



Now that my child is registered for soccer...FAQs for parents

What's included? Your registration fees include a uniform (socks, shorts, and jersey), supplemental insurance, and the standard picture package. The rest of your registration fees help to pay for school and park usage fees, utilities, field upkeep and maintenance, etc. Your fees do NOT pay salaries – we are all volunteers who are here for the kids. The cost of running the program exceeds the low registration fee; therefore each team will be required to recruit a sponsor to donate approximately \$10.00 - \$12.00 per sponsored player to help offset the expenses of the program. Currently there is no other “fund raiser”.

I want to join in the fun – how can I help out? There are many ways. AYSO Region 42 in Newbury Park is a total volunteer organization. We need people like you! Volunteer to coach, and you get to pick the practice days/times that best fit your schedule! There are great coaching clinics to help you get started. Be a referee – the kids can't play without referees! You start out with the younger kids - we provide referee training. Help stripe fields on Saturdays. Be the team parent and help the coach. Be an assistant coach. Help set up nets in the mornings, or take them down at the end of the day. The possibilities are almost endless!

What do I need to get? Shin guards are required for both practice and games. Shoes can either be tennis shoes or soccer shoes. Note that soccer cleats do NOT have a toe cleat. Baseball shoes/cleats cannot be worn unless the toe cleat is removed. Your child will need a soccer ball for practices – the coach will let you know the proper size to purchase. Water is needed for both practice and games.

When does practice start? Practices cannot start before August 10, 2009, by AYSO insurance coverage rules. Some teams may start the following week – it depends on the coach's schedule. You'll be notified by the coach of your team's practice schedule sometime in late July or early August. (Exception for U-16 and U-19 teams because of the earlier season commencement: their practices can start August 3)

How often/what days and times will practices be? The Under 5 and Under 6 divisions do not have weekly practices. Their practice is part of their game times on Saturdays. For the other divisions, Practices will be 1-1 1/2 hours, 1-2 times a week. Practice schedules are selected by the coach. Do you want to pick the time & place? Sign up to help out as a coach! The coaches will call sometime after July 25, 2009 for a parent meeting and to share specific information for your team.

When does the season start? Opening Day is Saturday, September 12, 2009. Soccer is a team sport. The other children on the team need to be able to count on your child. Please have your child attend each scheduled practice and game. Please have the courtesy to notify your coach in advance if your child will be absent. The regular season runs from September to November.

What time are the games? Games can start anywhere from 8:00 to 5:00 on Saturdays. Exact game schedules are not known until the division is finalized.

How long does the season last? The season runs from September 12, 2009 through November, ending before Thanksgiving. The exact length is not known until we determine the number of teams in each division. The U16/U19 season ends the first or second weekend of November, before the high school program starts. For players U-10 and older there will be Area playoffs and all-star competition in December and January. Other tournament events are also possible for all-star teams.

Where do we play? We play games at Peppertree Park and Dos Vientos Park. Region 42 must adhere to certain conditions, which include the prohibiting of parking on residential streets in the adjacent housing tract. Parking is allowed in the Peppertree Park parking lot and in designated areas only of the business park across Old Conejo Road. Parking on portions of Reino Rd. is allowed, but discouraged due to the high traffic volume. Under-12 and Under-14 teams usually play at Dos Vientos Park; upper divisions (U-16, U-19) play off-site at various fields both weeknights and Sundays.

When are pictures? Picture day is currently scheduled for Sunday, September 20, 2009, due to the lack of available Saturdays and too many children to hold pictures and games on the same day. Your team picture time will be assigned after we know the number of teams.

Who will be the coach? We need coach volunteers – want to help out? We'll train you! Want more information? Ask us!

When will I hear from the coach? Coaches are given their team rosters in late-July. Most coaches contact their players soon thereafter, but some are unable to do so until August due to vacations or other commitments. If you haven't heard from your child's coach by August 17, 2009, please visit our website www.aysoregion42.org for the latest information and follow up with your child's division director.

I signed up late – when will I know whether I'm on a team? With late sign-ups, after July 1, 2009, we cannot guarantee placement on a team. Late sign-ups will be placed on a space-available basis, taking into consideration team balancing. Please wait until August 17, 2009 before inquiring.

My child wants to be on a team with his/her friend. In the competitive divisions (Under-10 and older) teams are determined ONLY by a blind draw, and balanced by age and ability. One of AYSO's important philosophies is balanced teams. We cannot place children on particular teams or with certain friends or coaches.

What is the refund policy? You will be entitled to a full refund if you request one using the appropriate form 'Request for Player Drop/Refund' before 6/30/09. After 6/30/09 there will be no refunds. NO EXCEPTIONS. The form can be found on the region website www.aysoregion42.org.

AYSO is dedicated to promoting self-respect as well as respect for others. Players, coaches, parents and spectators of Region 42 are expected to behave with the highest degree of decorum, sportsmanship, and respect for others, including the volunteer youth and adult referees. This means that all comments directed to your child or other children are to be made in a positive manner. Derogatory remarks, abusive language, intimidating behavior and threats will not be tolerated. Any child or adult who behaves in a manner inconsistent with this policy may be immediately removed from the field and is subject to removal from the program. Any acts of physical violence directed against any official in the program **WILL** result in immediate removal from the program.

OUR PERMIT DOES NOT ALLOW ANY DOGS OR PETS AT OR NEAR THE FIELDS-YOU WILL BE ASKED TO TAKE THEM HOME.

Any other questions? Check our website, www.aysoregion42.org or ask any of the board members.
See you at the soccer fields! Remember, AYSO Soccer is for the kids! Have fun!!!