



Spring Select League Guidelines

<u>Article 1 – Spring Select Committee</u>

Spring Select Coach Selection Committee will consist of:

- a. Spring Select Coordinator
- b. Regional Referee Administrator
- c. Regional Coach Administrator
- d. Division Coordinator per division
- e. A board member of the RC's choosing
- f. In the event that a board member in a role listed in a thru e, or the spouse of such, is applying for Spring Select Coach, that person may not be in the room nor part of the discussion.
- g. In the event of conflict of interest, another board member may take one of the voting roles upon agreement of the Regional Commissioner (RC)
- h. The RC will be the moderator of the Selection Committee

Article 2 - Coaches

- A. Coaches must be certified to coach in the division in which they are applying to coach.
- B. Receiving a red card may result in the exclusion of a coach from participating in the Spring Select League
- C. Coaches must be willing and able to travel.
- D. Coaches must be available for possible night games.
- E. Interested Coaches must submit application by the application deadline.
- F. The selection of multiple coaches will be determined by the Spring Select Committee
- G. In the event that no coaches apply for a division, the Spring Select Committee may choose to invite a coach or assistant coach to take a team.
- H. In the event the Spring Select Committee does not identify a suitable coach from the applications received, the Spring Select Committee believes it is prudent to select an alternative candidate
- I. Coaches must complete all volunteer requirements and their role must be submitted to and approved by the national office of AYSO during the previous fall season.
- J. RC has final approval. The RC will be the moderator of the Spring Select Committee and can cast the deciding vote.

Article 3 - Assistant Coaches

- A. Assistant coaches must be certified to coach in the division they're invited to assist. Assistant coaches must complete all volunteer requirements.
- B. The Spring Select Committee reserves the right to deny a volunteer in the assistant coach role.





Article 4 – Eligible Players

- A. All Spring League players must have been registered during the previous "regular fall season" and have played in at least 50% of all scheduled games unless out for injury.
- B. All Spring League players will play in the division in which they played during the "regular fall season", unless they were requested to "play up" by the Regional Board.
- C. If player was selected and declined, player may not play for any spring select team.
- D. If player was not selected in the division which they played in the fall season, they may be selected in a higher division with spring select committee approval.
- E. Players will be selected by the coach of the Spring League team for that division.
- F. Maximum of 10 players for division U10, 12 players for U12 and 15 players for U14 teams, and 18 players for both U16 and U19 teams (max of 22 with approval from Regional Commissioner)
- G. Player eligibility will be verified by the Regional Commissioner and/or Spring Select Committee.
- H. Players and parents will be required to sign and abide by a Code of Conduct Contract
- I. Players or parents who violate this contract may be removed from the team and forfeit any funds paid into the team's account.

Article 5 - Teams

- A. Based on fall enrollment, the Spring Select Committee will determine how many teams to form.
- B. If only one team coach can choose anyone from that division and submit list to RC for approval.
- C. If more than 1 team coaches will submit a list to RC for approval
- D. If the RC decides to participate in Area Spring League, these games take precedence over other tournament play. A team not playing its scheduled league game will forfeit the game and become ineligible for play-offs or awards.
- E. Each team will be responsible for providing referees
- F. Upon final approval by the RC, each player's family must hold a volunteer role in the team.
- G. If more than one coach is selected for the Spring Select League, the Spring Select Committee shall decide how to form the teams
- H. The coaches will be informed of team formation prior to open the application process.

Article 6 – Process for Selected Coaches

- A. Coaches will attend a Coach meeting.
- B. Coaches will provide a list of potential players for approval by the RC.
- C. RC will reply within no more than a week.
- D. Coaches will NOT approach players and parents until allowed to do so by the RC
- E. Coaches may be disqualified from participating in the Spring League Program should they disregard any of these guidelines.





Article 7 - Spring Select League Staff

- B. Spring Select Coordinator: A qualified board member with sufficient experience to run the Spring Select program.
 - 1. Responsible for ensuring all rules are followed.
 - 2. Reports only to the regional commissioner.
- C. Treasurer
 - 1. Responsible for keeping books on all Spring League teams.
 - 2. Reports to Spring League Coordinator.
 - 3. Will coordinate all team finances, i.e. will not issue checks to pay for tournament fees if conflict exists with league play, etc.
 - 4. Team financial record books will be audited by League Treasurer at his/her discretion
- D. Secretary (optional)
 - 1. Takes meeting notes for all spring select meetings
 - 2. Reports to Spring League coordinator
- E. Publicity (optional)
 - 1. Handles publicity for Spring Select League fund raisers/sponsors and other publicity as required
 - 2. Reports to Spring League coordinator
- F. Regional Board Members performing their regular functions during Spring Select League Season.
 - a.Regional Commissioner
 - b.Safety Director
 - c.Regional Coach Administrator
 - d.Regional Referee Administrator
 - e.Purchasing Administrator

Article 8 - Registration

- A. All participants must fill out a new registration form for Spring Select League
- B. Players may sign up after their last fall league game.
- C. Team rosters must be approved by the Regional Commissioner prior to the teams' first practice.
- D. All roster changes (adds, drops, etc.) must be approved by the Regional Commissioner and/or Spring Select Coordinator.

Article 9 - Sponsors

- A. Teams may solicit sponsors for Spring Select League.
- B. Sponsorships requiring a proof of donation via a Tax ID form must be sponsoring a full team. Individual players sponsorships do not qualify for proof of donation via a Tax ID form.
- C. More than one sponsor is allowed per Spring Select League team.
- D. Make all checks payable to: American Youth Soccer Organization





Article 10 - Fundraisers

- A. The Spring Select League, i.e. all teams, all divisions, may hold fundraisers as a whole, in accordance with National Guidelines.
- B. Teams may hold individual fund raisers for a specific purpose, to raise money for tournament fees, sweat suits, ball bags, etc. Fundraisers must be approved by the Spring League Coordinator and the Regional Commissioner. A fundraiser request form must be submitted and approved prior to starting any fundraising.
- C. If the fund-raising activity fails to raise the necessary amount, the players' parents will be responsible for supplying the additional amount needed. Monetary responsibility will be distributed equally among the parents.
- D. All players on a team must share equally the benefit and the burden of the fundraiser regardless of their participation in the event.
- E. ALL FUNDS received by a team must be deposited with the Spring Select League Treasurer prior to any and all disbursements.
 - 1. Accepted forms of payment will be determined by the Region.

Article 11 - Funds Roll-Over

- A. Any team funds remaining in the team's account at the conclusion of the Spring League Program will be returned to the general Spring Select League fund for the following year. This will help offset the initial starting costs for the next Spring League season.
 - 1. Any sponsorship funds remaining in the team's account may be transferred to another Spring Select team in the same year at the discretion of the coach and approved by the RC and/or SSC
- B. All funds left over in the teams' account, may be disbursed evenly to all players following these guidelines:
 - 1. Distribution must be done evenly amongst remaining approved players
 - 2. Cash refunds are not permitted.
 - 3. Gift cards may be approved at the discretion of the RC and/or Spring Select Coordinator
 - 4. Parents must confirm receipt of funds via a signed receipt form.
- C. Players may drop from the program at any time. However, there are no refunds.

<u>Article 12 – National Games</u>

A. In the years that there are National Games, pursuant to the National Games Guidelines, it is in the discretion of the RC which teams to choose to participate.

ARTICLE 13 - Compliance with National Guidelines

All aforementioned Articles are in compliance with the AYSO National Rules and Regulations.