



American Youth Soccer Organization

AYSO Region 210

August 29, 2011

Fall 2011
Coach & Referee Kick-Off Meeting

Please take a seat, the meeting
will begin soon

You will get your coach folders at
the conclusion of the meeting



Agenda

- We will finish no later than 7:15pm
- U6 coach training at 7:30pm in the field house
- Coach folders will be available from the DC's after the meeting
- Equipment and uniforms from DCs
- This presentation will be emailed to all coaches and referees



AYSO Philosophies

- Everyone Plays
 - Every player must play at least 50% of every game
 - Equalize play throughout the season
- Balanced Teams
- Open Registration
- Positive Coaching
- Good Sportsmanship
- Player Development



Volunteer Registration

- Each year every volunteer must complete a volunteer application
- Only two requirements for a complete registration
 - A hardcopy of your signed eAYSO application
 - Verified identity by showing or copying your ID
- Unregistered volunteers were **NOT** included in the coaching pool
 - Entire coaching staff of team must be registered
- Only registered volunteers are covered by AYSO insurance policy
- Local volunteers process paperwork for over 500 volunteers and 2,000 players
 - all sent to AYSO National office



Undocumented Coaches

- Volunteer applicants incomplete as of Saturday, August, 27, 2011

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| Arenz | James |
| Connors | Kevin |
| frasca | janet |
| Griffin | Jim |
| Kangas | Jason |

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| Kirsch | Dave |
| Marginean | Daniel |
| Pappas | Evans |
| Walsh | Chris |
| Wheeler | Fiona |

- Opportunity to complete registration today!
- *“Undocumented” or “Shadow” coaches are not allowed – they should not be with our children*
- *Note: if you want to recruit a parent to be an assistant later in the year be sure to have them submit an eAYSO volunteer application*



Division Commissioners

Assistant Regional Commissioner-DC's: Tom Salzman

- U5 Co-Ed: Bob Surrette
- U6 Boys: Julie Prieto
- U6 Girls: Emily Zeng
- U7 Boys: Natasha Isenhardt
- U7 Girls: Darren Kaiser
- U8 Boys: Stephanie Adams
- U8 Girls: Payal Patel
- U9 Boys: Tony Cutinelli
- U9 Girls: Brett Secola
- U10 Boys: Christine Justema
- U10 Girls: John Roberts
- U12 Boys: Kim Harte/Mark Ostrowski
- U12 Girls: Rachelle Niew
- U14 Co-Ed: Michelle Fischer
- U19 Co-Ed: Greg Nyczak



Fields & Scheduling

Assistant Regional Commissioner: Eric Johnson

- Fields Coordinator: Eric Johnson
- Game Schedulers: Kathleen & Shamir Bhatt
- Practice Schedulers: Gay Vincent & Ana Monsanto
- Professional Trainer Coordinator & Scheduler: George Vesely



Coach and Referee Trainers/Admin

- Assistant Regional Commissioner-Volunteers: Roland Wilson
- Volunteer Database Coordinator: Jeanne Kemp

- Regional Coach Trainer: Mike Wiggins
- Regional Coach Admin: Alan Zhang

- Regional Referee Trainer: Bejan Fakouri
- Regional Referee Admin: Cliff Vachlon
- Youth Referee Coordinator: TBA



Other Board Members

- Child Volunteer Protection Advocate (CVPA)
 - Database Manager
 - Equipment Mgr & Special Projects
 - Extra Program Coordinator
 - HCHS Head Soccer Coach - Girls Team
 - Meeting Coordinator
 - Member-at-Large
 - Picture Day
 - Registrars
 - Safety Director
 - Secretary
 - Special Events
 - Treasurer
 - Uniforms
 - Volunteer Party
 - Webmaster
- Lance Klobach
Dave Egan
Bill Otto
Sue Gould
Skip Begley
Holly Benjamin
Bob Knott
Wendy Wight
Kelly Flynn & Christie Capalety
Jennifer Pohlenz
Kara Kuo
Jeff Gross
Mei Zhang
Mary Kay Cox & Angie Lopez
Stephanie Battaglia
Peter Konstant



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THANK YOU!



Coaches & Referees

- Latest count:
 - 200 teams with approximately 2,300 players
 - Over 60 different fields
 - Approximately 400 coaches
 - Approximately 100 referees
- 45 dual coaches (head coaches)
- 3 triple coaches
- 1 quadruple coach
- Many others who are assistant coaches and referees for multiple teams



Coach Folder Items

- In addition to rosters and schedules, you will also receive:
 - Quick Reference Guide, includes our Local Rules
 - Kids Zone pledge form
 - Game cards
 - Medical waiver form
 - Shutterfly Team Share Site info
- Items to REMIND to parents:
 - Picture Day Forms – see Wendy to pick up supply or will be emailed
 - Chicago Fire game – **AYSO Night** flyer available on our website



IMPORTANT

- Team coaches, please RUN – do not walk – home and contact all the players on your roster
- Either email or call them
- Parents have been told that they will be contacted no later than August 31
- You are the only person who is distributing this information – please do it ASAP!
- Make sure you hear back from everyone confirming that they received your message



Practices

- Practice schedule in your folder
- Review it tonight and make changes – individual field sheets will be posted on the wall at end of meeting
- Of you have signed up for more than one practice day but do not intend to use it, please release it
- Please review the practice schedule for phone numbers and email addresses and report any errors to Gay
- You can only practice during your scheduled time at your scheduled location
- We will post an updated practice schedule as necessary
- Practices can start tomorrow (August 30)
- Reminder: Do not practice in the goal mouth area



Games

- Game schedule will be posted online
- First games are September 10, last games are October 29; we are holding November 5 in case of a rainout
- Dual coaches: please review to make sure your games don't conflict
- Note: Picture Day schedule will be posted to our website as soon as it's available
 - Oct. 1, 2011
- Other games may change – you will be notified if there are any changes for your team
- RED Field Bag & Corner Flags – Corner Flags in every coach bag



Make-Up Policies

- All are posted on our website: www.aysohinsdale.org
- Practices:
 - Not required to make up missed practices
 - Go to practice schedule, find an available field
 - Unassigned field times are available on a first-come, first serve basis
- Games
 - Not required to make up missed games
 - Go to practice schedule, find an available field
 - Unassigned field times are available on a first-come, first serve basis
 - Can also make up games before or after regular games on Saturdays
- Scheduled Practices take precedent over make up games
- Make-up games take precedence over make-up practices



Teams

- You will receive your rosters tonight
- We intentionally mix children from two schools on each team
- **Team formation is constrained by number of kids and number of coaches from each school**
- Late registrants are placed where there is room
 - Two week freeze August 22 – Sept 2
- Only a DC can add a new player to your team – kids must be registered players or they are not covered by our insurance
- You will also receive your uniforms this evening, for only the number of players on your roster
 - You have a range of sizes
 - Hint: at first practice, line up kids in height order and pass out uniforms
- Any problems/questions with teams, uniforms or equipment – talk to your DC



Medical Authorization & Waiver

- Same procedure as last year
- Coaches will not receive the individual player forms
- Have a parent sign the form included in your coach folder
- When a new player joins, have them sign the form
- Hint: keep all important papers in your equipment bag, in a ziploc bag



**Emergency Authorization, Disclaimer, Assumption of Risk
And Waiver, and Acknowledgement and Consent**

**AYSO REGION 210
FALL-SPRING PLAYING SEASON 2011/2012**

Team Number _____

Coach Name _____

EMERGENCY AUTHORIZATION: I, the undersigned parent or legal guardian of the below-named player, a minor (“Player”), hereby authorize each of the coaches, team parents, and/or other officials of AYSO to act as my agents in the capacity of activity supervisors and vehicle drivers, and I authorize each of them as well as the above-identified Emergency Contact to consent to medical, surgical or dental examination and/or treatment.

DISCLAIMER, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND WAIVER AND CONSENT AGREEMENTS:

| Player Name | Parent Name (Print) | Parent Signature | Date |
|--------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|
| 1. | | | |
| 2. | | | |
| 3. | | | |



Field Locations

- All field locations are on our website (www.aysohinsdale.org)
- No hard copies will be distributed
- Please check the maps – some locations have changed
- New fields
- Problem at any field: please contact Eric Johnson



Field B

Field C

Field A

Field D

No Parking Area (Blue)

Gravel walkway to fields

Please Park Here (Yellow)

Spinning Wheel Road (Entrance to Duncan Fields)

Ogden Avenue

I-294

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Imagery Date: Oct 11, 2007

41°49'08.42" N 87°55'02.68" W

www.aysoHinsdale.org



Play/No Play Notification

- Every day a new message is posted to our local website: www.aysohinsdale.org
- Please check our website daily for the field status
- Text alert system, sign up link is on our website (www.aysohinsdale.org)
- Cancellation can be due to current weather conditions, or poor field conditions
- If weather conditions change quickly, use your judgment
- When fields are closed, you cannot practice



Volunteer Training

- All coaches and referees must be registered and trained
- Coach training available in Hinsdale:
 - U6: Monday, August 29
 - U8: Tuesday, August 30
 - U10: Wednesday, August 31
 - U12: Sunday, September 11
 - U14: Intermediate Coach (available outside our region)
 - U19: Advanced Coach (inquire about availability)
- Referee training available in Hinsdale:
 - U8: Saturday, August 27
 - Basic (U9 and above): Tuesday, August 30
- If you cannot attend a local training class, please contact Alan Zhang or Cliff Vachlon for possible alternative training dates in other regions



Training (cont.)

- Safe Haven is an on-line course that is required for all coaches and referees
 - Revised this year
 - Combined course for both Coaches and Referees
 - www.aysotraining.org
- A parent cannot just “jump in” to help
- They must be trained and certified, otherwise they are not covered by our insurance



A few words from our Safety Officer – Jennifer Pohlenz

- Injury & Death avoidable
- Zack Tran died in 2003 as result of unsecured goal at age 6
- anchoredforsafety.org lists 36 deaths and 56 injuries related to moveable soccer goals in the U.S. between 1979 and 2011
 - Zack Tran's death was one of four incidents in Illinois, including a 1998 accident that left a 9-year-old Deerfield boy with serious facial injuries
- Zack's Law signed by Illinois Governor Quinn August 2011
- The Movable Soccer Goal Safety Act requires movable goals to be anchored



Safety

- #1 rule: Please do not let the kids climb on the goals
- Please notify us of any unsafe field conditions
- Cause of most injuries: unsecured/unanchored goals
- Coaches and referees: please inspect the fields before practices and games
 - Field Inspection & Hazards Checklist provided
 - See Quick Reference Guide



Other Safety Reminders

- Players cannot wear any jewelry (watches, earrings, etc.) – must be removed and not taped over
- No casts or splints
- Glasses are OK
- **No dogs allowed at any fields**
- No slide tackling for U12 and younger
- Lightning detection system in Hinsdale
- Must have 2 adults present at all times, one of whom must be a registered/trained/certified coach
- You should never be alone with a child
- You should have an adult present of the same gender as your team



Other Items

- Each player must have a uniform
- During cooler weather warm clothes may be worn underneath the uniform
- **Please make sure the fields are clean before you leave** – assign a parent to be responsible each week
- Snacks
- Games must start and end on time
- Coach bags now contain first aid supplies, referee cards and flags, a stopwatch, extra game cards, etc.



Procedures for Injuries and Incidents

- There is an AYSO Incident Report Form on our website on the Coaches page
- Fill it out in the event of:
 - Personal injury
 - Damaged property
- Contact Birdie Chow at commissioner@aysohinsdale.org



Referees

- Each team should have a referee
- Coaches: we ask for your help in recruiting
 - Ask the parents on your team
 - Ask the older siblings of your team members (age 10+)
 - Tell the parents: if the coach is also the referee, then there can be no coach during the game
- Referees are to control the games
- Be respectful
- Referees have the final say
- If you disagree with a call, handle it in an appropriate manner after the game – do not interrupt the game unless there is an imminent safety concern
- Youth referee program



“Parent Management”

- Remember: the primary objective of AYSO is for the kids to have fun in a safe environment
- Recommend holding a Parent and player meeting
- Kids Zone pledge form – you don't need to return them to us
- Be aware that the kids are always watching – set an example
- No yelling, no inappropriate language
- We take all complaints seriously and follow up on all of them



Communication with Parents

- We have the ability to send email blasts directly to the parents
- However, we have MANY invalid email addresses in eAYSO
- Please log into www.eayso.org and verify that your email address is correct
- Encourage the parents on your team to do the same



EXTRA Program

- Program Coordinator - Sue Gould
- New Pilot Program
 - U9 Girls – 1 team
 - U10 Boys – 3 teams
- EXTRA teams play in travel leagues
 - girls in IWSL
 - boys in NISL
- Concurrent to Standard Program



Professional Trainers

- Standard Program Trainers
 - Alex Garvey
 - Lloyd Martin
- EXTRA Program
 - Sarah Harvey
 - Ross Joyce
- We are looking for host families
 - if you are interested please contact George Vesely at protrainercoordinator@aysohinsdale.org



Professional Trainers (cont.)

- Opportunity for teams to have at least two practice sessions co-led by a trainer
- Coaches **MUST** attend weekday practice sessions **with their team**
- One session has already been scheduled for you during your normal practice day and time
- All weekday practice sessions will take place at Veeck Park



Professional Trainers (cont.)

- Re-schedule, cancellation and make-up policies – refer to schedule – George’s contact info provided
- Training sessions start Sept. 6th
- Your folder contains only first 3 of 8 week schedule
- After tonight’s meeting the entire schedule will be posted online – you can sign up for one more session via email
- The schedule will be updated and posted on our website



Professional Trainers (cont.)

- Any open time slots are available to any team
 - 7pm slot most under-utilized
- First come, first served
- Limit is two teams per practice slot, except U14 where the limit is one team
- If you want to join a team already on the schedule, make sure the age is within one or two years of your division
- You can mix girls and boys teams, also following the age guidelines



Team Share Sites from Shutterfly

- Each team will be able to set up their own website
 - Coach must be registered in the current year
 - Coach must have a valid email address
- You will receive an email from our National office with set-up instructions
- Free and easy to use
- Sites are private, you can share schedules and photos



AYSO Night at Chicago Fire Game

- Sunday, September 25th
- Flyers are included in your coach folders
- First 30 paid kids will be in the Tunnel of Fire



AYSO Night at Hinsdale Central

- To be announced



Indoor Soccer

- Westmont Yard
- Located at 63rd Street and Cass Avenue
- More information: www.westmontyard.com



Videos

<http://www.thefa.com/video/FA/Respect2RaysFilm>

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UzqpgS8g_k0

<http://www.thefa.com/RESPECT>



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A word from Mike Wiggins



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Coach Gift
pick up on way out
along with corner flags



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Questions?