

AYSO United Utah Teams



AYSO United Utah Program Operating Procedures

These guidelines are not meant to be all-inclusive and are updated annually.

DEFINITION

UNITED Teams are composed of players registered within an AYSO Region of Section 9/Area B or 9/Area R and registered with UYSA (Utah Youth Soccer Association) as AYSO UNITED. So, UNITED Teams, coaches, and players have all the advantages of being in AYSO and playing in a "club".

UNITED Teams are made up of players who are selected through open tryouts and who want to play at the most advanced, competitive level within AYSO. UNITED Teams represent Area 9/B and Area 9R in the state of Utah, as well as in inter-regional, intersectional, and international play. A significantly higher commitment is required to participate in the UNITED program. Travel will be required. Estimated yearly costs depend on the number of tournaments played and distances traveled (including lodging). However, costs are estimated to be between \$500 and \$1000 per year.

Prospective coaches must apply and be approved by the Director of Coaching (DOC) or the United Club Director. To be considered to coach a UNITED team, coaches must submit their intent to coach to the respective DOC in writing or through the online application form. Ultimately, the UNITED Program is executed by the UNITED Board of Directors under AYSO Section 9. However, these guidelines only cover UNITED teams within the state of Utah. Operating guidelines and directives are under the authority of AYSO Section 9 and are set forth herein.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the UNITED Program is to:

- Provide an opportunity for players who wish to commit and play at a more competitive level.
- Retain and regain players.
- Provide an opportunity for valuable, skilled volunteers to continue contributing to their home Region's programs.
- Expand the existing program through additional opportunities to play as well as access to higher levels of play.
- Provide programs that enhance regular season play.

This purpose will be accomplished by utilizing the protections of AYSO which include the tenets of:

EVERYONE PLAYS

The program mandates that every player in the program play a minimum of half of every league or tournament game, and supports the standard that players play three quarters of a game before any player plays the entire game.

POSITIVE COACHING

The coaching program will be enhanced because of the skills of the UNITED coaches. In addition, UNITED coaches, as representatives of AYSO will be held to a higher standard of coaching and good

sportsmanship than regular season coaches.

GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP

UNITED Coaches, Players, and Volunteers/Parents will be representing AYSO in a competitive venue, therefore the program expects and will enforce a higher standard of conduct for all participants.

OPEN REGISTRATION

All eligible players (as defined below) will be given proper notice and opportunity to try out for a UNITED team.

BALANCED TEAMS

Teams will be picked by the UNITED Team Coach or Coaches.

PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

The UNITED Program gives players a chance to develop their soccer skills through competitive play under the direction of some of our most experienced and best trained coaches.

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

The following guidelines shall be used to determine player eligibility:

- Players selected should be registered prior to tryouts, but do not have to be. At tryouts a parent or legal guardian for each player will be required to sign an Emergency Authorization, Disclaimer, Assumption of Risk and Waiver, and the Acknowledgement and Consent Agreement form at Tryouts.
- The minimum age for a UNITED player is defined by birth year. Competition years are defined by fall and spring seasons with each season being in a different calendar year. To calculate the minimum eligible birth year, take the year of the spring season and subtract 9. For instance, for the 2021-2022 season, the minimum birth year is defined by players born in 2013 because 2022 minus 9 equals 2013. Kids born in 2014 are not eligible until the 2022-2023 competition season. US Soccer defines the age group as "9U".
- Age classifications for UNITED teams shall be for single age group from 9U thru 19U inclusively.
- Once a player is old enough to play UNITED, a player may play up a year without permission (i.e. a 12U player may play on a 13U team). A Coach wanting a player to play up multiple years must get the permission of the UNITED Board and the parents of the player. An 8-year-old player will automatically tryout for a 9U team (the lowest UNITED division).
- Dual participation with another soccer league/club other than AYSO UNITED or AYSO is strongly discouraged.
- Only players who attend open tryouts may be selected for placement on a UNITED Team. Players on prior teams may be offered a roster spot on the next seasonal year team without needing to tryout if the head coach desires.
- There will be NO "Alternate Players" in the UNITED Program. All players must be registered with AYSO and UYSA and be on the UYSA official roster. See the Player Registration notes below for official rosters sizes and guidelines.
- High school players selected for a UNITED team who do not participate on their high school soccer team in the fall or spring, may elect to play on an AYSO regular season team for fall or spring play. High School Provisional teams can also be formed in the UYSA gaming league if enough players in an age division are available.

PLAYER REGISTRATION

Once a player is chosen for a UNITED Team:

- The player must be registered with AYSO.
- After the player is verified to have an AYSO registration, the player will then need to become dual registered with UYSA (Utah Youth Soccer Association) by using the UNITED designated registrar for UYSA. UYSA assignment codes will only be given to players AFTER they have registered in the AYSO National registration system. The player/parent is responsible for paying the UYSA registration fee when registering through the UYSA online system. Current UYSA fees can be found on the UYSA website at: <https://www.utahyouthsoccer.net/utah-competition-soccer>
- Both AYSO and UYSA registration must be completed by June 25th each season.
- Official rosters will be produced from the UYSA registration process.
- The UYSA registration form will be the players Medical Release form.

UNITED Team Limits

UNITED teams are limited to a maximum GAME ROSTER of:

- 12 players for 9U-10U
- 14 players for 11U-12U
- 16 players for 13U-14U-15U-16U
- 18 players for 17U-18U-19U

Roster size should take into consideration the ability to achieve the ½ play per game requirement. UYSA requires two (2) coaches to be on the roster. One is designated "Head Coach" and the other is the "Assistant Coach" All coaches are required to have the USSF Grass Roots training as per UYSA. UYSA also requires a team manager on the roster. All team administrators must do an annual CDC concussion training and the SafeSport training before the season starts. Team managers do not need a coaching certification.

Notes on roster sizes:

- 9U and 10U teams play 7v7. U12 and U11 teams will be playing 9v9. 13U and above will play 11v11.
- Teams at the 14U-18U divisions may add one additional player if they have a player who will be playing for their high school team and will not participate in either the Fall or Spring Season.
- 13U-16U teams may have up to 16 players on the roster. However, due to the physical demands on older players during tournaments, two guest players may be utilized for tournaments to bring the roster up to 18 players. Tournament guidelines permitting.
- 17U-18U teams may have up to 18 players on the roster.

Tryouts

Initial Tryout in Spring:

The following guidelines will be used in player selection:

- Per UYSA guidelines, annual tryouts are held the final two weeks in May for the next year unless otherwise stipulated.
 - 9U and 10U teams can hold tryouts the week before Memorial Day.

- 11U-19U teams hold tryouts after Memorial Day.
- UNITED Teams must be chosen by tryouts. Tryout dates and times for UNITED teams will be posted on <https://www.aysounitedsaltlakecity.org> for Salt Lake Teams (9B) and <https://www.aysounitedutahnorth.org> for North teams (9R) to assure that all players have an equal opportunity to tryout. Postings will also be placed on the UYSA website.
- A copy of all tryout records must be turned over to the UNITED Director of Coaching or Assistant Director of Coaching of the participating UYSA district/region.
- Players may only be selected from candidates who attended tryouts.
- Players must tryout at the OPEN TRYOUT annually for a position on a UNITED team. NO player is guaranteed a position on any team from year to year.
- Tryouts require evaluation forms, as well as advanced certified (or higher) coaches to help with evaluations, and a member of the UNITED Board of Directors should also be present.
- It is recommended that all participants be contacted within 2 days after tryouts to be informed of the results. Players then have 2 days to respond.
- Tryout information must be at all general registrations and advertised as much as possible on websites, banners, signs, and local publications.

Tryout Rules for Choosing Teams:

- All new players will participate in one tryout. It is recommended to have two tryouts scheduled for each age division.
- All players signing in to participate in the tryout will have the option to either choose a team they would like to play for or to choose to have no preference. They will turn in a preference form at tryout check-in. If nothing is selected, then the team/coach they played for last year will be considered their preference; however, if the player did not play for either team/coach, then no preference will be assumed.
- Each player may choose to "try for" a particular team or choose to just try out for all teams.
- PRIOR to the starting of the tryout, it must be explained to the parents/players what the "Preference" means in the selection process. The explanation may be written (see the Appendix C for a letter from the Section UNITED Administrator explaining this) and/or done verbally.
- Coaches will have the opportunity to have their personal and team bio posted to the appropriate website to give prospective players more information about the teams they can try out for.
- All players to be selected for a UNITED team must meet the tryout/selection performance criteria set by the head coach of each team. Having played EXTRA or UNITED before does not automatically guarantee a player a spot on a team.
- The selection process will be as follows:
 1. Each coach will first pick all the desired players from the list of those players who chose them as a preferred coach/team to fill out their roster. However, if a coach in a higher division of the same age group wants to offer a player a roster spot, this is allowed See below for more guidance.
 2. As much as possible, teams are built to have players play and develop with other players in their own age group. A player in a lower AGE year CAN NOT receive offers from a HIGHER AGE YEAR until:
 - All offers from teams in the player's age year have been sent and...
 - The player DID NOT specify a coach on their preference form and...
 - The player attended at least one tryout for the older age group (as is their

- prerogative).
3. If all teams' rosters have not been filled out, ALL players that have not been picked will be put into a pool of possible players to pick.
 4. Each coach will then have an initial 1st pick. The selection order will be as follows:
 - For age groups with multiple teams:
 - The team in the highest competition division will choose first until the team is full.
 - The next highest division team will choose next until the team is full.
 - If an age group has multiple teams in the same division:
 - A coin will be flipped to see which team goes first if both teams are NEW.
 - If there is playing history, the team that placed highest in the division will go first and there won't be a coin toss.
 - Teams trade off making picks until both teams are full.
 5. Age groups with only one team will just fill their team with players from the tryout.
- In an effort to give players the best environment for developing, a coach in a higher division may want to extend an offer to a player who has chosen a different coach on their preference form. In this scenario, the higher division coach may communicate with the player's chosen coach about moving the player to the higher division team and even offer the player a roster spot. However, the ultimate choice belongs to the player and parents.
 1. Keep in mind:
 - Players can club pass between teams. So, a player may want to stay with a lower division coach AND STILL club pass up to the higher division team as game schedules allow. A Player may practice with more than one team if schedules allow.
 - Per UYSA policy, players can only club pass down two divisions. So, if a player is on an "A" division team, they can only club pass down to a "C" division team.
 - Anti-Poaching clause: To foster unity between all coaches and teams within the AYSO United Utah organization, there is a strict rule against poaching from other teams. If a coach is found to have contacted a player who is rostered on another AYSO United team before tryouts start, they will forfeit the ability to offer that player a roster spot. However, if a player approaches a coach FIRST, that is allowed. These rules are like what UYSA has in place between teams in different clubs. Ultimately, coaches and parents should extend common courtesy and communicate any possible changes players would like when it comes to changing teams.
 - Coaches changing age divisions: On occasion, a coach may discontinue a team in one age division and start a new team in a different age division. When this happens, the new team will start in the lowest division UYSA offers as per UYSA's rules. If there is already a team in the division, the new team will be relegated below the other team(s) when it comes to the rules described above for selecting teams.
 - The Director of Coaching (DOC) or the Club Administrator makes ultimate decision when it comes to players being placed on teams.
 1. If an unforeseen scenario or disagreement between coaches over chosen players occurs, the decision will be made by the DOC/Club Admin regarding the players in question after mediating discussions between coaches.

Supplemental Tryouts:

If a UNITED Team loses players (after the initial selection of the team) or the UNITED Coach wants

to add player(s) to the team after the tryouts are concluded and the original team roster is set, the UNITED Coach does have the option to schedule supplementary open tryout.

The Coach MUST:

- The coach must contact the UNITED DOC.
- If the Coach has another team(s) in this age/gender group from the same District/Region (brother or sister team(s)), they must contact the other Coach(es) and let them know that they want to add players to their team.

At the 9U/10U/U11/12U/13U age groups:

- If a secondary or mid-season tryout is needed, it must be published through the web site and publicized (at the minimum by posting signs at the fields where regular season games are played) at least 2 weeks before holding them.
- The brother/sister team coaches are allowed to attend and watch the tryout. They also may offer a position to a player if they are not offered a position by the coach holding the tryout.

At the 14U+ age groups:

- If a secondary or mid-season tryout is needed, it may be much more informal.
- They may have a player or two show up to a practice or scrimmage to be evaluated.
- If the player(s) are not registered with either AYSO or UYSA, they still must have their parent/guardian sign the Emergency Authorization, Disclaimer, Assumption of Risk and Waiver, and the Acknowledgement and Consent Agreement form at Tryouts.
- The brother/sister team coaches are allowed to attend and watch the tryout. They also may offer a position a player if they are not offered a position by the coach holding the tryout.

COACH SELECTION

"Call for Coaches"

Openings for Head Coaching positions within the UNITED program must be advertised each year and application submitted no later than May 15th for the upcoming season (starting in August).

- NEW Coaches seeking a position must submit an application via email and two letters of recommendation from parents of players they have recently coached (the letters must be from non-regional board members).
- Returning coaches must submit an application via email.

Coaches (head and assistant) MUST:

- Must take the Safe Haven (Child and Volunteer Protection) Course once.
- Must fill out a Volunteer forms each year.
- Must complete the CDC concussion awareness training annually.
- Must complete the AYSO coach training up to the age group they are coaching.
 - 14U-U16 must have AYSO Intermediate Coach training.
 - 17U-19U must have AYSO Advanced Coach training.
- Must obtain a USSF "Grass Roots 11v11" Coaching license within the first year of coaching as per UYSA guidelines. For 9U-12U coaches, a USSF "Grass Roots 7v7 and 9v9" Coaching license must be obtained.

Other Requirements for an AYSO UNITED Coach

- All UNITED Team coaches are required to "Give Back" to their home Region's core program. This may be accomplished by many different ways (see appendix A). If a coach (head or assistant) fails to "Give Back", they will NOT be allowed to coach the following year.
- It is expected that Coaches in the UNITED program will hold Good Sportsmanship in high regard. Unsportsmanlike behavior will not be tolerated in a UNITED coach. Likewise, anything other than Positive Coaching will not be tolerated.
- As mentioned above, coaches may not "poach" or "recruit" players from other AYSO United teams.
 - When players are club-passing between teams it is of **UTMOST IMPORTANCE** coaches respect the club-passing rules laid out later in this document. Club-passing is a privilege reserved to aid in player development. There are severe consequences attached to non-compliance of club-passing rules.
- Coaches are expected to report all "Red Cards" received by their teams or themselves to the Regional Commissioner, Regional Coach Administrator and Area Referee Administrator (within their specific AYSO Area – B or R) within 48 hours. Reports of misconduct will be handled in accordance with home Region's and Home Area's disciplinary policies.

HEAD COACH'S RESPONSIBILITY

The team's head coach is ultimately responsible for all activities of the team and is directly accountable to the Regional Commissioner and the Section UNITED Administrator. All official communication from the Area/Region will go through the head coach.

The team's head coach will direct and be responsible for:

- Practice times, place, and games (including scrimmages).
- Timely communication with all team parents.
- Fundraising and fund handling will be coordinated with the Head Coach through the UNITED Team Manager.
- Team Expenditures (tournaments, warm ups, bags, balls, etc.)
- Tournament play, transportation, and lodging.
- Disciplinary action, as needed (see Page 9 and Appendix D).
- Uniforms, Equipment, and proper paperwork.
- Appointment and dismissal of an Assistant Coach(es), Team Manager, and Fund-Raising Chairperson.
- Approval of team sponsors that are in line with AYSO National Guidelines and must be approved by the Section UNITED Club Director.
- Ensuring that EACH PLAYER WILL play at a minimum one-half of each game. Injuries and disciplinary action exempt.

TEAM OPERATIONS**Practice**

- The UNITED Season shall be from August 1st to July 31st. Practice fields and times will be coordinated through the home Region's Park Scheduler. Each team will be allowed up to two 2-hour practices per week.
- Practices may be scheduled twice a week for up to 2 hours each practice.
- Practices can start August 1st (or 2 weeks before the teams 1st tournament, whichever comes first).
- Scrimmages are recommended and encouraged. Scrimmage time does not count as

practice time.

- Other voluntary soccer related activities - such as the use of an outside technical trainer (other than the Head or Assistant coach approved by the Section Director) or Summer Camps - will not count as practice time.

Tournaments

- Playing in Tournaments is strongly encouraged in the UNITED program. At the beginning of the soccer year (or each season), the coach should map out which tournaments the team will participate in.
- The coach or team manager should get the application for the tournament in PRIOR to the due date.
- To get payment from the team's funds, the coach or team manager can e-mail the Regional Treasurer (or designated UNITED treasurer) with: the NAME of the Tournament, WHO/WHAT to make the checkout to, and HOW MUCH the check needs to be for. If the team has the funds, the check will then be sent to the Head Coach (or can be picked up). It is not recommended that individuals pay for tournaments and then get reimbursed at a later time.
- For consistency, when signing up for a tournament, please use: "AYSO UNITED <Team Name>".
- Guest Players:
 - Getting guest players to play on the UNITED team is allowed.
 - Guest players are ONLY allowed for tournaments.
 - For "Club" players - the UNITED Coach must get the player ID and paperwork from the coach of the guest player's team. Then the coach must fill out and file the appropriate UYSA paperwork for guest players.
 - If the guest player is on an AYSO Regular Season team, the UNITED Coach must register the player with UYSA on to the UNITED team. This is to assure the player is on an official UYSA roster with a player id and photo.
 - The Team will be responsible for the UYSA registration fee.
 - It is allowed to have a UNITED player play as a Guest player for another team (UNITED team or another Club). You are NOT required to deliver anything; the coach of the team wanting the player should come to the UNITED Coach with the appropriate paperwork for signature. The exception is if your team is also playing in that tournament. Most tournaments do not allow a guest player to play in the tournament if their normal team is also playing.

Communication and League Notification

- It is required to supply the Regional Commissioner and Section UNITED Administrator phone numbers (home, cell, etc.) and an email address (that is CHECKED regularly). Open communication between the Head Coach, Regional Commissioner, and the Section UNITED Administrator is critical.
- There can be no events or fundraisers that are related to alcohol or tobacco (or other prohibited events or fundraisers from AYSO National - if there is a question, please check first).

Required Paperwork

- UNITED Players need to be registered with BOTH AYSO and UYSA. UNITED Teams will have both AYSO and UYSA registration forms (both serve as a Medical Release for each organization). UNITED coaches MUST have the registration forms with them for any practice/game.
- If traveling out of state, the UNITED Coach MUST fill out/print the appropriate UYSA TRAVEL form.
- UYSA game rosters are printed out of the UYSA registration system for each game. Both the players and the coaches will be listed on each printed roster with their photo.

Uniforms

- All UNITED teams have the same uniforms as chosen by the National Office.
 - Uniforms will be ordered through the AYSO United National account at soccer.com.
 - Uniforms are ordered and paid for online by the player. They get drop shipped to the player.
 - Coaches will be given instructions to enter players and jersey numbers into the soccer.com system before orders are placed.
- The uniforms are used for TWO YEARS.
 - New teams will get uniforms for every player.
 - Returning teams will get new uniforms for every NEW player and new socks for every player. If uniforms from returning players need replacing... the team/parents will be charged for that replacement.

Funding the Team

Teams MUST fund themselves.

A team may do other fund raisers. The Regional Commissioner must approve all proposed fund-raising activities. Notifications can be made in writing or by phone; but must be done before the fund raiser takes place.

- Donations are allowed from the player's family, individuals, or businesses. A player's family may elect to donate funds to the team; but a coach may not require families to make a donation. A coach MAY NOT insist on all of the parents to just "WRITE A CHECK" to fund the team; there MUST be a Fundraising alternative.
- The District/Regional UNITED Treasurer will set up a team account. A team MAY NOT set up a separate checking account or retain funds in any other way. Teams must fund their entry fee for tournaments.

Team Discipline

It is highly recommended that the coach should go over his/her expectations of the players and parents/guardians and share their expectations of themselves in the first team meeting after the team has been chosen.

Going over that information PRIOR to the start of the season might avoid the need of having to invoke any of the following Team Discipline.

A suggested document to pass out and have the player, parents/guardians, and coach to sign is in Appendix C

- A player may be suspended from playing in a game OR removed from a UNITED team (and be placed on a regular season team) only if:
 - The player's behavior presents a significant conduct and discipline problem and is disruptive to the team.
 - The player fails to show a good faith effort to attend scheduled team practices, games, or otherwise participate in soccer related activities.
 - The action of any player's parent who attempts to undermine the discipline of the team and/or the coach's control of the team.

Coaches are responsible for notifying all team parents of the disciplinary policy in writing as part of the acceptance process.

Suspension

The Head Coach must document, in writing, and submit to the Regional Commissioner and Section UNITED Administrator the rationale for taking the disciplinary action. It must be demonstrated how the player's behavior is presenting a significant conduct and discipline problem. Or, in the case of missing team practices, must have documented proof that the player has missed OVER ½ of the schedule Practices (minimally - 3 weeks of normally scheduled practices must have passed).

After reviewing the documentation provided, the Head Coach must meet with the Section UNITED Administrator to verify all other possible remedies have been exhausted. If, after the meeting, the Section UNITED Administrator and the team's Head Coach agree, the player may be suspended from the team for a game.

Removal from Team

The Head Coach must document, in writing, and submit to the Regional Commissioner and Section UNITED Administrator the rationale for taking the disciplinary action. After an A&D hearing, with concurrence of the Section UNITED Administrator and the team's Head Coach, the player may be removed from the team.

- Player Misconduct Reporting and Sanctions
- It is expected that players in the UNITED program will hold Good Sportsmanship in high regard.
- Unsportsmanlike behavior will not be tolerated in a UNITED player. Reports of misconduct will be handled in accordance with Section 9 and home Region's disciplinary policies.
- Because of the high visibility of the UNITED program, if any player is sent off the field by a game official (shown a red card):
 - Coach MUST report this to the Regional Commissioner, Regional Coach Administrator and Area Referee Administrator (within their specific AYSO Area – B or R) within 48 hours with a full report of what happened.
 - Player MUST automatically serve a one game suspension (note: if the sendoff happens in the last game of a tournament, the game suspension does NOT carry over into the regular season). The suspension shall be served in the first game (not a scrimmage) that is played following the game of the incident (even if that game is in the following year. If the sendoff (red card) is for "Violent Conduct" or "Serious Foul Play", the player will automatically be suspended for 3 games and incident will be reviewed by the Section UNITED Administrator and the Area Director of Coaching (to verify/review the circumstances of the sendoff).
 - Any suspension may be increased, and other disciplinary measures applied if deemed warranted by the Section UNITED Administrator.

- A second sendoff will result in a suspension that will not be lifted until an A&D investigation and hearing determines that the player may return to the UNITED program.
- The Section UNITED Administrator working together with the Regional Board retains the right to remove any approved coach from any UNITED Team.

Players approached from OTHER teams (from within or without AYSO) is POACHING:

- Solicitation from other leagues, while not strictly prohibited, must be in accordance with the rules set forth by UYSA.

So, it is critical to have your players registered with AYSO and UYSA immediately after tryouts in late May or early June. Registration for AYSO is done on the eayso.org website and UYSA registration is done through the designated region's UYSA registrar and their online Affinity Registration program.

All suspected "Poaching" should be brought to the immediate attention of the Section UNITED Administrator. Poaching within AYSO United teams will constitute removal of the coach(es).

Club Passing Rules:

- Coaches MAY NOT ask players or parents directly if they would like to come play for their team as a club-passed player. This is considered recruiting – aka poaching.
- Coaches must ask coaches with eligible club-pass players when they have a need.
 - The need should include the number of players needed.
 - The need should include the types of positions needed.
 - The coach being asked can approve or deny any club-pass request.
 - Players should NEVER be asked for by name.
- As a “unified” club, coaches of teams with eligible players should be fostering relationship that help solidify the “player development” aspect of what it means to club-pass. For more information about what the club-pass privilege means, please see UYSA’s policy page: <https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5e7523545b0dd164cae80bd8/t/60a40ef09c566c5897476d35/1621364466414/Player+Development+Policies+Section+6++May+14+2021.pdf>
- A coach who is deemed guilty of not following club-pass rules (by enquiry of the Club Administrator and Board of Directors) will NOT be asked back as an AYSO volunteer when tryouts are scheduled for the next season. Thus, they will forfeit their coaching position.

General Notes

- There must be a coach, assistant coach or team chaperone of the same sex as the players at all team activities.
- The chaperone ratio should be 8 to 1 on any out of town tournaments or events. Safe Haven/CVP guidelines apply to UNITED teams at all times.

PLEASE direct all questions/comments/etc. through the Regional UNITED Liaison. Most of the time, questions can be answered at the Regional level. Other questions will be forwarded to the Section UNITED Administrator for immediate answer.

Appendix A

Supporting the Primary Program

The purpose of the AYSO UNITED Program is to provide competitive play for our most talented and motivated players and to improve the primary program for the rest of the players in our home regions. Improving the primary program is not just a good idea; it's the reason there is an UNITED Program in the first place. Therefore, a condition of allowing coaches to participate in the UNITED Program, as either head coaches or assistant coaches, is that they support the Primary Program in their Home Regions.

Because there are lots of ways to improve the primary program, we've left it up to each Home Region participating in UNITED to specify and TRACK that participation.

Below, EACH coach must fill out this page and sign (and by signing agree to) to specify how they will support their Home Region.

Giving BACK MUST include at least ONE of the Following:

- ACTIVE member of AYSO Regional Board-Position _____
- ACTIVE member of AYSO Regional Staff – Position _____
- ACTIVE Division Commissioner or Division Registrar _____
- ACTIVE Standard Program Coach _____
- Be an ACTIVE AYSO Referee.
Referee 5 games in the Fall and 5 Games in the Spring Season
- Other (Specify) _____

I, _____, do hereby promise to participate in the above Activity or Activities.

I understand that if I do NOT participate, I will NOT be allowed to Coach in the UNITED program the Following Year.

UNITED Coach

Date

Appendix B

Coach Training Program

Head Coaches and Assistant Coaches who are NOT Advanced Certified and have NOT had the prerequisite classes to take the Advanced Certification Class must create a plan to become Advanced Certified. The plan MUST be approved by the United Administrator.

Plan Created by: _____ on ____/____/_____
Coaches Name

| Course | Scheduled Date | Completed Date |
|--------------|----------------|----------------|
| U12 | | |
| Intermediate | | |
| Advanced | | |

Plan Approved: _____ on ____/____/_____
AYSO United Administrator

I, _____, do hereby promise to participate in the above Activity or Activities.

I understand that if I do NOT participate, I will NOT be allowed to Coach in the United program the Following Year.

UNITED Coach

Date

Appendix C

Parent/Player Explanation of Player Preference (Tryouts with 2 or More Teams)

Dear Parents/Players,

You (or your son/daughter) will be trying out for an age group with ___ teams.

We at AYSO want to give the opportunity for each Player to try to play for the team/coach they prefer. Obviously, this cannot be guaranteed, but we want to give a preference to each player.

However, it MUST be noted that IF you give a preference, you will still have the opportunity to play for either team. Also, if you say NO preference, you will still have an opportunity to play for either team.

Here is a description of how the Coaches are REQUIRED pick their teams:

- Each coach will PICK all the desired players from their (player selected) preferred list to fill out their roster.
- If either coach (or both) has not filled out their teams, ALL players that have not been picked (players with preferences and with NO preference) will be put into a pool of possible players to pick.
- The coach or coaches will then pick from the players defined above to fill out their teams.

With this information, you will now have a short period of time to make any changes. After that time, the preference list will be frozen.

Thank you for your support of AYSO Soccer

Appendix D

Commitment and Expectations

Welcome to AYSO UNITED. We thought it would be a good idea to set down what some of the expectations we at AYSO UNITED have of our Players and of our Coaches.

All of our coaches must adhere to our expectations; and by signing this document, we will assume the Parents/Guardians/Players will understand what is expected.

Player Commitment / Expectations

The player is committing to play soccer on the AYSO UNITED Team (listed below) for the next Soccer Season (begins on August 1st and runs thru July 31st).

The player understands that he/she may NOT play for any other soccer team in any other league during this time frame.

The player will commit to be positive and respectful to their coach(es), fellow team members, referees, other coaches, other teams, parents/spectators.

The player will commit to showing a good faith effort to attend scheduled practices, games, or other soccer related activities.

Parents/Guardians will commit to:

- Displaying appropriate behavior at games.
- Getting players to practice/games on time.
- Helping out with team functions and fundraising.

Players and Parents/Guardians will express any problems or concerns in an appropriate manner outside of practices and games.*

* If a parent or guardian is unable to resolve problems or concerns with the coach, or the coach's response is not satisfactory, the parent or guardian may escalate the issue to the Regional Commissioner or the Section UNITED Administrator.

Coach Expectations

AYSO Philosophies

- Everyone Plays
 - Every player at a game MUST play at least ½ of the game.
- Positive Coaching
 - Coach will be positive at both practices and games.
- Good Sportsmanship
 - Coach will promote good sportsmanship and respect for other coaches, referees, other teams, other players, and parents.
- Player Development
 - Coach will continue with their coach training.

The coach will commit to be positive and respectful to their players, fellow coach(es), referees, other teams coaches and players, parents/spectators.

The coach will commit to make themselves available to communicate with player or parent/guardian at times other than practices and games.*

Team _____

Season _____

Player _____

Parent/Guardian _____

Coach _____

Print Name

Signature

Date