone's contribution in order to help us provide a quality program for our children. Every little bit helps our organization tremendously . . . so thank you!

Is there any required equipment? What is your policy on jewelry? We require that all players wear shin guards for practices and games and they be worn under their socks. Jewelry of any kind is prohibited, including earrings. All jewelry must be removed – it cannot be taped over.

Can I bring my dog to practices and/or games? No! Dogs are not allowed at any AYSO practices or games. If you bring your dogs to an AYSO field, you may be asked to leave and/or receive a ticket from the police.

Does AYSO offer a summer soccer program? Yes! Please register with the Village of Hinsdale for our one-week summer camp. It will take place August 2-6 from 9 AM to 12 PM in Robbins Park.