

When do coaches get their teams assigned?

Registration will close on Sunday 3/20 and teams will be built at that time based on the parent volunteers who have signed up to coach. We will host virtual Coaches meetings starting on 3/24 where Coaches will receive their draft rosters.

When will I find out which team my child is on?

You should get a system notification on 3/28 and within a couple days you should hear directly from your Coach, typically via email. This should happen between 3/28 and 3/30 (before Spring Break). Coach will give you all the information you will need re: practice times and location. Each coach sets his/her own practice days, time and location. The practice and game fields are located throughout the Ada/Cascade area. If you have not heard from your Coach by 3/31, please let us know.

Can my child play in a different division?

Some kids just "get it" sooner than others and end up dominating other players their own age. We don't want to hold them back, so we will typically support a child playing "up" one division where skill warrants the move and there are no concerns about player safety. <u>Contact us</u> if you feel this is the right move for your child. It is important that we know this before teams are created. Note: Insurance liability prevents us from playing kids "down" one division.

What does my child need?

I've registered...now what?

The registration fee includes: complete uniform (jersey, shorts, socks), supplemental accident insurance, a team photo and a medal. In addition, you may need to obtain shoes, shin guards, a soccer ball (6U & 8U: size 3, 10U & 12U: size 4, 14U: size 5) and a water bottle.

When does the season begin and how long does it last?

Practices will begin after Spring Break, the week of 4/11. Our first games of the season will be on 4/16. We will play a 7-week season. No games on Memorial Day weekend. Last game will be on 6/4. Note: game schedules will be published at least a week in advance of the first game.

How often are practices and games?

Players in our Playground division will have the option to meet during a weeknight or on Saturday mornings. Teams in our 6U division practice AND play a game in 1 hour on Saturday mornings. Teams in our 8U and 10 divisions practice for an hour once each week and play their games on Saturday mornings. 12U and 14U teams typically practice twice weekly then play games on Saturdays with half of their games requiring some travel, usually to a neighboring region <1 hr away.

What if my plans change? Can I get a refund?

We get it – life happens and things change. Players withdrawing prior to 3/20 will be issued a full refund less a \$20 AYSO National processing fee. Please contact our <u>Registrar</u> if you would like to request a refund.

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Please remember...

AYSO is a parent-based volunteer organization established to provide a positive experience for our children. Go to the games. Learn the rules. Above all, be tolerant of the children's coaches and referees mistakes and weaknesses. Read up on AYSO's six philosophies and the responsibilities that coaches, parents and players have to ensure our season is a success. Please also help us honor our commitment to make AYSO soccer a safe experience by leaving your pets at home during practices and games and by honoring our Safety Guidelines with regard to limiting the spread of COVID-19.

How can I help?

We'd love to have you involved! It only takes a few hours to become qualified as an introductory-level coach or referee. But if you're not able to commit that much time, there are other roles like Team Parent available. Even a couple of hours each season are an important contribution to your team. Perhaps most importantly, your child will absolutely love having you involved! Find out more about <u>becoming a volunteer</u> and formally register at ayso571.org.

More questions and how to stay in contact with us...

<u>Email us</u> with additional questions or feedback. Check our Region <u>website</u>.