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1.0 Refunds

- 1.1 Full Refunds will be issued if requested by July 31, less \$25 non-refundable fee. If a refund is requested between August 1 and August 31, fifty percent of the registration fee will be refunded. No refunds will be issued after September 1.

2.0 Registration

- 2.1 The registration fee for each player participant shall be fixed annually by the Regional Board.
- 2.2 The Regional Commissioner may, by specific grant or scholarship, or by Regional policy, waive such registration in whole or in part with respect to any participant if such fee would create a hardship for such participant or his or her family. The Regional Commissioner shall issue any grants or scholarships in a uniform and consistent manner.

3.0 Player Eligibility

- 3.1 All boys and girls, of the ages of 4 through 18, based on their age as of the 31st of December of the year in which the season begins, shall be eligible to register for the season, subject to field availability, volunteer support, AYSO operating regulations, and such rules as may be issued by the Regional Board.
- 3.2 Region 18 will offer U19B and U19G (19 years and under) divisions instead of U18B and U18G (18 years and under) divisions prescribed by AYSO. For 2017 these divisions would include players born in 1999. In future years, these divisions would include players born the year prior to the year listed for the U18 divisions on ayso.org
- 3.3 When the number of children who register exceeds the level of volunteer support, it will be necessary to create divisional “waiting lists”. Region 18’s policy addressing this problem is:
 - 3.3.1 The children of region volunteers and children who themselves are volunteers, prior to the last day of registration, will be given first priority to be placed on a team. If there is no space available on any team in the division, they will be placed on the division waiting list for the first available space.
 - 3.3.2 Children of non-volunteers registered on or before the close of early registration will have the second highest priority. If there are more children on this division’s waiting list than there are player positions available, a lottery will be held to place children on a division’s waiting list.
 - 3.3.3 Children who are registered after the close of early registration will automatically be wait listed for their specific division. No child in this group will be placed on a team until all children who were registered timely have been placed on teams. The late registration wait list is filled on a first come/first served basis.
 - 3.3.4 Wait listed players will be placed on a first-come, first-serve basis until team formation.
 - 3.3.5 After team formation, wait listed players will be placed according to need. A player who drops from a team can only be replaced by a wait listed player of a similar skill level.

4.0 Additional Board Positions

- 4.1 The Regional Commissioner may create, designate, or appoint, such other voting board, or non-voting staff, positions including one or more Assistant Regional Commissioners, a Regional Secretary, Regional Director of Coach Instruction, a Regional Director of Referee Instruction, a Director of Referee Assessment, Age Division Directors, a Regional Fields Director, a Regional Registrar, a Youth Player Representative, a Director of Public Relations, a Sponsor Coordinator, a Director of Purchasing, Directors of Special Events, and such other positions as the Regional Commissioner may from time-to-time deem

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desirable. In addition, there may be such members-at-large as the Regional Commissioner may designate. Board descriptions can be found on ayso.org.

5.0 Voting Quorum and Proxy

- 5.1 Meeting quorum for all official decisions/votes is attendance of 50% +1 of the Voting Board Members; at least 25% must be represented live with the remainder carried into the meeting as Proxies for specific topics. Decisions of the Regional Board shall be made by a majority vote of the Voting Board Members in attendance. The RC may veto any board decision if the effect of such decision would be illegal or violate any of the National AYSO operating regulations. Such veto may be reviewed by the Area Director on request of a 1/3 vote of the Voting Board Members. Approval of board meeting minutes can occur with a 25% quorum and $\geq 50\%$ majority vote of the voting Board Members in attendance.
- 5.2 Board members who cannot attend a scheduled meeting can vote on issues by Proxy. Proxy votes are valid for predetermined issues and proxies can only be granted in advance. A board member's Proxy vote will be valid only if he or she notifies both the RC and board in writing at least 24 hours ahead of the meeting. To be valid, this notification must include a description of the topic, the name of the Board member holding that proxy, and her or his vote. Proxies represented by live Board members at a meeting will count towards the quorum for the named topic.

6.0 Team Assignments

- 6.1 Team assignments of players shall be supervised by the Division Commissioner ("DC") of each Division in accordance with the following guidelines. Every attempt shall be made to balance the skill level of teams within each division. For U5 through U8 teams, the Division Commissioner, in conjunction, if he or she so desires, with the recommendations of a committee of coaches in that division, shall assign players to teams. For U10, U12, U14, U16 and U19 teams, the DC will organize a draft for teams, which may be either blind or competitive. Retention of players on any team shall be limited to the head coach's child(ren). Once teams are formed, no transfer of any player from one team to another may be made without the approval of the coaches of both teams involved, the Division Commissioner, the Regional Commissioner and the parent or guardian of the player(s). DCs may determine whether tryouts are necessary in their division to assist in the goal of balanced teams, although tryouts are discouraged in U5 through U8. DCs who hold drafts must take every reasonable step to provide player evaluations at least two weeks before the draft to the coaches who will participate in the draft. DCs should impress upon coaches that player evaluations and player rankings are confidential, and particularly not to be shared with players.
- 6.2 Family members in the same division may request to play on the same team and every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate that request unless in the judgment of the DC, such placement would result in an imbalanced team. Otherwise, only practice day or time conflicts as indicated on a player's registration form will be considered, if possible. All personal requests (e.g. same team as friend, place with a specific coach) written on forms for divisions U19 to U10 will be ignored. Personal requests for players in divisions U5 through U8 will be considered but not guaranteed.
 - 6.2.1 Mental or physical handicap. Such players may play down one division only, unless there is a chance of injury to other players due to size differential.
 - 6.2.2 In U7/U8 divisions only, the Region allows siblings in U7 to play up in U8 to be with a sibling. This is because the Region splits U8 into U7 and U8, while the National age group covers both. This is not allowed across any other divisions and applies only to siblings.
 - 6.2.3 Second year U14's or U16's players may be allowed to play up in U16 or U19, respectively, if they are going into or are already attending High

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School, and if their birthday falls in August through December 31, so they may be with their peers.

7.0 Team Roster Size, Team Game Size, and Game Duration

7.1 Division Max Team Size

- 7.1.1 U5 8
- 7.1.2 U6 8
- 7.1.3 U7 10
- 7.1.4 U8 10
- 7.1.5 U10 11
- 7.1.6 U12 14
- 7.1.7 U14 14
- 7.1.8 U16/19 22

7.2 Division Game Size

- 7.2.1 U5 6v6
- 7.2.2 U6 6v6
- 7.2.3 U7 8v8
- 7.2.4 U8 8v8
- 7.2.5 U10 9v9
- 7.2.6 U12 11v11
- 7.2.7 U14 11v11
- 7.2.8 U16/19 11v11

7.3 Minimum Players for Matches

- 7.3.1 U5-U8 – 3 players
- 7.3.2 U10 – 6 players
- 7.3.3 U12 – U19 – 7 players

7.4 Game Duration

- 7.4.1 Duration of games is in accordance with National Rules and Regulations, except U6, which will have two 15 minute halves (instead of two 10 minute halves).

7.5 Participation

- 7.5.1 Every U14 or younger player present at the beginning of a game shall be entitled to play three quarters (3/4) of every game. Players arriving after the first quarter of the game may be limited to playing one-half of the time they are at the game.
- 7.5.2 Each player is strongly urged to attend every team practice. Players who miss practices regularly may have his/her playing time limited to one-half (but not less than one-half) of a game. Such missed practices must be reported to the DC, ARC and RC if a request is made to reduce playing time. If the ARC and RC agree that playing time should be reduced, the parent must be informed by the DC at least one week in advance of the game in which playing time is reduced and the referee must be informed about the reduced playing time before the start of the game. The Referee will note this reason for reduced playing time on the game card.
- 7.5.3 Goalkeepers will be allowed in U7 and above.

8.0 Length of Season and Cancellation of Games

- 8.1 The season shall be of such duration as determined annually by the Regional Board. Inclement weather or poor field conditions may necessitate from time-to-time the postponement or cancellation of games. Postponement or cancellations that occur before the start of the match are done by the field owner, the Regional and/or the Assistant Regional Commissioner, or Divisional Commissioners.
- 8.2 Once the match starts, the referee responsible for the match determines if weather or field conditions pose a threat to the safety of the players. For U5 and U6 divisions, the

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Divisional Commissioner assumes this responsibility. The Region will try to keep the Region Web Site updated for closed fields. The Division Commissioner may attempt to reschedule postponed or cancelled matches.

9.0 Conduct

- 9.1 The highest standards of conduct and good sportsmanship must be maintained at all times by players, coaches, referees, spectators and all other participants. Offensive, insulting or abusive language is forbidden. The use of alcohol, tobacco products or illegal drugs in the vicinity of the playing field during practices or games is strictly forbidden. At the end of the game, the players on each team shall line up and shake hands with the players of the opposing team and thank the referee and assistant referees.
- 9.2 **Coaches** are expected to be positive and set the best possible example for the participants. Excessive coaching from the sidelines shall not be permitted, and the function of the coach should be to provide encouragement and a positive direction. Except in Divisions U5 and U6, the coach may enter the field of play only with the consent of the referee and may coach only within 10 yards in each direction from the half-way line of the field (in no event in either of the penalty areas or from behind the goals) and at least one yard away from the touchline. Coaches in Divisions U5 and U6 may be on the field. Coaches should make substitutions and rotate players into positions in an effort to avoid “running up” the score on an opponent. For competitive divisions, standings shall consist of only wins, losses and ties with no benefit derived from creating a large goal differential. There shall not be any specific penalty assessed in the event of a lopsided score; however the DC shall review various methods to avoid running up scores with the respective coach(es). Coaches should try to control the game so as not to run up the score. Repeat occurrences shall be referred to the RCA for further instruction. Ability to avoid running up scores on an opponent may be used as one criterion in selection of tournament and post-season coaches.
- 9.3 **Spectators** at games must remain behind the spectator control lines which are marked, as technically available, three yards from and parallel with the touch lines and between each penalty area. If the lines are not marked, Spectators shall still remain three yards from the touch line and between the penalty areas. Spectator’s vocal efforts should be limited to positive compliments to the participants. Under no circumstances should spectators attempt to coach (i.e., provide tactical instruction) or publicly utter remarks derogatory to players, coaches, other spectators, or the referee.
- 9.4 **Referees** have the responsibility to enforce the Laws of the Game. The referee shall have the power and authority to caution and send-off players; and dismiss coaches (as well as spectators, in the case of outside interference) from the playing area; or abandon the match if necessary, if anyone’s conduct violates the Laws of the Game, interferes with the course of play, or presents a possible dangerous situation to the players, coaches or spectators. No appeal of disciplinary action taken by a referee shall be allowed. A referee shall have the authority to warn or dismiss a coach if there is irresponsible behavior or misconduct by a coach or a coach does not control the behavior of her/his players or spectators before, during or after a match. A referee shall have the authority to warn and/or dismiss a spectator if the spectator interferes with play, or shows disrespect (dissent) towards the referee, coach or players. All misconduct shall be processed in accordance with the Laws of the Game.
 - 9.4.1 A player who is sent off (red card) or cautioned (yellow card) may be subject to additional disciplinary action (*e.g.*, parent conferences, game suspensions, expulsions) at the discretion of the Regional Board upon thorough review of the incident following the procedures outlined in Article 9 (Dispute Resolution). A coach, assistant coach, or spectator who is expelled from a game may also be subject to similar or additional disciplinary action at the discretion of the Regional Board upon thorough review of the incident following the procedures outlined in Article 9 (Dispute Resolution). All player send-offs, spectator or coach expulsions shall be investigated by the DC, but NO ACTION should be taken before

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consultation with the RRA (and the RCA in the case of coach expulsion), and approval of the RC (or designated ARC). Any player who is sent-off the field by a referee for a disciplinary reason is subject to an additional one or more game suspension. The same may be imposed upon a coach or spectator who is expelled from the field by a referee.

- 9.4.2 No protest of games shall be permitted. However, coaches are encouraged to advise the Regional Referee Administrator and Division Commissioner within 48 hours after a game of any misapplication by a referee of the Laws of the Game or rules and regulations. This procedure shall not be used as a means of complaining of, or criticizing, any judgment call of a referee or assistant referee. If, after investigation by the Regional Referee Administrator and the Director of Referee Assessment, it is found that a law, rule or regulation was misapplied, such referee shall be so informed in order to ensure that no further misapplication occurs.

9.5 Youth Referees

- 9.5.1 Region 18 has a zero tolerance policy, before, during, and/or after games, regarding negative comments to or publicly about Youth referees (those younger than 18 years of age) or their on-field performance, including their decisions (calls or non-calls). Concerns about the quality of Youth refereeing must be communicated directly to the Referee Administrator and Youth Referee Coordinator. Any critique or commentary regarding a Youth referee's performance shall only be communicated to the Youth referee by the Referee Administrator, a designated Referee Mentor or Referee Assessor, or the Youth Referee Coordinator. Any violation of this policy by a player, coach, or spectator will result in an automatic suspension of at least one game and such other disciplinary action as the Region 18 Executive Board deems appropriate.

9.6 Parental Participation

- 9.6.1 As AYSO is an "all-volunteer" Organization, each parent or guardian who has a player in the Region shall be strongly encouraged to volunteer his or her time and services in some way. The Region shall not reduce or eliminate the player fee based upon voluntary work done by a participant's parents or guardians, and shall not charge an additional fee to those parents of players who do not volunteer their services or who do not donate funds to the program. No player will be denied registration solely because one or both parents refuse to volunteer.

10.0 Region Referee Policy

- 10.1 The purpose of the Region Referee Policy is to ensure that the Region recruits, trains, certifies and develops an adequate number of volunteer referees to support the players in this region. Only AYSO certified referees may officiate (center referee) an AYSO sanctioned match. Games also require two Assistant Referees as described in The Laws of the Game. Division Commissioners shall assign a Division Referee Coordinator and Field Coordinator(s) to ensure that all games are staffed with qualified referees and fields are ready for play.

10.1.1 Team Referee Responsibilities

- 10.1.1.1 For Teams in U7 through U14, Division Commissioners must use the Region's approved on-line Referee Scheduling System ("RSS") to schedule referee assignments for their division, and their Division Referee Coordinator shall monitor and ensure that all matches are adequately covered for each week of the season. U16 and U19 referee assignments will also use the RSS, but will be manually assigned by the Regional Referee Administrator (or the Referee Scheduler, as designated by the RRA) based on available referees, qualifications and certification levels.

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- 10.1.1.2 In order to support the scheduling of referees, teams are required to provide referees and ensure the on-line RSS is properly updated to reflect referee coverage. The team's responsibility for supplying referees is complete when the on-line referee scheduling system indicates all three referees have been assigned.
 - 10.1.1.2.1 Each week, each designated Home team shall supply a qualified center referee and one qualified assistant referee for the game that immediately precedes their own game. The Home team for the first game of the day will supply a qualified center referee and one assistant referee for the last game of the day.
 - 10.1.1.2.2 Each week, each designated Visiting team shall supply one qualified assistant referee for the game that immediately precedes their own game. The Visiting team for the first game of the day will supply one qualified assistant referee for the last game of the day.
 - 10.1.1.2.3 If the game immediately preceding a referee's own child's game is fully staffed by a referee trio, that referee is encouraged to sign up for any other available slot for which the referee is qualified.
- 10.1.1.3 The Division Referee Coordinators and teams shall monitor the RSS to ensure games are properly covered. If an assigned referee cannot fulfill his or her assignment, he or she shall update the RSS and notify the respective head coach and the division's referee coordinator. The responsible team is still required to fill the referee position(s).
- 10.1.2 The Region may implement a team referee point system which tracks each team's compliance in fulfilling its team's referee responsibilities. The Region may implement a team penalty to teams that do not fulfill their referee responsibilities. The details of the point system and related penalties will be reviewed and voted on by the Region's Board and documented in the board minutes and communicated to all Division Commissioners before the start of each season.
- 10.1.3 The Referee Administrator and the Regional Referee Scheduler will monitor the Referee Scheduling System to ensure that referees are qualified for the level of the matches that they are assigned to officiate. The Region shall adhere to National AYSO referee guidelines with respect to the referee badge level that can provide (center) referee duties for each age division as indicated in table 10.4.1.
- 10.1.4 For all divisions U7 through U19, the Referee Administrator ("RRA") or the RRA's designee may adjust referee schedules as appropriate to further the development of the Region's referees, and in the case of U16 and U19, the Area's and Section's referees (e.g. assessments). Any adjustments made to the referee schedule shall be done in a manner that results in the minimal disruption to an individual referee's schedule and offers reasonable advance notice with the overriding goal of providing a sufficiently qualified referee and two assistant referees for every match in the Region. While these adjustments will override the standard method of teams providing referees to the game prior to their own, the Region still requires that every team U7 and above have qualified referees ready to fulfill the obligations described in this sections.
- 10.1.5 In the event that a properly certified center referee cannot be located, the coaches are instructed to:
 - 10.1.5.1 Notify the Division Referee Coordinator and Commissioner to resolve a lack of a qualified referee, and if after reasonable efforts,

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the deficiency is not resolved, then contact the Regional Commissioner and Regional Referee Administrator.

10.1.5.2 Abandon any game that does not have a certified and currently registered center referee.

10.2 Mentoring Program

10.2.1 The Director of Referee Assessment may implement a referee mentoring program in an effort to improve referee skills and knowledge, and to promote the advancement of the regions referees. The details of the Mentoring Program shall be documented and made available to all Region participants.

10.3 Referee Incentive Program

10.3.1 The Referee Administrator may implement a referee incentive program in an effort to recognize the of the region’s referees. The details of the referee incentive program shall be documented and made available to all Region participants.

10.4 The Referee Certification Levels

10.4.1 The following table outlines the minimum certification levels acceptable for center referees to participate under this program (Legacy Certification levels are also provided). Exceptions may be granted to individuals based on demonstrated performance or years of experience. Only exceptions approved by the Regional Referee Administrator, with input from the Regional Director of Referee Assessment, Regional Director of Referee Instruction, or Regional Commissioner will be recognized for this program.

Level of Play	Minimum AYSO Center Referee Certification
U7 and U8	U-8 Official
U10	Regional Referee
U12	Intermediate Referee (Area)
U14	Advanced Referee (Section)
U16 & U19	National Referee (N2 & N1)

Exceptions to the qualifications described above shall be permitted only with the approval of the Referee Administrator. These exceptions are generally only given for those referees who are in the badge upgrade process, or when no other viable options are available to have a game officiated by the appropriate level referee badge.

11.0 Coach Selection and Certification Levels

11.1 At least ten days prior to each divisions’ team formation date, the coaches will be recommended by the DCs for a specific division. The DCs will submit their lists of recommended coaches to the Coach Committee (RC, ARC, RA, applicable DC, and Coach Administrator) to determine eligibility for the current season for review and approval. Based up the decision of the Coach Committee, the RC shall provide all approved coaches’ names to the Regional Secretary for documentation purposes. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any Board member may review the list at any time (up to five days before that Division’s team formation) upon request to the Regional Secretary and any such member may request an additional review for any approved coach, which request for a vote must be accompanied by information as to why a vote is requested and shall be provided to the Secretary and the RC. The Coach Committee shall review the information and determine if the coach should still be considered as a recommended coach. If still recommended the Board Member may request the matter to be reviewed by the entire Board, and the Coach Committee recommendation can only be overturned by a two-thirds majority vote of the voting board members.

11.2 Coach Certification Levels

11.2.1 The following table outlines the minimum certification levels acceptable for coaches to participate in this program. (Note: Each Coach shall be Safe Haven certified before his or her first contact with the team or any team

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member.) In accordance with AYSO National Policy, there are no exceptions for coach certification. Any listed assistant coach for a team must also hold the minimum coach certification for that division.

Level of Play	Minimum AYSO Coach Certification
U5	U6 Coach
U6	U6 Coach
U7	U8 Coach
U8	U8 Coach
U10	U10 Coach
U12	U12 Coach
U14	Intermediate Coach
U16	Advanced Coach
U19	Advanced Coach

12.0 Facilities

12.1 In coordination with the Division Field Coordinators, it shall be the responsibility of both teams for the first game each day to set up the goals, flags and nets and properly line the field, and both teams for the last game of each day to take down (and properly store) the Field Lining equipment, goals, flags and nets. The DC shall make available to each coach the combination for any locks for sheds or other apparatus to ensure that the goals and equipment are properly stored or stowed. Each field shall be lined under the direction of the Regional Fields Director, and each group of fields shall be provided with a first aid kit. Every player, coach, parent and spectator is responsible to ensure that any trash at the field is properly disposed immediately after their game.

13.0 Sponsors

13.1 The Region encourages local businesses and individuals to support its program. Suitable recognition shall be given to them. All such contributions are considered charitable contributions and are deductible for U.S. tax purposes, subject to the applicable limitations in the Internal Revenue Code.

14.0 Equipment

14.1 The Region shall supply each player with a shirt with the original AYSO logo properly affixed thereto, a pair of socks, and shorts (and a goalkeeper jersey or pinnie for each team). Each player is expected to provide his/her own appropriate footwear and shin guards (and in the case of goalkeepers, goalkeeper gloves if so desired). No player may participate in a game without such shirt, socks, shorts, appropriate footwear and shin guards. Players may not wear jewelry of any kind (including chains, watches, body jewelry and earrings), or other ornamentation or anything else that is likely to cause risk of injury to himself or herself or to other players during the game, or practice. The game's referee shall make the final and uncontestable decision regarding the safety of any apparel or assistive devices (braces).

14.2 Medical information bracelets must be taped to the player's skin with the information visible. Prescription eyeglasses may be worn, but must remain firmly on the wearer's head or restrained by a strap. Hard casts (including padded casts), splints, helmets and hard padding are not permitted to be worn by a player during any game or practice. Players with permanent orthodontic braces are strongly encouraged to wear mouth guards. Players may wear orthopedic braces, provided that they are safe to all players.

15.0 Playoffs

15.1 Each division (U10 and older) will conduct a playoff tournament to determine a Regional champion to participate in the Area 1D tournament of champion teams; there are no playoffs or standings for U5 through U8 divisions. The format of the playoff tournament will be a double elimination tournament or a pool play format if the DC

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believes the pool format will streamline the playoff schedule for that specific division. The regular season shall be structured to maximize the number of games played prior to playoffs, within scheduling constraints. Regular season standings will be used (at most) as a means for seeding. Each playoff tournament shall be structured so that a team can only be eliminated from the playoffs after a minimum of two games. Deviations from the above policy must have the approval of the Regional Board.

15.2 For the determination of a winner in a game that cannot end in a tie, Region 18 adopts the following overtime rules.

15.2.1 If at the end of regulation play, the score is tied, two overtime periods of play shall be added. If at the end of the second overtime period, the score is still tied, a FIFA shootout (“kicks from the mark”) shall be used to determine the winner. (Note: FIFA rules indicate that only players on the field at the end of the second overtime period are eligible to participate in the shootout.)

15.2.2 Both overtime periods must be played in full. Each overtime period is to be treated as a game half. Every player must play at least one full overtime period.

15.2.3 The length of each overtime period shall be as follows:

15.2.3.1 U19 – 10 Minutes

15.2.3.2 U16 – 10 Minutes

15.2.3.3 U14 – 9 Minutes

15.2.3.4 U12 - 7 Minutes

15.2.3.5 U10 - 5 Minutes

16.0 Tournament Participation

16.1 Only coaches in good standing can form a team and enter an AYSO tournament. AYSO tournaments are listed on the AYSO Website, www.ayso.org, under Events/Tournaments/Calendar. Each individual tournament has its own set of rules which must be followed by the coach/team entering the tournament. The Tournament Coordinator can assist with identifying potential tournaments and with the application process (i.e. application, roster, Region check, referee form, etc.). The Region does not pay any tournament fees.

17.0 All-Star Selection

17.1 Eligible divisions will select one or more all-star teams to participate in the Area 1D all-star tournament; there are no all-stars for U5 through U8 divisions.

17.2 Each Head Coach in a Division nominates up to 3 player candidates for consideration, subject to additional nominations with the approval of the division commissioner and the Assistant Regional Commissioner or Regional Commissioner. "None" or less than three may be nominated. All field player candidates must be "A" rated players. Coaches should confirm the availability of these players to attend every all star game and most practices before nomination.

17.3 To be eligible for All Star competition a player must have played in at least half of the total number of league matches played by the team to which he/she was assigned during the regular season, except in the situation where the player is assigned in time to meet this requirement but is unable to play because of illness, injury, or a change of residence which causes a change of Region. Candidates are nominated on the basis of soccer skills and ability to be a team player, not because of any consideration regarding the player's parent(s), including whether the candidate is the coach's child.

17.4 The DC shall convene a meeting of all coaches in the Division and the Assistant Regional Commissioner or Regional Commissioner before the playoffs. The Regional Commissioner may attend the meeting. All coaches must provide the player evaluations to the DC prior to the meeting. At least 1/2 of the Division coaches are necessary for a quorum at this meeting, and a proxy can be given directly to the Assistant Regional Commissioner by a coach.

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- 17.5 The DC in consultation with Division coaches, and Regional Commissioner and/or Assistant Regional Commissioner should have an orderly plan for reviewing qualifications of the nominees (i.e., a reasonable process for explaining selection process to a disgruntled parent).
- 17.6 At the meeting, the coaches should review all nominees. Depending on the number of teams, the number of eligible top players should be the number of slots (team size multiplied by the number of teams) + 50%. (For example, if there are two teams of 11 players each allowed for the roster, the top 33 players should be identified for participation in All Stars. This allows for alternates should players not accept the appointment to the team.)
- 17.7 The selection should be done by secret ballot with each coach selecting his/her top picks as previously determined by the DC.
- 17.8 The total number of members of the All-Star team will be determined by Area 1-D tournament rules. As of 2015, Area 1-D permitted a maximum roster of 14 for 11 players on the field. The maximum roster size will carry through to Section, Quad-Section and, if available, National tournaments. Additional players to the maximum allowed on a roster may be named as substitutes, but after the first game of the Area tournament no substitute player may be substituted or added to the all-star roster.
- 17.9 The coaches at the meeting are responsible for selecting the "core" of the All-Star Team. Factors to be considered should be overall athletic ability, knowledge of the game, soccer skills and observed performance in the position normally played (coaches should balance their selection, e.g., 2 forwards, 2midfielders, 2 defenders, a sweeper and an "all around utility player"). Coaches will select the number of players indicated in the chart below.
- 17.10 The DC shall thereafter, with the approval of the Regional Commissioner and in consultation with Region Coach Administrator, shall select the All-Star Coach. If the DC wants to be considered for the All Star Coach, then the Regional Commissioner, Region Coach Administrator and Region Referee Administrator shall select the All-Star Coach. The All-Star Coach can be any qualified coach but will typically have a child on the list of nominees. The All-Star Coach's child may not be selected as an all-star unless he/she would otherwise qualify to be on the team. The All-Star Coach's child should not be selected because his/her parent is the coach. Only coaches with the appropriate credentials for the division within which they are coaching may be selected to coach, co-coach or assistant coach in All-stars. The coaches in the division may be asked for their opinion which may be taken into account.
- 17.11 The All-Star Coach selects the remaining players only from the list of Nominees according to his/her needs and philosophy.

TOTAL PLAYERS	COACHES SELECT	ALL-STAR COACH SELECTS
9, 10	8	remaining
11	9	2
12	10	2
13	11	2
14	12	2

Per Area 1 D requirements, if there is more than one All-Star team in a division, all teams must be balanced.

18.0 Spring League

- 18.1 Registration and Team Formation for the Spring League shall occur in the same manner as outlined in Article Registration and Team Formation for the Spring League shall occur in the same manner as outlined in Article Six, Paragraph 1. Teams shall be led by coaches in good standing, with appropriate age level coaching certification.