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Welcome to AYSO soccer in Victorville. As is our custom, we devote our first newsletter of the year to registration. Important information may be found here, as well as on our web site.

The Six Philosophies of AYSO:

- Everyone Plays
- Balanced Teams
- Positive Coaching
- Open Registration
- Good Sportsmanship
- Player Development

We adhere to the letter and the spirit of these tenets, which help us to bring an enriching soccer experience to the players of the region.

Join us on Facebook to follow current events!



We are "AYSO Region 665 in Victorville". Request to join today!

We've Registered... Now What?

Below are answers to some Frequently Asked Questions that should help prepare you for the upcoming fall season:

What else does my child need? The only mandatory equipment not provided by the Region is shin guards and shoes. Soccer shoes (cleats without a toe cleat) are recommended for better traction on the grass. Also recommended are a water bottle and a soccer ball. (see below for size guidelines)

What size ball is used by my child's team? U6 and U8 players use size No. 3. U10 and U12 players use size No. 4. U14, U16 and U19 players use size No. 5.

What do all those "U"s mean? The "U" in U10, U12, etc. stands for "Under". In the U10 division players are UNDER age 10 as of July 31st.

When do the players get called? Teams may begin practice on August 1st. The coaches will usually call the

players in the U19 to U10 divisions within a few days of the player drafts to advise them of practice times and locations. Players in the U8 and U6 divisions will begin to receive calls from coaches around August 20th.

It is after August 1 and my child has not been called. What do I do? Please do not panic if you see teams practicing and your child has not been called. Not all teams begin practice at the same time. U8 and U6 teams typically begin practice around August 15th. Some coaches may be out of town on vacation. If your child is playing in the U19—U10 divisions and has not received a call by August 12th, send an email to registrar@ayso665.org.

How often and when are practices held? Practices are held once or twice per week, depending on division. Practice times and locations are determined by the coach.

How often are games held?



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Games are normally held once per week, at Hook Park on Saturdays; however, please understand that depending on the number of teams and field space, some games may be held on week nights, Sundays or a Saturday double-header. Teams in the U19 and U16 divisions are inter-Area teams that travel to cities within Area D for games. Their season is different from the rest of the divisions to ensure that all games are completed prior to the commencement of high school soccer.

Does the Region need any help? YES! We're ALWAYS looking for volunteers. Register at www.eAYSO.com.

AYSO Soccer Camp Offered

The AYSO Camp curriculum has been developed by AYSO in conjunction with some of the highest-level camp trainers in the USA, and is fully approved by the AYSO National Coach.

From fun introductory sessions for the youngest players, to intensive technical and tactical sessions for advanced players, all players are



Soccer Camp dates are July 19 to July 23

grouped by age and ability to ensure the optimal balance of fun, challenge and skill development.

All camp sessions prioritize individual ball skills as well as fun games to put those skills to practice and develop teamwork. Players are encour-

aged to express themselves in order to develop confidence and creativity on the field.

Region 665 will again host an AYSO Soccer Camp. Dates are July 19 — July 23, with special clinics, such as goalkeeping and striker available on July 24.

Sign up at our registration events or online at:

<http://www.aysosocccamps.org/>

Parent & Player Handbook

Region 665 has an incredibly comprehensive Parent & Player Handbook available on the Region's web site.

The handbook contains information about the well-balanced program offered by the Region, as well as information on our National Organization's policies.

For families that are new to soccer,

we've included an overview of the game, complete with positions, skills, and elements of play. We even have an explanation of that elusive foul called "offsides"! Our

"The Handbook contains information about the well-balanced Program"

FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) section is a parent favorite, offering up answers for those inquiries that are asked by most parents.

Another helpful tool is a map of Hook Park, with field numbers marked for easy reference.

Get your copy from our web site at: http://www.ayso665.org/General_Info.html

Volunteer Certification

Safe Haven is required for all Coaches, Referees and Team Managers, as well as every other volunteer in Region 665.

If you have ever attended a Safe Haven class (either Coach or Referee), you have met the requirement. Anyone may take the Safe Haven class online by doing the following:

•Obtain your AYSO ID number (see

Cinnamon Olivarez, our CVPA, if you don't know your number.)

•Go to: <http://www.aysotraining.org/index.htm>

•Take the course, allowing about 20-30 minutes to complete

•And as easy as the, You are Safe Haven certified!

By registering as a volunteer and

taking the Safe Haven class, our volunteers can be afforded protected under the Volunteer Protection Act.



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Know the Region's Policies

The regional board reviews and approves the Regional Guidelines every year. This documents contains the policies by which the re-

gion is run, including pertinent items such as the refund procedures and information on the high school scholarship offered to

graduating high school seniors. Check it out on our web site at: http://www.ayso665.org/General_Info.html