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## IMPORTANT DATES

November 10	End of regular season play
November 11-17	Region tournament
November 18th	All Star draft U10 at Westwinds Sports Center Girls 6:00, Boys 7:30
November 19th	All Star draft U12 at Westwinds Sports Center Girls 6:00, Boys 7:30
November 20th	All Star draft U14 at Westwinds Sports Center Girls 6:00, Boys 7:30

## ALL STAR DRAFTS

Coaches of U14, U12 and U10 teams are **required** to have team representation at the upcoming All Star Drafts. If you are sending a representative, notify Sandy Havro at 947-7788 or Doyle Williams at 951-5449 in advance.

The times and dates for the drafts have not changed since being disclosed at the beginning of the season; however, the location has moved to the Westwinds Sports Center on George Air Force Base. For a copy of a map of the area, ask at the White Tent.

Due to the confidential nature of the All Star Drafts,

## THANK YOU!

Once again, the season is ending before we know it. To all coaches, referees, team parents and other volunteers, the Region extends its deepest gratitude for all that you do to make our Region run as well as it does. As a Board, we are very proud of this program and all of the volunteers who make it what it is. So a big "Thank you!" and "See you next season!!"

## Attention: U6 and U8 Coaches!!

Pick up your team's medals at the White Tent Saturday or Sunday.

U8 Coaches will need to prepare a Player Evaluation Form to rate the players who are moving up to U10 next year and will be part of the player draft. Forms are available at the White Tent as well. Please see any Board Member for answers to questions you may have.



# REFEREE INFORMATION: TEMPORARY EXPULSIONS ARE NOT ALLOWED

At the March 2002 meeting of the International Football Association Board (IFAB), FIFA brought the practice of allowing a player to be sent off the field for a temporary period to the Board's attention and it issued the following statement:

## TEMPORARY EXPULSIONS

*The Board strongly supports FIFA's concern that some national associations continue to use temporary expulsions in lower leagues. The Board confirmed in the strongest terms that this procedure must cease immediately, otherwise disciplinary sanctions will be applied against the offending federation.*

The following is taken from a 2002 USSF memorandum:

### USSF Advice to Referees

*USSF has not authorized nor will authorize any state association or local league, competition, or tournament to adopt a "temporary expulsion" rule. The Laws of the Game may not be modified in this regard.*

In response to these communications, the practice in some AYSO regions, areas and sections of giving a "Temporary Expulsion" or a five minute "cooling off period" for U-16 or U-19 players who receive a caution was discussed by the National Board of Directors, and subsequently by the National Referee Commission, National Coaching Commission, and the Section Directors. The consensus of these groups is that this practice is in violation of the specific directives from FIFA and USSF and is not otherwise permitted by AYSO National Rules and Regulations, and therefore that it is not allowed in AYSO. A number of reasons supported these conclusions.

First, AYSO National Rules and Regulations (NR&R) clearly state that "All AYSO games shall be conducted in accordance with the current FIFA Laws of the Game and decisions of the International Board ... with the exceptions noted below..." In the front of the Law Book are the modifications permitted by the IFAB for youth players; these are:

- \*size of the field of play
- \* size, weight and material of the ball
- \* duration of the periods of play
- \* substitutions
- \* width between the goalposts and height of the crossbar from the ground

AYSO regions, areas and sections do *not* have the prerogative of making any rules that conflict with either the NR&R or the Laws of the Game. This has been the AYSO position for **more than** 25 years, and continues to be our position.

Second, our players need to play by a consistent set of rules, and permitting regions, areas or sections to make their own rules which conflict with the

NR&R, and therefore the Laws of the Game, is a disservice to our players.

Third, allowing a player to leave the field to contemplate the error of his/her ways, in fact, prolongs the obligation to behave and brings unnecessary additional attention to the misbehaving youth. We currently have a three-strike rule. Strike one usually is the informal verbal warning a referee may offer the player. Strike two is the formal "Caution" that continued misconduct will result in strike three and being sent off the field. At some point the player should understand that continued misconduct will have consequences and adding a fourth "strike" to the process only prolongs the requirement to behave. A large part of what AYSO is about is helping young players accept responsibility for their actions and to accept the counsel of authority figures (referees). The caution should be sufficient for this purpose.

Fourth, Coaches still have the option of calling players to the touch line to receive a few words of "positive instruction" concerning their behavior. A coach also has the option of telling a player to ask the referee's permission to leave the field, getting the player under control, and then having the player request permission to reenter the game. The referee should allow the player this permission to both leave and reenter the field. Giving the coach this responsibility, which is where it belongs, is not in violation of the Laws. This is a coach's decision rather than a "rule" for referees when cautioning. Thus, if the coach feels the player needs a "time-out" to regain self-control, there are appropriate ways to do this legally. The coach must make this determination. It should not be an "automatic" action taken by referees when cautioning players.

Finally, regions, areas, and sections have some flexibility to develop guidelines or procedures that they feel are in their best interest. These modifications are permissible provided they do not conflict with any of the existing governance documents under which we operate such as; the National Rules and Regulations, FIFA Laws of the Game, AYSO By laws, Articles of Incorporation, nonprofit status, etc. The approval process for these local modifications is through the Area Directors, Section Directors and then on to the NBOD. The NSTC also can help you with answers to what is and is not allowed and offer suggestions as to what you might do to accomplish positive change. Until such changes may be made, however, we all have the responsibility to adhere to the Laws of the Game as they are currently written.

For all of these reasons, it was the consensus of the NBOD, the National Referee Commission, the National Coaching Commission, and the Section Directors that all regions, areas and sections in AYSO are expected to take the appropriate actions necessary to achieve compliance with the governance documents under which we operate, including compliance with FIFA's pronouncements regarding Temporary Expulsions.

Play On!

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