

AYSO Region 10

Palos Verdes Peninsula, California

TO: Boys and Girls Coaches
FROM: Region 10 Tournament Committee
RE: POST SEASON TEAMS
DATE: September 2014

SUMMARY

Region 10 supports the formation of post season teams that participate in AYSO invitational tournament play throughout Southern California. Tournament play brings together teams from other AYSO regions. It consists of two day tournaments such as the West Torrance Christmas Classic or a continuing soccer program such as the Palos Verdes Spring Select League.

Region 10 supports two types of post season teams: **Select Teams** and **Tournament Teams**.

All coaches who have an interest in coaching a 2014-15 post season team must submit to the Tournament Committee a completed application by not later than **September 30**. The Tournament Committee will approve the select and tournament coaches shortly thereafter.

ELIGIBILITY

Coach Eligibility

In order to Head Coach a Post Season team, an applicant must meet the following criteria:

- (1) Head coach a Palos Verdes fall 2014 team in any division, (2) Head coach or Assistant Coach a Palos Verdes 2014 EXTRA team in any division, or (3) be a Palos Verdes AYSO 2014 Fall Division Coordinator;
- Submit a 2014 Volunteer Form and have completed Safe Haven
- Displayed good sportsmanship during the fall season
- Have earned the following Coach Certifications:
 - U8 Coach training to coach U8 teams
 - U10 Coach training to coach U9/10 teams
 - U12 Coach training to coach U11/12 teams
 - Intermediate Coach training to coach U13/14 teams
 - Advanced Coach training to coach U16/19 team

All coaches who are selected to coach a post season team must sign the AYSO Region 10 Postseason Code of Conduct

Coaches applying to coach a U11 or U12 post season team should be prepared to oversee and run – or to recruit volunteers from their team to oversee and run – the boys or girls' side of the 2015 Palos Verdes Spring Select League in the U8, U10, U12, and U14 divisions.

All other post-season teams are required to help run the 2015 Palos Verdes Spring Select League.

Player Eligibility

- Players must be registered with Palos Verdes AYSO and must have played a minimum of three-quarters (3/4) of the regular season games during the PV fall season or the PV EXTRA fall season.
- Displayed good sportsmanship during the fall season
- Players with a financial obligation outstanding to the region are ineligible

SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF POST SEASON TEAMS

SELECT TEAMS

- Are formed using the most capable players in the U8, U9, U10, U11, U12, U14, and U16/19 divisions from the current Region 10 fall program or our EXTRA program.
- Consist of at least one team in each division unless the number of players registered, the competitive ability of the players, or interest does not warrant a team in a division.
- U8 rosters will have a maximum of 10 players; U9 and U10 rosters are typically between 10 to 12 players; U11 and U12 rosters are typically between 12 to 14 players; U14 rosters are typically between 15 to 18 players; U16/19 rosters are typically 18 to 22 players.

TOURNAMENT TEAMS

- Are formed each year in addition to and after the select teams to afford more children the opportunity to participate in AYSO tournaments
- Have the same eligibility requirements as Select teams
- Rosters have the same guidelines as Select teams

EXTRA TEAMS

EXTRA Teams are formed in some divisions to play the Fall Season in an EXTRA league pursuant to AYSO Guidelines. After the EXTRA team concludes play in the Fall EXTRA

League, the EXTRA team may become a Post Season team as a Select team in combination with its EXTRA status. All requirements for Post Season teams apply equally for EXTRA teams to become a Post Season team. Each coach must submit an application and be approved as a Post Season coach and team.

TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

Region 10 has a Tournament Committee comprised of board members designated by the Regional Commissioner. The Tournament Committee is responsible for selecting all post-season team coaches and for deciding all issues involving post season teams and players. Approval and eligibility of all coaches and players and all issues relating thereto rests solely with the discretion of the Tournament Committee and is final.

The Tournament Committee will choose all coaches using guidelines that include:

- **Sportsmanship** – must adhere to the AYSO philosophy of positive coaching
- **Experience** – a minimum of one previous full year as a head coach is required, two or more is preferred
- **Commitment** – a principal goal (in the select team in particular) is to develop talent within each division with the result that select team players will continue to play AYSO soccer as they mature to older divisions
- **Continuity** – existing head coaches of teams moving up will be given priority so long as all other guidelines are met

Persons desiring to coach a post season team who are willing to keep the team together in the AYSO program for several years will be given preference.

Coaches wishing to coach a Select or Tournament Team must submit an application to the Tournament Committee and receive approval from the Tournament Committee prior to contacting any potential team members. No Post Season team may be formed or participate in play without the approval of the Tournament Committee.

TEAM COMPOSITION AND RULES

SELECT TEAMS

Player Selection. Once a select team head coach has been chosen, that coach is entirely responsible for player selection. This selection process is fundamentally different from the selection of “all star” teams in other sports. While Region 10 encourages each select team coach to solicit recommendations from every fall season coach and to hold tryouts (we call them "special workouts"), final team selection authority rests solely with the select team coach.

If two or more select teams are formed in U8, U9, or U10, their team rosters shall be balanced by the division coordinator and the Tournament Committee to ensure roughly equal talent levels.

Select team coaches may select players whose birthdates fall within that division's guidelines and/or who played up in that division during the fall season. For example, a U9 coach can consider players with a birth date falling in the range of August 1, 2005 to July 31, 2006, and/or U8 age players who played up in the U9 division during the fall season, but a U9 select team may not include U10 age players.

U8 Division. The U8 Post Season teams will play in the Palos Verdes Spring Select League. AYSO National does not permit official scores and standings for U8 teams in the post season, but the U8 Palos Verdes Spring Select League will be a competitive league with other post season teams from our Area. Our U8 post season teams may play in other post season tournaments that are approved for U8 play with the approval of the Regional Commissioner.

Rosters. Team rosters must be submitted to the Tournament Committee for approval. The rosters are tentative until it has been verified that players have played in at least three quarters of their fall regular season or fall EXTRA matches. However, the Tournament Committee in its discretion may also consider whether the player played in their first scheduled playoff match for purposes of deciding whether the player satisfied the three quarter play requirement.

Referee Requirement. At the time team rosters are submitted, the coach must submit a list of at least six adult family volunteers of players on the team who are certified badged referees to referee in the U9 division and up. In other words, they must have at least a Regional Referee Badge. This applies for Post Season teams in all divisions, including the U8 division. Further, the referees on all lists must have submitted 2014 Volunteer Forms and completed Safe Haven.

Season. The tournament season begins each year with Thanksgiving tournaments and continues at least through the Palos Verdes Spring Select League that ends in early May. Some teams will continue to participate in additional tournaments taking place in May and June. The boys' and girls' U12 teams may finish their season by participating in the Rainbow Tournament held in Honolulu in late June/early July. Region 10 may subsidize certain U12 post season teams it approves to participate in the Rainbow Tournament with up to a \$7,500 trip allowance. The approval is based on many factors, including number of years participating and coaching a post season team and/or EXTRA team, volunteering within the Region, sportsmanship, parent involvement, and refereeing in the Region. The Region may approve no U12 team or several U12 teams each year to receive a subsidy in the Tournament Committee's discretion.

Costs. Post Season teams are entirely self-supporting. Team parents must pay for all team costs including, tournament fees, referee fees, uniform costs, equipment costs and travel costs, if any.

Uniforms. Post Season teams must wear uniforms approved by the Tournament Committee.

TOURNAMENT TEAMS

Formation. Tournament teams are chosen by the Tournament Committee after the selection of the Select teams. Tournament teams may be formed at any time during the tournament season. The head coach must be approved by the Tournament Committee prior to the formation of the team and parents must be advised of team responsibilities.

Player Selection. Once the head coach has been approved, that coach is entirely responsible for player selection. Tournament teams can be a combination of “older” and “younger” players within the following divisions: U8, U9/U10 for play in U10, U11/U12 for play in U12, U14.

Rosters, Referee Requirement, Season, Costs, and Uniforms. The same requirements for Select teams above apply equally for Tournament Teams.

AYSO PRINCIPLES AND SPORTSMANSHIP

For all AYSO post-season teams, all parents, coaches, and spectators must conduct themselves at all times in accordance with AYSO philosophies, four of which include:

- Good Sportsmanship
- Everybody Plays
- Positive Coaching
- Player Development

Learning good sportsmanship is the most important part of participating in youth sports and is an integral part of the AYSO philosophy.

Palos Verdes post season teams represent our region. Their behavior will determine future team access to these tournaments. Accordingly, good sportsmanship by all post season team participants (players, coaches, parents, and other spectators) is mandatory. Failure to demonstrate good sportsmanship by either coaches or players is grounds for suspension from a post season team. Any parent or other spectator who disrupts one or more games may subject his or her child to a suspension from the team. The penalty may range from one game to the remainder of the season.

Any coach interested in head coaching a select or tournament team must complete the application and timely submit by email to all Tournament Committee members:

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