



AYSO Region 56

South Huntington Beach

Parent Information Manual

Welcome to AYSO Region 56 Fall Season.

This Parent Manual is meant to provide you with the basic information regarding our Fall Soccer program.

AYSO Mission: American Youth Soccer Organization's mission is to develop and deliver quality youth soccer programs which promote a fun, family environment based on AYSO's Six Philosophies: Everyone Plays, Balanced Teams, Positive Coaching, Open Registration, Good Sportsmanship, and Player Development.

Fees: The Early Fall Registration Fee is: \$115.00 for U5-U14, and \$75.00 for U16-U19* (*U16 – U19 teams are not provided with trophies or yearbooks). Regular registration cost after the April 17th sign-up date will be \$125 / \$85. This fee includes your child's uniform. You can expect some minor additional expenses during the season:

Banner / Snacks: \$20.00 (approximate)

Pizza Party / Coaches Gift / misc: \$20.00 (approximate)

Team Sponsorship: Each team through U14 is required to provide for a team sponsor. A team may find a team sponsor, if no team sponsor is obtained each team shall collectively pay for sponsorship as follows: U5-U6 - \$125, U7-U14 - \$200.

Fundraiser: To help keep Registration fees as low as possible, Region 56 will be holding two optional fundraisers this year. We will be hosting a Region 56 Chivas Day, this is an optional family / team event. We will also be holding SoccerFest. Each team is encouraged to provide a basket for the SoccerFest silent auction and to attend this regional event. We strongly encourage each family to consider participating in both fundraising events.

Refund Policy: U9 – U19 players who withdraw prior to draft*, and younger division players who drop prior to August 15th, will receive a full refund. Players who withdraw prior to the first game of the regular season will receive a refund of their fees minus a \$20 administration fee. A Player who drops after the first game will not receive a refund. (*Draft for the upper divisions is scheduled in late June / early July, contact the Registrar for specific dates, registrar@ayso56.org)

Region Budget: Your Fall Registration Fees and the Fall Fundraiser go towards the operation of the region, including National fees, uniforms, field maintenance, field equipment, yearbooks and trophies. *Registration fees for U16-U19 do not include yearbooks and trophies. Registration fees cover regular Fall Season games. Registration fees do NOT include Post Season Play-Offs known as the Volunteer Appreciation Play-Offs.

Equipment: Please have your child bring shin guards, a ball, a drink (water or sports drink, no caffeinated beverages please) and appropriate footwear to all practices and games. Soccer cleats are recommended but not mandatory, shoes with a toe cleat (baseball shoes) are not permitted.

Team Assignments: A key philosophy of AYSO is balanced teams. Your child will be assigned a team after registration. Teams are set based on player rankings. We will attempt to accommodate placement requests, within reason, for U5 – U8 divisions. For U9 and higher teams are set in a blind draft, placement requests cannot be accommodated. You can expect to hear from your coach over the summer months. If you have not heard by August 10th, please contact your division coordinator. Division coordinators contact information is listed on the website Regional Board tab at www.ayso56.org. You may also contact the Registrar at registrar@ayso56.org.

Practice Schedules: Practices will start no earlier than August 1st. Team practices will be set by the coach. Most teams will practice 1 – 2 times per week for approximately ½ to 2 hours depending on age and ability.

Game Schedules: Games for lower divisions are scheduled on Saturday's. Upper divisions are scheduled for Saturdays, weeknights and Sunday's. Lower divisions play within our region. U14 – U19 teams travel locally.

Season: The regular season runs from September through October. Playoffs for qualifying teams are held in November. Postseason can include All-stars (by coach nomination and try-outs), tournament play and Spring Soccer.

Turkey Tournament: Region 56 hosts a Turkey Tournament Thanksgiving weekend (Friday, Nov. 25th and Saturday, Nov. 26th, 2011). This is a great event that supports the region, all fall teams are encouraged to play. Ask your coach or check our region web site, www.ayso56.org.

SoccerFest: SoccerFest is our Season Opening fundraising event that takes place on picture day. It is a great event, providing activities for kids and a fundraising opportunity for the region. SoccerFest will be held September 10th, 2011.

AYSO E-mail: Our Region uses eayso to send out information to all of you. Please help us keep you in touch by updating your e-mail address at www.eayso.org.

Volunteer Requirements: AYSO is an all volunteer organization. All positions, including your Regional Board, Coaches and Referee's are on a volunteer basis. In order for our Region to operate effectively and to provide every child with a positive experience, every family is expected to volunteer. Volunteer opportunities include:

Coach	SoccerFest Volunteer Hours
Assistance Coach	Net Set up & Removal
Team Coordinator	Field Maintenance
Referee (each team must have 3 referees)	Team Photographer
Banner / Flag	Turkey Tournament Volunteers
Sponsor - (Business or Individual)	Volunteer for Region positions / projects*

* Regional positions or projects include many positions such as year book, field director, trophies, SoccerFest, etc.

Please remember, we are all out to make AYSO a positive experience for our children, please consider making a regional volunteer commitment.

Optional Volunteer Appreciation Play-Offs / Volunteer Points: Each year Region 56 offers U9 through U14 teams an optional Volunteer Appreciation Post Season Play-Offs (VAP). This Post Season play is not part of the Fall Program and all teams that would like to participate MUST QUALIFY. Teams may qualify by being in good standings and meeting the minimum requirements, including volunteer points, as detailed in Region 56' VAP Qualifying policy. Region 56 policy for qualifying for the VAP can be found on our Region 56 website at www.ayso56.org. Your child's coach can also provide additional information on each volunteer position and its requirements.

A team must earn a total of 80 points as outlined below to meet the volunteer point requirements.

Pre-season Coaches Meeting	10 points	
Team Coordinator Meeting	7 points	
Mid/Late Season Coaches Meeting	7 points	
Regional Volunteer	10 points	*
Total Referee Points	46 points	**
Total Points	80 Points	***

*Soccer Festival or other Regional volunteer work as assigned.

**Includes Mandatory Referee Meeting. Each referee in attendance shall earn 2 pts, max of 6 points.

*****Note: Out of the 80 points a minimum of 46 referee points must be earned.**

Please see the full policy on-line for additional information regarding the points system and alternate methods of earning points.

Codes of Conduct: Everyone within AYSO is expected to act appropriately for the benefit of all. Attached please find both a Parent and Player Code of Conduct. Please take the time to read these with your child. Please keep a copy for yourself and when you have your first team meeting, please provide a signed copy of each to your coach.

Additional Information: For additional information, please regularly check the Regional website. You will be able to find regional information, schedules and standings; www.ayso56.org