



AYSO Region 177 Plus Program Guidelines

1. AYSO PLUS Program is offered to provide a more competitive environment for those skilled players who are looking for a greater challenge than that offered by the basic Fall League play. AYSO PLUS play takes place at the same time as the fall season.
2. AYSO PLUS Program teams can be created starting in the U10 Division
3. Teams will only be formed if a qualified coach is approved by the board, and then only if a competitive team can be formed based on the skill level of the players that tryout and commit to the team
4. Coaches – goal is to have Region’s ‘BEST’ coaches in AYSO PLUS.
 - a. AYSO Advanced Coach License required. Coaches with an AYSO Intermediate Coach License may apply for the coaching position only if they firmly commit to earning the Advanced License prior to the start of the Plus season.
 - b. Coaches must be Referee trained and certified and actively participating as a referee volunteer.
 - c. Selection process will include application and an interview by a committee (RC, RCA, PLUS Coordinator, RRA, Division Coordinator, Divisional Commissioner, etc.) A recommended slate of AYSO PLUS coaches will be presented to the Regional Board. The board will then vote to select the coach for each division. If the committee does not recommend a coach for a division or if the board does not vote to approve a coach for a division, there will not be a Plus team for that division and player tryouts for that division will be canceled.
 - d. Coaches who have had misconduct issues or sendoffs will be considered only if there are no alternatives, and then will be informed that additional misconduct could be grounds for removal.
5. Tryouts - will be OPEN, well advertised and well organized.
 - a. Letter to registered players (including players from the last two seasons) in applicable age brackets.
 - b. Website.
6. Players need to be registered in order to tryout for the Plus team.
7. Evaluators: A committee of qualified coaches will evaluate the players at tryouts. None of the coaches on the committee will be related to any of the players trying out. If possible, the committee will include coaches from other regions.

8. **Regional support by AYSO PLUS teams:** AYSO PLUS teams are required to support Regional volunteer incentive programs in the same fashion as other fall league teams. Failure to do so may jeopardize a team's participation in the post-season tournament.
9. **Referee support for AYSO PLUS games:** The AYSO PLUS coordinator will work with RRA's to ensure assignment of a 3 person team capable of officiating the age level of the match on each AYSO PLUS game.
10. **Conduct:** The AYSO PLUS program has a high degree of visibility. As the coaches and players involved are of a "higher caliber", expectations as to conduct are higher as well. Referee decisions are final and may not be adjudicated. Any send-off carries a minimum one game suspension – no appeal! Any send-off for violent conduct carries a two game suspension – no appeal! Additional sanctions may be imposed based on Area Director/AYSO PLUS Director review of the misconduct in question. Any incident involving fighting will carry stiff sanctions for ANYONE involved in the fight, to include immediate expulsion from the AYSO PLUS program.
11. **Expenditures:** The AYSO PLUS program is offered to participants at cost of Regional registration fee. However, since AYSO PLUS teams must have a change of jersey in case of conflicting team colors an additional program fee will be required. An added expense is charged to the team to cover administrative costs for AYSO PLUS season and post- season tournament. Additional items/expenses are to be "team based" and are DISCOURAGED! AYSO PLUS teams are to be similar to fall league teams.
12. **Time Frames/Deadlines:**
 - a. March 26, 2009 – Coach Application is due.
 - b. April 30, 2009 – Final coach selection.
 - c. June 15, 2009 – Final player selection.
13. **The Region 177 PLUS PROGRAM GUIDELINES will be used in conjunction with the Region 177 PLUS TRYOUT GUIDELINES.**