

To the Parents of Current AYSO U8 and U9 Girls Players:

We wanted to make you aware of an exciting new soccer opportunity that will be available to your daughter for the Fall 2011/Spring 2012 playing year.

Our region has been granted permission from the AYSO National Office to pilot a program called EXTRA. This new program will be in addition to the standard AYSO program which has been in place in our region for over 30 years. EXTRA is designed to provide a more challenging level of play for those players who possess the appropriate interest, skills and abilities and to enhance each player's experience and individual growth through the game of soccer while retaining the spirit and organization of AYSO.

The EXTRA program will be run quite differently compared to the standard program. Here are some of the highlights:

- We will have only two EXTRA teams next year, one for U9 (traditional 3<sup>rd</sup> grade) girls and one for U10 (traditional 4<sup>th</sup> grade) girls; if the program is successful we will most likely roll it out across more divisions in future years.
- Each team will consist of 11 players (games are 7v7).
- The selection of these players will be done via a tryout conducted by independent evaluators. The evaluators will be provided by UK Soccer, the organization that provides our professional trainers.
- Any player who does not make an EXTRA roster is guaranteed a position on a team in the standard program in AYSO Region 210.
- Starting in the fall, the EXTRA teams will each have two 90-minute practice sessions per week, all led by professional trainers from UK Soccer.
- Each team will also have a highly qualified volunteer parent as its coach.
- The two teams will play their Fall 2011 and Spring 2012 games as a part of IWSL (Illinois Women's Soccer League). This is the same organization in which many of the girls' travel/club teams participate.

Because of the increased costs (e.g., professional training and participation in IWSL), the player fee for EXTRA is higher than the standard program. For the Fall 2011/Spring 2012 playing year the EXTRA player fee will be \$650.

If your daughter is interested in being considered for EXTRA, please do the following:

- Follow all of the steps on our registration checklist found at <http://www.aysohinsdale.org/Docs/RegistrationInstructions.pdf> (all players must first apply to our standard program). The \$95 registration fee for our standard program will be applied to the EXTRA player fee if your child is selected for this program.
- Plan to attend tryouts on either Saturday, June 4 (2 pm – 3:30 pm) or Monday, June 6 (6 pm – 7:30 pm); attendance at one of these tryout dates is required.

You will be contacted in mid-May regarding registration procedures for the tryouts.

Please note that this email was not intended to cover all information regarding EXTRA. We know that you will have questions about the program and we encourage you to email us for additional information. We are pleased to offer this exciting opportunity to your daughter and hope that you will consider it when evaluating playing opportunities for next year. We look forward to hearing from you.

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