Commissioner's Message

Palos Verdes AYSO
Welcome to the Palos Verdes region (Region 10) of the American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) located on the beautiful Palos Verdes Peninsula. We offer recreational and competitive soccer programs year-round to boys and girls ages 4 to 19 years old.

Our core philosophies for fun and fair soccer are:

EVERYONE PLAYS
BALANCED TEAMS
OPEN REGISTRATION
POSITIVE COACHING
GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP
PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

Our primary fall season is held on Saturdays from September to December. In 2012, nearly 2,800 children played soccer in our fall program on the finest quality fields located throughout the Peninsula. We also offer single-year age divisions for many divisions so that children can enjoy soccer with their classmates.

2013 Fall Registrations
Players can begin to register online for fall soccer starting on March 1, 2013 at www.eayso.org. If you are a returning player in the U10 to U19 division, you can pay and register completely online. If you have not played in our Region before or if the player is in the U5 to U9 divisions, then you need to pay online, but you need to attend our in person registration to register. This is because we need volunteers in the younger divisions. We do allow returning coaches in U7 to U9 to pay and register completely online.

In Person Registration for our primary 2013 fall season will be held on Saturday April 20 and June 1, 2013, at *Hesse Park Community Center, 29301 Hawthorne Boulevard, Rancho Palos Verdes*. Check out our 2013 Fall Registration Information for pricing and specific details. Remember, you must pre-register your child online with the AYSO national database located at www.eAYSO.org. If you have any questions or if you are having trouble registering online, please attend one of our in person registrations. We will have computers and printers and volunteers there to help you register.

In April, we mail to families whose children played in our 2012 fall program important registration information. Look for a small packet again this year. All basic information will be posted on this website in order to save resources. In addition, we'll distribute flyers through PVPUSD schools and we'll send e-mail messages as a reminder of our registrations and our upcoming events.

Year-Round Palos Verdes AYSO Opportunities
We also offer recreational winter and summer soccer programs. These are very popular programs. The winter season is held on eight consecutive Saturdays in January and February for children between 5 and

12 years old. The summer program is played on eight consecutive Wednesday nights in July and August for players between 7 and 14. These are practice-free programs.

Players who wish to participate in competitive play have the opportunity to play on Palos Verdes AYSO post-season teams starting at the Under 8 division. Coaches designated by our Tournament Committee form post-season teams that typically play from November through the following May. Each age division supports at least one boys' team and one girls' team. In 2012, we have over 35 teams from Palos Verdes AYSO participating in our post-season program.

As part of our post-season program, Palos Verdes AYSO hosts a Spring Select League that's played from early February through May each year. More than 1,000 players representing 75 teams from the greater South Bay area are playing in our 2012 Spring Select League.

Our Community
Each year we honor two worthy AYSO youth volunteers with our Jeff Rickel Memorial Scholarship. High school seniors who played in AYSO and who volunteered in our region are eligible to apply.

Our Region also supports Get Give Go!, as this family run group provides used uniforms and equipment to less fortunate children all over the world. We collect these items at our opening and closing days.

We Need You to Volunteer!
AYSO is an all-volunteer organization. More than 50 dedicated volunteers serve on the Region 10 board of directors and work year-round to organize fair and friendly AYSO soccer for the nearly 4,000 children who play in our fall, winter, spring, and summer programs in Palos Verdes at some time during the year. The Board Contact list on our website provides contact information for our board members.

Each year, we rely on more than 700 volunteers to coach and to referee. The next time that you see a coach or referee on the field making this program possible for your child, please take a moment to acknowledge his or her efforts.

We still need more volunteers! Please consider lending your time and effort as a coach or referee.

Our website *www.ayso10.com* contains additional information about our programs. Be sure to check our calendar for registration dates, times and locations, as well as many other key dates throughout the year. We are constantly updating materials on our website, so visit often. If you need additional information, do not hesitate to contact the appropriate board member, under Board Contacts on our website.

Best wishes,
Alan Kossoff
Regional Commissioner

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