

What is the Select Program?

Select is a program open to all players who are registered for the current fall season in the 10U and 12U divisions. This is an opportunity for players to improve their skills in a more competitive environment. All of the teams that play in the Spring Select are competitive teams and the level of play is high. Players are typically in better condition, the game is more physical and players are expected to be committed to improving their fitness and their skills.

The Spring Select Season runs from January through March, culminating with the Kirk Banks Tournament. Practice for the spring season can begin once rosters are confirmed. All select teams are expected to play in the Kirk Banks Tournament and the Rainbow Tournament. See "Expected travel and tournaments" below for more dates and details.

Gold Team

Only Fall Select coaches are eligible for the Gold Spring coach position. **The Gold team will comprise of the region's top players as evaluated by the gold team coach.** When evaluating the gold coach's application, the AYSO Select Committee will assess the coach's commitment to their team, the region, and the AYSO philosophies. The AYSO Select Committee will determine if there are enough qualified candidates to field multiple gold teams. The goal is to have at least one gold team per division/gender.

Applications

Applications can be found on the region 769 website. **Applications are due on November 15, 2025.** Any coach that submits an application after the due date will automatically be placed on the coaching waitlist. Coaches on the waitlist will not be guaranteed a team but may be offered an assistant coaching position.

Player Selection

For 10U and 12U boys and girls, we will have a player showcase at Waipio Soccer Complex. Showcase is voluntary, but it is an additional way for the Select Coaches to see the players. **The Select Coaches looking to fill their roster will run the Player Showcase for their respective division/gender.**

Fall Select Players are not guaranteed a spot on a Spring Select Team. All players must be selected by a coach. Any player not selected for a Spring Select Team will be placed on a core team. Each coach is looking for different things. Factors that often play a part in selection include skill, sportsmanship, team participation, speed, effort, an understanding of the game, attendance and participation in fall training, positional needs of the team and team chemistry. Each team needs referees to be eligible for tournaments. It is possible that a player can be selected because one of their parents is a referee. **All gold teams will be required to have a certified referee crew at the start of the spring season. All silver teams must have a certified referee crew by the Kirk Banks Tournament.**

Criteria for the Select Season

COACHES: All interested coaches must fill out an application PRIOR TO THE DEADLINE detailing their experience and acknowledgement of the commitments if selected. All coaches must register as an AYSO volunteer, have completed the appropriate coaching class level to their age group, AYSO Safe Haven training, Sudden Cardiac Arrest, SafeSport, and the CDC concussion training (the latter four available online.) Coaches have until the start of the season to complete the required coach training. **Any coach that does not complete the required training will be asked to vacate their team.**

COMMITMENT: A high level of commitment is expected from the coaches, players, and the parents. Select is for motivated and enthusiastic coaches. Other obligations **MUST** be included in the application if known or anticipated (ie coaching other teams). All teams are expected to participate in the Kirk Banks Tournament and Rainbow Tournament. Select coaches may be asked to mentor/support coaches in our core program and support AYSO board activities as requested. You will be required to have representation at select coach's meetings during the spring select season.

REQUIREMENTS: Coaches are required to keep open communication with the regional board and select coordinator. It is expected that coaches will provide email responses in a timely manner. Coaches must attend all select meetings. Coaches must be registered as an AYSO volunteer and obtain the necessary coaching certifications prior to the start of the select season. Failure to meet these requirements will result in forfeiture of your select team.

Calendar of events preceding the Select Season

November 15, 2025: Select applications are due

December 6, 2025: Player Showcase, Waipio Soccer Complex (Field and Time TBD)

December 8, 2025: Final Gold Select Roster Due

December 13, 2025: Final Silver Select Roster Due

Expected travel and tournaments

Select games are on Saturdays and may be played away from Waipio Soccer Complex. Previous select seasons have had games in Kailua, Kaneohe, Diamond Head, Mililani, Pearl City, and Honolulu.

Select team tournaments:

Kirk Banks Tournament. Waipio Soccer Complex 3/21-3/24 (dates are tentative). **STRONGLY RECOMMENDED**

Mililani Summer Classic. Mililani 5/26-5/28 (dates are tentative). **OPTIONAL**

Rainbow Tournament. Waipio Soccer Complex 7/4-7/7 (dates are tentative). **STRONGLY RECOMMENDED**

Volcano Tournament. Hilo 6/20-6/23 (dates are tentative). **OPTIONAL**