Palos Verdes AYSO

2013 Player and Parent Information

Hi Players and Parents,

Please read the following summary description of the Palos Verdes region (Region 10) of the American Youth Soccer Association (AYSO). It covers many important topics.

The Seasons

Fall Soccer - We welcome about 2,800 players to our fall program. The season runs from September to early December. For the U5-U8 divisions, it is recreational soccer. For the U9-U14 divisions, it is competitive soccer, with scores, standings, and play-offs.

Opening Day and Picture Day are on September 7, 2013. The U9-U14 divisions start play on September 7. The U5-U8 divisions start play on September 14.

Most teams will finish the season by Thanksgiving. The U9-U14 divisions compete in our King and Queen-of-the-Hill tournament with the championships on December 7, 2013.

U16/U19 Play – Our U16 and U19 players compete in league play against AYSO teams from neighboring AYSO regions. The season runs from September to late November. Practices are held and matches are played at the Ladera Linda fields on Saturdays and Sundays.

Winter Soccer – is recreational soccer played on eight Saturdays in January and February. We offer play in the U6-U12 divisions.

Summer Soccer – is recreational soccer played on eight Wednesday evenings in July and August at the Ladera Linda fields. We offer play in the U7-U14 divisions.

Post-Season Soccer – Our select and tournament post-season teams are competitive U9-U16 teams that play in two-day AYSO tournaments (late November through June) as well as our Spring Select League (February through May). Our Tournament Committee chooses select coaches for each age group. The coaches then select players who played in our fall season. After select teams form, any fall head coach approved by the Tournament Committee may form a tournament team to play in the same AYSO tournaments as the select teams.

Blind Drafts and Team Formation

Balanced Teams is a fundamental tenet of AYSO. To form balanced teams, we use a double-blind draft in U9-U19 that is run by a division coordinator with all coaches present.

The U5, U6, U7 and U8 divisions are recreational. U6, U7 and U8 teams are formed by division coordinators, and they do their best to apply selection methods that result in balanced teams.

For the U7-U14 age groups, please do not ask to team up and coach with another parent or for specific team assignments**.** These special requests interfere with our goal of forming balanced teams and also create substantial extra work for our volunteer coordinators.

Under 5 & Under 6 Divisions

Our U5 division is a stand-alone program with a "soccer fest" curriculum. All parents will be encouraged to participate with their daughters and sons in U5 sessions and matches.

Our U6 division players are typically assigned by school and/or geography. You are allowed to make requests for your child to be placed on teams with their friends. Please write down any requests on your U6 child's registration form. We offer a popular one-day format. Each session begins with a short training session followed by 3v3 short-sided soccer games.

Player, Volunteer, and Spectator Conduct

Palos Verdes AYSO strongly supports and participates in the AYSO Kid Zone program. This nationally recognized program emphasizes the fun aspects of youth soccer. It requires that all players, volunteers, parents and spectators stay positive, supportive, courteous, and in-control before, during, and after soccer matches.

No jewelry (including earrings and studs) or casts are allowed on any player during practice or a soccer game. We do not permit players to cover earrings or studs with band-aids or tape.

More Information on Palos Verdes AYSO

For further information about our programs, please visit www.ayso10.com.

We look forward to seeing you on the field!!

Alan Kossoff

Palos Verdes AYSO Regional Commissioner

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