



Region 503

Frequently Asked Questions of the American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO)

How is AYSO different from other soccer organizations? The Vision of AYSO is to create quality soccer programs to enrich the lives of children. The AYSO Mission is to develop and deliver quality youth soccer programs which promote a fun, family environment based on the AYSO philosophies: Everyone plays, Balanced teams, Open Registration, Positive Coaching, Good Sportsmanship and Player Development.

What is a Region and how is the organization run? Within the structure of AYSO is the National Office with a national Board of Directors, a President and an Executive officer. There are 14 Sections and each section contains Areas. The Areas are further divided into regions. We are in Section 12, Area D, and Region 503. Most of the AYSO organization is run by volunteers. There are paid positions at the National Level. Each region must have the following positions filled: Regional Commissioner, Treasurer, Registrar, Safety Director, Referee Administrator, Coach Administrator and CVPA (Child volunteer Protection Advocate). We also have volunteers as; secretary, purchaser, field management, age based coordinators, instructors, program directors, web/information specialist.

Are there regular meetings and can I attend? Regional board meetings occur on a monthly basis and are open to the public. Our meetings are the third Monday of the month at the La Casita clubhouse on Dobson Ranch at 6:30 PM.

What does my child need for soccer practice and games? According to AYSO Rules and Regulations, each child must wear shin guards for practice and games. It is recommended that they also have their own ball and bring water to every game or practice.

U6 & U8 – Size 3 ball, U10 & U12 – Size 4 ball, U14 and above – Size 5 ball

What do the registration fees cover? The registration fees include a uniform complete with a jersey, shorts and socks. Player fees are made to the National Organization which also covers each player with soccer insurance. Fees are also paid to the City of Mesa and Mesa Public Schools for use of

the fields and the lights. Other money is used to maintain and update fields, equipment and support the region.

What if I want a refund? Full refunds will be given before the first day of practice for the year. After that and up to the second game of the season a refund minus a \$20 administration fee will be given provided the uniform is returned clean and in good condition. Refunds after the second game will be on a case by case basis. Please submit the refund form with a self addressed stamped envelope.

What if I missed the registration dates? Late registrations will be accepted provided there is room on the desired team. If there is not room available, a wait list will be initiated and the wait list plan followed. This policy can be found on at the bottom of this document and on the website.

Waiting List Plan

In the event that a player needs to be placed on a waiting list for registration/team opening the following will apply:

1. The players will be listed in order by the paid registration date and time.
2. All efforts will be made to place the player on a team; if another player drops out, or if a new team is created.
3. The first player on the waiting list will be contacted and given the opportunity to be placed on a team. If they do not want the placement (due to practice location, practice times, etc.) the placement will be offered to the next player on the list.
4. If the player cannot be placed until midway through the season the registration fee will be prorated and a refund given.
5. If the player cannot be placed on a team at all the registration fee will be refunded.

