



# AYSO REGION 8 Team Parent Packet Fall 2025 Season

September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6:30pm-7:30pm

Welcome to the 2025 AYSO Region 8 Fall soccer season. Thank you for volunteering. You are very much appreciated! In order to have a great season, we've provided you with all the information you'll need including rules, guidelines, important dates, and suggestions. You should also view our Standard Regional Policies and Protocols and Region 8 Addendum found on our website.

Remember that we are all here for our children. We want them to make new friends, learn new skills, enjoy physical fitness and have fun. Be the example, as well as remind other parents, to practice respect and kindness to everyone on the field; from players to referees as well as the opposing team.

The Team Parent is the liaison between the region board and the team. You are a valuable part of the region and a big asset to your team. It is the responsibility of the Team Parent (you) to relate all important rules and information to the (team) parents and guardians of the players.

You are not expected to take on all the responsibilities. You are encouraged to delegate to other parents on your team to help you carry out those responsibilities. We, the region board and myself, are here to assist you with all the information you'll need to accomplish a smooth season. I am here to help guide and direct you as you manage your team. I've provided you with this Team Parent information packet. If, throughout the season, you cannot find answers to your questions in the information packet, then please don't hesitate to contact me.

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Team Parent Coordinator

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## IMPORTANT DATES:

DATE	EVENT	OTHER INFO
September 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Schedule released and posted on website	Team Parent to distribute to parents
September 6 <sup>th</sup>	First game of the season	
September 14 <sup>th</sup>	Regional Referee Training	Held at North Valley fields, 12940 Balboa Blvd Must complete online portion before attending.
September 21 <sup>st</sup>	All volunteer requirements for coaches and assistant coaches must be completed in order to qualify for playoffs. <b>NO EXCEPTIONS</b>	This Includes volunteer form, online background check, fingerprints, age specific coach training, safe haven, sudden cardiac arrest, concussion, and SafeSport. (pg 4 for details)
September 8 <sup>th</sup> to November 10 <sup>th</sup> – Monday nights only	Coach/Referee meetings	At the Rec Center from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
September 27 <sup>th</sup>	Picture Day	See page 8 for details.
September 29 <sup>th</sup>	Coaches must attend 1 <sup>st</sup> Monday night meeting on or by this date	
October 27 <sup>th</sup>	Coaches must attend 2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday night meeting on or by this date	
TBD	Picture Make Up Day	By the Green Bin at south parking lot
November 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Last Regular Season Games (6U & 8U)	Trophies will be given to coaches or team parents as long as division managers have received ratings from the coach. <b>No ratings, no trophies until ratings are received</b>
November 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Regional Playoffs for Divisions 10U, 12U and 14U	Must satisfy playoff requirements to participate. See page 9 for details
December 6 <sup>th</sup> and 7 <sup>th</sup>	Area Playoffs – Pool play for Divisions 12U and 14U	Must satisfy playoff requirements to participate. See page 9 for details.
December 13 <sup>th</sup>	Area Playoffs – Pool play for Division 10U	Must satisfy playoff requirements to participate. See page 9 for details.
December 14 <sup>th</sup>	Area Playoffs – Semi-Finals and Finals in 10U, 12U and 14U	Must satisfy playoff requirements to participate. See page 9 for details.

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As you know AYSO is an all-volunteer organization. Coaches, assistant coaches, referees, team parents, and board members are all volunteers. Parents, relatives, and friends lend their time and talents so that each region can function.

Volunteer registration is very important and mandatory to ensure our kids are in a safe environment. All coaches, assistant coaches, referees, team parents and Board members are required to complete a volunteer form every season.

#### TEAM PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

- COMPLETE volunteer registration via our region's website [www.ayso8.org](http://www.ayso8.org) (click "register now")
- COMPLETE Online Trainings (SafeHaven)
- Know your Division Manager (DM) and their contact information.
- For your DM: Make a team roster with players names and numbers as soon as you distribute uniforms.
- Obtain copies of team's registration forms and keep with you anytime you are on the field (games & practices)
- Make and distribute game and snack schedules, make sure to include important dates
- On Picture day- gather and sign in your team (or delegate another parent)
- Collect money/card for coaches/refs gift for end of the year "thank you"
- Plan end of the season party for your team
- Convey AYSO rules to parents of players- have a team meeting and distribute rules/guidelines for the team.

#### GAME SCHEDULE:

- Will be given to coach and posted online at [www.ayso8.org](http://www.ayso8.org), after Labor Day weekend. Opening game day will be on Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>
- The schedule will tell you what time you will play and on what field
- 6U and 8U expect to play every Saturday from September 6<sup>TH</sup> to November 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- 10U, 12U, 14U expect to play every Saturday from September 6<sup>th</sup> to November 15<sup>th</sup>  
\*Teams that qualify for playoffs will continue November 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- 16U and 19U expect to play every Sunday from mid-August to mid-November
- Make a copy of schedule and distribute them to each player's family

#### PLAYER REGISTRATION FORMS

- Copies of all player registration forms must be present at all practices and games. **NO**

#### EXCEPTIONS!!

- Copy will be provided to coaches. Please make additional copies and give to assistant coach and to team parent.
- If a team has no player registration forms present at practice or games, team will not be allowed to participate.
- Region 8 will have random checks throughout the season to ensure physical copies are at the field.

#### GOAL SET UP/ TEAR DOWN:

If your team is scheduled as the FIRST or LAST game to play, plan sufficient time for responsibilities. **This is NOT the coach or the assistant coach's responsibility it's the WHOLE TEAM's responsibility. Appoint parents to help.**

HOME TEAM (North or West side of field) Team listed first on schedule.

VISITOR TEAM (South or East side of field)

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**KNOW YOUR SIDELINE AND LET YOUR PARENTS KNOW WHERE TO SIT.** For the safety and harmony of the game and players, please sit on your team's sideline regardless of shade. Tell your parents that if the assigned sideline doesn't have shade, they will need to bring their own shade, like canopy or umbrella. Parents and visiting spectators need to sit on the same sideline as their team. This is to minimize unnecessary heated exchanges from spectators. A Board Member or Referee can stop the game until a resolution is decided (and they'll have to move anyway).

#### **FIRST GAME TEAMS (Both Visitor and Home):**

1. Take goals and 2 corner flags from green bin to fields; set up both goals and place corner flags in the correct location.
  2. Assist our Region Board; set up field with trash cans, recycling bins, and region canopy.
- IMPORTANT:** Game times will not be extended. For example, if first game is scheduled to start at 10am but goal/nets not up until 10:10am, then your game has now been shortened by 10 minutes. We need to stay on schedule, so plan sufficient time for your team's responsibility.

#### **LAST GAME TEAMS (Both Visitor and Home):**

1. Take down both goals and take goals **back** to green bin and place inside the bin
2. Assist our Region Board; put away trash cans, recycling bins, and region canopy

#### **BANNERS:**

- Team name must be approved **BEFORE** ordering banner. E-mail 2 choices to your Division Manager (see pg 2), include team number (i.e., #1002). Even if NOT ordering banner, you must email your 2 name choices for approval.
- Number of players should be confirmed before ordering banner.
- Banner can have the name OR the number of the player but NOT both.
- NO PHOTOS OF PLAYERS AND THEIR NAMES OR JERSEY NUMBERS NEXT TO THE PHOTOS ON THE

#### **BANNERS.**

- Suggestion: delegate responsibility to a family, to collect money (first), purchase banner (second), and bring to all games, especially to picture day.
- Having a banner is optional (however, most teams in 14U division and younger will usually have one)

#### **TEAM SNACKS and CLEANUP:**

- Assign and rotate a different family to bring snacks every week.
- At half time-quartered oranges or any kind of juicy fruit (INDIVIDUALLY BAGGED OR NOT PEELED)
- At end of game-a drink and treat (i.e., Juice pouch and bag of chips)
- Also, the snack family should bring a trash bag, wet wipes or napkins.
- It's also a nice gesture to offer referees and coaches snack at half-time (oranges and/or a drink)
- Everyone on the team is responsible for cleaning up surrounding area after games and practices.
- Use trash cans and recycling bins. Help us be good guests of the fields or we may not be invited back.
- Each player is responsible for their own water/sports drink during game breaks and practice.
- \*\*Players are NOT allowed to leave the field, unless they are sitting out. Parents are to bring water to the sideline. This makes it easier for determining and keeping track of substitutions for coaches and referees.

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**UNIFORMS:**

- Players must be in complete uniform, or they will not be allowed to play.

Region provides team shorts, team shirt and team socks.

- Parents provide shin guards and soccer cleats (no front cleats).
- During cold days, players may wear sweats under uniform. They do not need to be the same color as uniform (except during playoffs)

- NO hoodies allowed under the uniform. Sweatshirts must have no hood attached.
- NO jewelry of any kind allowed on players during games or at practices.
  - (Medical bracelets need to be taped on the wrist)
- Nothing hard is allowed on the head (no hard barrettes, bobby pins, hard headbands, only soft materials on top of player's head)

- **DO NOT ADD NAMES TO UNIFORMS.**

Uniform numbers are important throughout the season for the weekly lineup card, referee and statistician use. When passing out uniforms: notate players numbers; include info in team roster (DM will need this info ASAP) give smaller numbered uniforms to smaller players larger numbered uniforms to larger players.

Once uniforms are distributed it cannot be exchanged. It's best to make the originals work. Parents will be responsible for replacement cost if lost or altered.

**IMPORTANT Rules and Reminders (share with family and friends):**

- CHECK E-MAILS before coming to practice.
- PARKING SIGNS must be adhered. If parked in non-parking area or "staff" parking, you will be towed. "Staff" parking does not belong to AYSO staff, it is reserved for Petit Park Rec Center staff. Do not make your own parking area; you will be towed.
- **NO SMOKING** on field, including electronic/vapor cigarettes. You will be asked to leave.
- **NO ALCOHOL** on field- will be asked to leave.

**NO PETS AT REGION 8 EVENTS – GAMES AND PRACTICES**

AYSO soccer is a family event and because many people consider their pets to be members of the family they are inclined to bring them along to our fields for either practices or games.

It is important to remember that for safety reasons, **PETS ARE NOT ALLOWED ON AYSO FIELDS**. Properly registered service animals are generally exempt from the policy. **Emotional support animals do not qualify as service animals under the ADA, the California Unruh Civil Rights Act nor the Disabled Persons Act.**

All AYSO Region 8 participants agree and understand that NO PET shall be permitted at any AYSO activity or event regardless of venue or location. This policy includes but is not limited to practices, games, picture day, team parties, tournaments, etc. This Policy is consistent with those of neighboring Regions and is in keeping with the AYSO Insurance Policy, which does not cover animal bites or related injuries. You, as the primary player and account registrant, are also responsible for any friends or family members visiting the fields.

Region 8 pays for and controls the soccer fields and surrounding areas in an exclusive use permit that provides us the right and with that right, we are required by our National Bylaws and Insurance to comply with our published guidelines. For the *Public Parks*, such as Petit Park for Region 8, the permitted AYSO Fields are considered the immediate vicinity of the field, touchlines and goal lines.

If a parent or spectator refuses to remove the pet from the field after being asked, referees will be advised to suspend the game if the pet is not removed from the field of play.

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**PICTURE DAY:**

- September 27<sup>th</sup>
- Petit Park, South Side by the green bin
- Schedule will be posted online and distributed to coaches and team parents 2 weeks prior to picture day.
- Coach, Assistant Coach and Team Parent in team photo only. No additional parents.
- Parents will receive email with coupon to order pictures directly from the photo company. Pictures are shipped directly to parents. No league distribution this season.
- Each player will receive one "Picture Package" that includes: 1 - Memory Mate with team photo, 4-wallet photos and 1-photo button.

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### **10U, 12U and 14U Teams Only**

#### **POINT SYSTEM TO QUALIFY FOR PLAYOFFS:**

NOTE: Coaches Packet outlines in detail how a team will qualify for playoffs. However, these are the minimum requirements for a team to qualify for playoffs:

- 10U, 12U & 14U: 8 points total to be eligible to participate in playoffs. Breakdown of these 8 points are as follows:
  - 6 points for refereeing on the field
  - 2 points for **COACHES** attending Monday night referee meetings. (See details on page 4)

**It's imperative that it is understood without referee points the team will not go to playoffs, even if the team wins every single game during the season.**

#### **REFEREE:**

- Regional referee training Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>
- Online portion must be completed prior to attending in person training.
- "AYSO certified" referee points are needed, be eligible to participate in playoffs.
- Teams in 10U, 12U, & 14U must have certified referees doing at least 6 games total
- All teams in 10U, 12U and 14U **MUST** have at least 1 **new referee**. This new referee will be asked to complete 3 games minimum as an assistant referee. The referee must be at least 12 years old for qualifying points. If not related to a player on the team, they can only represent 1 team in the region.
- New referees will start off helping with 10U games. We will work with you throughout the season until you're comfortable. Our goal is to help and encourage our new refs.
- Weekly Referee meetings (see page 3 for details). All referees are encouraged, and all others are invited to attend. NEW referees MUST attend TWO Monday night meetings to complete certification. (Certification required for referee points to be eligible in playoffs.)
- Coaches (who are AYSO certified Referees) may earn only 2 referee points for their team, if they choose. You are still required to attend TWO Monday Night meetings.
- Refer your coach and/or referee to our Referee Administrator or Division Manager (on pg 2) for more information not covered above.

#### **YOUTH REFEREE:**

- Must be 12 years and older
- Will be assigned to referee games of players who are two years younger than them.
- Can earn service hours (i.e., church, synagogue or school)
- Youth referees will earn 1 point per game just like an adult referee.

#### **GAME CARDS for Divisions 10U, 12U, 14U, 16U and 19U:**

- Pre-Printed game cards will be prepared and available for pick up at the admin/ref tent on the first game day. Rosters with players names and jersey numbers must be submitted to your respective Division Manager no less than one week prior to the first game.

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