



Avon Youth Sports | Travel & All-Star Financial Policy

Any Travel or All-Star Program that is a part of the Avon Youth Sports (AYS) organizational umbrella must operate within the confines of the organization's mission, approved policies, and subsequent financial policies.

Budget:

Each team will have a coach managed budget that has been approved in advance by the Sports Director. Each team budget is set as an estimate only. Many teams may choose to play in more tournaments, utilize additional training sessions, etc. It is up to the discretion of the coach, but each player should be aware of the determined budget prior to the start of the season. Fundraising and sponsorship efforts are utilized throughout the season to try to offset the costs to each player. If a team chooses to play in additional tournaments, for example, the final payment may be higher than originally approved. Any exceptions to the payment schedule must be requested through the AYS office and approved prior to payment due date. Exceptions to any payment plan will be evaluated based on payment history and individual circumstance.

Late Additions:

Any late additions to a team will pay a prorated payment schedule and will be submitted through the AYS office with each individual player. Any player that leaves a team early will forfeit any paid fees and fees will be absorbed by the individual team's budget. If a team has committed/paid for any costs that cannot be reimbursed/cancelled, the player will be responsible to cover the portion of the budget for the committed cost.

Additional Funds:

A team budget may request an addendum to spend those funds for team purposes. These addendums must be submitted timely, no later than 2 weeks' notice, to the AYS office on behalf of the coach. Any additional funds at the end of the budget cycle will be submitted to the Club account for use to cover future spending or improvements for the designated program. These funds will be capped at \$300 per named team for their previous season. Any excess funds above this amount will be absorbed by AYS.

Cancellations:

If a season has been cancelled due to official guidance from the Department of Health, ACSC school systems, or other designated officials, the costs spent to date will be calculated by the AYS office. Please note, many fees such as grounds maintenance or gym/green space rentals are paid in advance and may not be able to be refunded. Any further credit to a team will be provided in the same fashion as other programs of AYS. The player will receive a credit for future registrations.



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All team expenditures should be requested through the AYS Office and not purchased individually by the coach.

Supplied/Purchased Equipment:

In some cases, training aides and/or specialty equipment may be requested for team usage by a coach through their commissioner. Any equipment purchased specifically for a team will be inventoried as an AYS asset and added to the depreciation schedule of AYS. The team will be charged 1 year of depreciation for said equipment on the team budget and will return the equipment at the end of the season.

Any equipment that is supplied by AYS or purchased using team funds is property of AYS.

It is the responsibility of the Head Coach to return any AYS equipment used during the season. Any item that is damaged or not returned will be charged to the coach if it is determined to have useful life by the end of the season.

- **Example:** A coach checks out Catcher's Gear for his team that is one-year old and it is determined that it has a useful life of 3 years. If that equipment is not returned, the coach will be responsible to pay AYS 1/3 of its original price to compensate for loss of usage in the future.

Fundraising/Sponsorships:

All Fundraisers will require AYS approval and must be conducted according to AYS policy. Minimum guidelines for participation for players may be set for each fundraiser, meaning if the player does not produce a certain amount of funds, that player will be responsible for the shortfall of the minimum guideline for that fundraiser.

It is important to note that fundraising is a strong option for many teams. On average, 25-50% of a team's budget can be reduced based on utilizing fundraising options. Team sponsorship opportunities must follow the AYS sponsorship guidelines as some team sponsorships may result in direct competition with organizational sponsors and will not be eligible. All fundraising opportunities must be presented to the AYS office for prior approval. Team fundraising funds will be split evenly amongst the players in accordance with AYS fundraising guidelines. Teams may elect for funds to be dispersed evenly only amongst participating players, if deemed prior to the start of fundraising.



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Program Fees:

This expense, built into the ABC registration fee, include, but not limited to: general expenses such as grounds materials, repairs on equipment or fields, AED rental expenses, rental space from Avon Community School Facilities, Liability insurance for each player and facility, depreciation of equipment purchases, etc. Many fees go into keeping our youth players healthy and safe. Some examples that may help explain the program fees are listed below:

Example of AYS Costs:

- Liability Insurance \$37,454
- ACSC Rental Space \$33,150
- Ground Materials \$20,334
- Facility Mowing/Repairs \$23,739
- AED Lease \$4,028
- Equipment Refurbishing \$8,358
- Legal/Professional \$17,603
- Software/Subscriptions \$2,016
- Background Checks \$10,000+

Payment Schedule:

Teams will have the option of setting up a payment plan for players through the AYS office. Payment schedules will be based on the player fees for the team as follows:

- If the fee to play is less than \$100, payment in full is required.

- If the fee to play is more than \$100, but less than \$500, the player can have their payments split into two installments whereas the first payment is 50% of the total fee.
- If the total fee to play is more than \$501, a payment plan of up to 3 payments will be offered.

Each installment plan will require the participant to enroll in automatic credit card payments.

Any participant that is on a payment plan will have no less than 15 days from the date of invoice to pay that payment. If a participant has a late payment, that participant will be subject to the AYS Membership Fee Collection Policy.

Any family may request through the AYS office an exception to payment schedule, and those will be evaluated based on payment history and individual circumstance.