



This fall, our region will be launching the 2nd season of Extra Play for our U10, U12, &U14 girls & boys divisions. To form a team, the age division/gender must have a sufficient number of players, a devoted interest, and the skill set necessary for this level of competition. Should there only be the requirements for 3 of the 6 teams, those 3 meeting the basic requirements will be supported. The following information is designed to explain the program, how it will work, who can participate, and how it will complement our primary 2011 fall season.

**Purpose** - Under AYSO FLEX, in 2009 a new optional program called AYSO EXTRA was piloted. It provided registered AYSO players options for participation in a more challenging playing environment during the primary season. EXTRA joins AYSO's other optional primary programs including U-16/19 and VIP which we currently provide.

**What is Extra Concurrent Play?** Players participate on an Extra team in addition to participating on their standard primary program team. Players are selected by evaluations conducted during their primary games to become part of the Extra team.

The selected players are required to participate fully with both teams, including a good attitude and acceptable attendance at practices and games. Extra concurrent players are eligible for tournament season. By providing higher skilled coaches and games with a higher flight of competition, EXTRA is designed to provide a more challenging level of play for those players who possess the appropriate interest, skills, and abilities; as well as to enhance each player's experience and individual growth through the game of soccer while retaining the spirit and organization of AYSO. The goal of EXTRA is to strengthen AYSO by retaining players and volunteers in additional primary programs operated under the AYSO philosophies. EXTRA is not designed to overshadow or harm the standard primary program.

### **Player Eligibility**

Eligible players must be registered no later than August 29th, 2011 with AYSO Region 503, and have participated in a scheduled and appropriate evaluation process determined by the Region. Standard fees will still apply to those registering after July 30th. There is no requirement that EXTRA players have previously played or registered as AYSO players.

### **Tryouts**

Tryouts are open to all players in the U10,U12 & U14 age groupings whether registered with AYSO or not. Players will be selected through an AYSO approved tryout process. Tryout evaluations will be conducted by non-partial evaluators during the early weeks of primary games. Coaches from each of

the primary teams will provide the Extra Play Coordinator a list of all players on his/her team that are interested. Any player not registered with AYSO for the upcoming 2011-12 season will at minimum pay \$15 to tryout which covers insurance fees. This \$15 is **NOT** refundable. Should a player not make the team, the tryout fee may be transferred to the primary account should they decide to play in the primary program.

## **Games**

Inter-regional games will be played with the other regions within the metro Phoenix area. Travel will be required for approximately half of the games which will include travel to Glendale, Gilbert, NE Mesa, and Ahwatukee. Games will be played in the mid afternoon timeframe after the primary season games have completed or on occasion during the weeknights. Targeted dates for the EXTRA season are Oct15th – Nov 19th. We are targeting to play a minimum of 8 games within the Area Extra program.

## **Team Formation**

Teams must be formed according to the approved selection procedures. In accordance with AYSO Rules & Regulations, EXTRA teams in U-10 & U12 divisions will be formed in accordance with AYSO's Short Sided Games recommendations and roster sizes. Teams must undergo new selections each membership year. **There are no guaranteed roster positions** for any player from one membership year to the next.

## **Player Selection Procedures**

EXTRA programs shall use player selection procedures that are designed to be impartial, fair and are considerate of the players and their families. Using impartial, qualified evaluators, for team selection is required. Team coaches may act in an advisory capacity, but evaluators will be totally impartial. Player selection opportunities will be widely advertised to all potential players and will follow the EXTRA Regional and Area operating guidelines.

Any registered child who meets the primary age requirements for the U10 or U12 divisions is eligible for selection opportunities to the EXTRA team. (No child playing up is eligible) With the exception of the tryout sessions, each of these players must be a currently registered player in the region before being permitted to participate in this program.

All players must be newly selected each membership year. Teams will be reformed each membership year. It is possible that not all players who apply will be selected to a team as the roster maximum will be ten players for U10 and 12 players for U12. All players who participate in the player selection process will be notified promptly after the final selection date whether he or she was selected to a team.

## **Expenses**

With the understanding of transportation costs not being included, the targeted expense for participation is \$30.00. This includes a uniform cost. ( jerseys, shorts, & socks) Additional trainer expenses may be added based on coach/parent determination. There is also the possibility of a minimal expense of light fees included in the charge.

## **Relationship of EXTRA to All-Star and Secondary Play**

All Stars is a defined AYSO program that is hosted by Areas and/or Sections. Players participating in EXTRA Concurrent programs are eligible for All Star play. Regions must guarantee that the All Star selection process includes all EXTRA Concurrent players and all standard primary program players who do not participate in the EXTRA program.

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