



## 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 2017, nearly 2,500 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.

### 2018 Fall Registrations

Players can begin to register online for fall soccer starting on March 12, 2018 at <http://ayso.bluesombrero.com/region10>. If you are a returning player in the 10U to 18U division, you can pay and register completely online. If you have not played in our Region before or if you are in the 5U to 9U divisions, then you need to pay online, but you also 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 6U to 9U to pay and register completely online.

In-Person Registration for our primary 2018 fall season will be held on Saturday April 21 and May 19, 2018 from 12 to 4 PM, at Hesse Park Community Center, 29301 Hawthorne Boulevard, Rancho Palos Verdes. Check out our 2018 Fall Registration Information for pricing and specific details. Remember, you must pre-register your child online with the AYSO national database located at <http://ayso.bluesombrero.com/region10>. 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 March, we will email to families whose children played in our 2017 fall program important registration information. 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.

## **Palos Verdes AYSO Opportunities**

We also offer a popular recreational winter soccer program. The winter season is held on eight consecutive Saturdays in January and February for children between 5 and 12 years old. This is a practice-free program.

Players who wish to participate in competitive play may have the opportunity to play on Palos Verdes AYSO post-season teams starting at the 9U division. Coaches designated by our Tournament Committee form post-season teams by selecting players that have participated in the Fall AYSO program. These post-season teams typically play from November through the following May. Each age division supports at least one boys' team and one girls' team. In 2017, we had over 20 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 1,200 players representing 80 teams from the greater South Bay area are playing in our 2018 Spring Select League.

## **AYSO Soccer Camps and Academy**

In 2018, we will offer 6 weeks of AYSO Soccer Camps. These are very popular programs which had nearly 800 kids attend in 2017. Spring Camp will be in March/April. Summer Camps will be in June and August. A Winter break camp will be in December. We also offer a Fall Academy that will run on consecutive Sundays during our Fall season for those players that want more instruction than what a regular team will offer. We will continue the popular Spring Academy from March through May along with a program for 3-year-olds called Tiny Tykes that is parent participatory. All of these programs are taught by professional coaches that come here from England and other parts of Europe.

## **EXTRA Program**

Our region participates in AYSO's EXTRA program where kids will try out for EXTRA teams and if chosen, will play in a side-by-side format with our Fall season against other EXTRA teams in other regions throughout Southern California.

## **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 70 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 600 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 <http://www.ayso10.org> 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,

Bob Caseres  
Regional Commissioner

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