



Vision

To provide world class youth soccer programs that enrich children's lives.

Mission

AYSO is a nationwide non-profit organization that develops and delivers quality youth soccer programs in a fun, family environment based on AYSO's Six Philosophies:

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AYSO's philosophies are living tenets that separate it from other sports organizations. They are Everyone Plays®, Balanced Teams, Open Registration, Positive Coaching, Good Sportsmanship and Player Development.



Everyone Plays®

Our program's goal is for kids to play soccer so we mandate that every player on every team must play at least 50% of every game. It's no fun to spend the game on the bench... and that's no way to learn soccer!

Balanced Teams

Each year we form new teams as evenly balanced as possible because it's more fun and a better learning experience when teams of similar ability play. It allows for each player to gain the experience of a wide variety of teammates of different skill levels.

Open Registration

Our program is open to all children between 4 and 19 years of age who want to register and play soccer. Interest and enthusiasm are the only criteria for playing. There are no elimination try-outs and nobody gets cut.

Positive Coaching

Encouragement of player effort provides for greater enjoyment for the players and leads to better-skilled and better-motivated players. A coach can be one of the most influential people in a child's life, so AYSO requires them to create a positive experience for every boy and girl.

Good Sportsmanship

We strive to create a positive environment based on mutual respect rather than a win-at-all-costs attitude, and our program is designed to instill good sportsmanship in every facet of AYSO.

Player Development

We believe that all players should be able to develop their soccer skills and knowledge to the best of their abilities, both individually and as members of a team, in order to maximize their enjoyment of the game.

Schedule Fall

4U Playground, Mondays at 6 pm, 9/13 through 10/18

5U Schoolyard, Tuesdays at 6 pm, 9/14 through 10/19

Tentative Schedule Spring

4U Playground, Mondays at 6 pm, 4/11 through 5/23

5U Schoolyard, Tuesdays at 6 pm, 4/12 through 5/24

Picture Day, Saturday, May 7

Team Communication

Choose a group communication method for your team

Email, FB Messenger, WhatsApp, Band.us, TeamLinkt

Make sure every player knows how to reach you

Uniforms

Every player is required to wear shin guards fully covered by tall socks.

Players should bring their own ball, size 3.

If you don't get your uniforms today a uniform pickup event will be scheduled before your first night so that everyone will have their uniform kit for the first night.

Players: Jersey, Shorts, Socks

Coach: Jersey

Cleats, while not required, if they are worn they must be soccer cleats, no baseball or football cleats are allowed.

No watches, or jewelry can be worn by players at any time.

Field Assignments

You will use the three small fields, 10, 11, & 12.

Shed

There is Playground and Schoolyard equipment in the shed, the one with the normal door.

Door Code: 9273

Never leave this door unlocked and unattended. There is a lot of supplies and equipment in this shed that would be devastating to the program if stolen.

Equipment

*Binder - Make sure this is with you at the fields

*First Aid Kit - Refill items are in the shed

*Pinnies

*Cones

*Stopwatch

Whistle

Soccer Ball

*Marked items need to be returned at the end of spring

Program Manuals

I have included the manual for each program. These show the official way AYSO wants the programs to run each week. These will spell everything out for you. However, each coaching team is welcome to change things up, except for when to start playing 3v3 scrimmages.

You have all gone through the online training, but please make sure you read through the manual

Parent Orientation

There is a guide for this meeting in the manual. It is important to have this parent meeting to set expectations. Parents should be helping their own player with the activities. You want to set expectations for parents, players, and yourself. This is also a good time to assign a parent to the snack schedule duties.

4U Playground

Officially a six week program. We will do six fall and six/seven spring sessions.

You can split the group and rotate fields for activities.

While not part of the official program, starting in the spring you may play some 3v3 scrimmages.

Use the pinnies to make teams.

5U Schoolyard

Officially an eight week program. We will do six fall and six/seven spring sessions.

Feel free to mix all players up using pinnies if needed.

The "Big Game" of 3v3 scrimmages officially begins on week six.

Field Care/Closures

Remember that you are on TK Schools property, respect the school property.

Clean up after yourselves.

The soccer programs spend large sums of money each season for upkeep and improvement of the fields. Please treat them like you would your own lawns.

Occasionally there will be alerts sent out, closing some fields. This may be due to very wet conditions or even standing water. If it is only select fields then an email will be sent to coaches. If there is a total field closure, emails will be sent to all players.

Goal Safety

The goals are heavy objects, even the small ones. Do not allow anyone to climb or hang on the goals or nets. If you see this behaviour please step in to teach safe goal behaviour.

Medical Emergency

Call 911 if there is a medical emergency on the fields

Soccer Fields at Thornapple Kellogg Middle School

10375 Green Lake Rd

Middleville, MI 49333

Weather Policies

The safety of our players and their families are of paramount importance to AYSO. The following weather policies are in place to promote the safety of our players, volunteers, and spectators.

Rain

Having Playground/Schoolyard programs in the rain is up to the coaches discretion.

Thunder/Lightning

If thunder is heard or lightning is seen all AYSO activities are to be suspended immediately and shelter should be sought. Activities may begin again 30 minutes after the last thunder is heard or lightning is seen.

Cold

When temperatures are around 50° the Regional Commissioner will make a decision in regards to playing or not. However coaches can call off a night if they feel it would be too cold.

Heat

Heat Index around 95° and above extra caution will be needed to make sure players are hydrating. The Regional Commissioner will make a decision in regards to games and practices. Like all physical exertion activities, players are encouraged to bring proper hydrating fluids with them to all games and practices.

Activity Cancellation

If a Playground/Schoolyard night is cancelled then a makeup day can be set. In the fall you may add one week to the schedule. You may also schedule a makeup night on Thursday or Friday, or Saturday morning.

If you alert the Coach Administrator of the cancellation and makeup they can add it to the calendar for the automated email reminders to parents.