

## **AYSO Region 177 All-Star Procedure**

The purpose of All-Stars is to provide players that have demonstrated superior ball skills, effort, attitude, team play and commitment, the opportunity to play a higher level of soccer against other teams with similar skills. The following are guidelines for coach and player selection.

### **Coach and Player Selection**

#### ***Coach Criteria:***

- Coach candidates must complete an application to coach an All Star team and submit by email to the All-Star Coordinator and Regional Commissioner, no later than October 1st.
- Coaches must have minimum certification required for age level they are applying for.
- Coaches must have completed Safe Haven training course.
- The majority vote of the Regional Board providing ½ of the board is present and the Division Coordinator for the division, will select the All-Star Coaches
- Preference will be given to Fall Season coach

#### ***Player Selection***

- Players are selected based on skill level, aggressiveness, attitude, sportsmanship, teamwork and the desire to win. Politics and favoritism are not allowed in the selection process. It is the All-Star coaches' responsibility to field the strongest team possible in order to have the greatest chance of success.
- Fall Coaches are to submit player names from their team who have the qualities for selection to the All Star team. Player name, jersey number and team name are to be submitted to the division coordinator by October 15<sup>th</sup>.
- The All Star team is to be selected from players nominated by coaches. Any exceptions are to be approved by division coordinator and division commissioner.
- All Star coaches will evaluate players during a minimum of two regular season games. The All Star coaches are responsible for thoroughly evaluating all players in their respective divisions.
- Coaches may hold try-outs. If this is done, all interested players should be invited to try out. All players or their parents must be notified if they did not make the team within one week of team selection.
- No later than November 1<sup>st</sup>, the divisional ratings meeting will be held with the division coaches, division coordinator, and division commissioner. At the conclusion of that meeting the All Star pool will be announced. This pool will numerically consist of the maximum number of players that could be selected for an age group plus 5 (i.e. U10: 12+5 = 17, U12: 15+5 = 20). This will give the division coaches the opportunity for input. The All Star pool of players will be approved by a designated Board representative at the conclusion of this meeting. The team will be selected from this group only; any special circumstances must first be cleared by the age group Commissioner.
- Five additional alternate player names are to be determined. These alternates would be used if players decline the opportunity to play on the all star team.
- Not more than 1/3 of any one team shall be represented on the all-star team.
- Gold All Star coaches are to notify Silver All Star coaches of their team's roster within one day of the response date. This will enable formation of the Silver All Star team in a timely manner.

## ***Player Notification***

- Standard invitations will be mailed to families of potential Gold and Silver players. The invitations are not to be delivered on the field. The standard invitation includes the following information:
  - ✓ Practice day and times
  - ✓ List of potential tournaments – locations, dates, number of players allowed on the field
  - ✓ Number of expected players on the all star team
  - ✓ Dates and location of Area K All Star Tournament
  - ✓ Dates of Section 11 tournament & State tournament in case the team advances
  - ✓ Estimated costs to participate on the all star team, which include:
    - Uniform (2 jerseys, 1 pair shorts, 2 pair socks)
    - Bag/backpack
    - Warm-ups
    - Tournament entry fees/referee fees
    - Hotel costs depending on tournament location
- Players and their parents should be informed that participation on the All Star team is a major commitment of time and effort. Any player who is not serious about the team should decline allowing replacement by a player who will fully commit.
- By accepting the invitation to play on the All Star team, players are committing to the Area K All Star tournament. If the team progresses from the Area tournament, this commitment will also include the Section 11 tournament and State tournament.
- All star invitation will include a response date. If a response has not been received by the due date, the All Star coaches are responsible to contact players for their answer by November 30th.
- Once the All Star teams are selected and approved, the All Star coaches are not to discuss any part of the All Star team selection process on the field with players or families.

Division coordinator and Regional Commissioner will evaluate coach's child.

## ***Team Management***

- The region does not provide any funding or equipment to these teams. Each player is responsible for purchasing:
  - Uniforms, sweatshirts, player bags, warm-up suits, etc.
  - Entry fees into tournaments other than the Area/Section/State All-Star Tournaments
- Players are encouraged to make all practices and games.
- Teams may not practice until November 15.
- Until conclusion of the regular fall season, it is required that All Star teams practice only once a week. Upon completion of the regular fall season, All Star teams are required to practice at least twice a week.
- The Area K Divisional Playoffs take priority over any All-Star tournaments that may conflict.  
**Players must attend their Divisional team games first.**
- **It is the All-Star coaches' responsibility to encourage these players** to complete their commitment to their divisional team,
- Any questions regarding All-Stars should be directed to the All-Star Program Coordinator, or the Regional Commissioner.
- The All Star coaches can designate a team treasurer, but the coaches are ultimately responsible for the accounting of funds received. All funds go to Region 177. Regional Treasurer will keep an account per team. The team treasurer is responsible to account for expenses by player.
- The All Star coaches will need to provide a list of tournaments they wish to participate in (other than Area/Sectional/State) to the all-star coordinator by Dec 15<sup>th</sup>.