



AYSO Region 665 Victorville, California

Team Parent Handbook 2010

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Welcome to Region 665

Victorville, California

Welcome to a new soccer season and THANK YOU for volunteering to help your team. AYSO Region 665 is run solely by volunteers, and you are an invaluable part of OUR team.

Christina Edlauer is our Team Parent Coordinator. You may contact her via email at tinaedlauer73@hotmail.com, and please be certain to type "AYSO" in the subject line for quick identification.

This handbook is intended to be a tool, and is full of helpful information. Keep it handy; it will answer many of your questions.

Thank you again for being a positive, productive and supportive volunteer.

Vision Statement

American Youth Soccer Organization:

To provide world-class youth soccer programs that enriches children's lives.

Mission Statement

American Youth Soccer Organization's mission is to develop and deliver quality youth soccer programs which promote a fun, family environment based on the AYSO philosophies:

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

The core values guiding AYSO are:

Fun for all
Education for all
Ethics for all
Accessible to all

The mission is accomplished by providing these essential services:

Coaching and referee programs including quality delivery systems
Quality administrative and operating systems with a support network
Strong financial position
Special network for volunteers, supported by a national staff
Program research and development

Child Protection

AYSO is committed to providing a "child safe" program, where children can develop in a safe, fair, and fun environment.

Character Counts

AYSO is a coalition member of the Josephson Institute of Ethics, and is committed to supporting the Character Counts program.

Its Six Pillars of Character are:

Trustworthiness
Respect
Responsibility
Fairness
Caring
Citizenship

Together Everyone Achieves More

TEAM is often described as an acronym for “Together Everyone Achieves More”. We like to think it is true and encourage you to recruit help from the other parents on your team. Teams may be assigned duty in the snack bar, field monitoring or other region assistance. Letting the parents on your team know this at the beginning will help prepare them to provide support.

Team Mailboxes

One of Region 665's goals is to continually improve on communication between the regional board, coaches, referees, team parents, parents and players. Team mailboxes are used one of the tools used in this effort. Please check the team mailboxes weekly for any updates, flyers, region announcements, etc. The mailboxes will be located at the Information Tent put up in the grassy area between the snack bar and the playground equipment. This year, we are increasing the number of bins holding the mailboxes, making it easier to find the proper mail folder. Please look for the division, team number and coach's name on the folder.

Another avenue for communication is our newsletter *The Kicker*. We will provide several copies to each team parent to share with team members. Additional printed copies are available at the Information Tent, as well as online at the region's website, www.ayso665.org. A lot of good information is provided in the newsletter.

Team Names & Banners

Team names and banners must be in good taste. As soon as a team chooses a team name, **it must be submitted for approval to the Regional Board**. A sample form is included later in this handbook and they are available at the Team Parent Meeting and on the website. Do not order your banner until your team name has been approved. Teams are precluded from using the same name as another in the same division and, in most instances, from teams within the Region. The Region reserves the right to deny name approval. No reference to a religion or nationality is allowed. Also forbidden is any offensive wording or reference to inappropriate products (i.e. tobacco products, alcohol).

Banners may be commercially produced or homemade. If you are ordering your banner and still have openings on your team, please leave space for any latecomers to be added to the banner. Teams in the U14 division will have up to 15 players, U12 up to 12 players, U10 up to 10 players, U8 up to 8 players and U6 up to 6 players. Try to have the banner ordered or completed before photo day on October 3. Banners will be seen by all the children in our region and must be appropriate. The Region holds a banner contest towards the end of the season, and offers prizes to the winning teams. More information regarding the date of the contest will be provided later. If the team members contribute to the funding of a banner, it is customarily raffled off at the end of the season.

Opening Day

Opening day is September 11 this year. It will be a very exciting day for the players as they participate in their first games of the season. Some divisions have an odd number of teams, so they will have double-headers and "byes"; we do our best to schedule the "byes" on Saturdays other than Opening Day.

Team Rosters

The Team Parent usually produces and distributes the Team Rosters. Normally included in the roster is the name and telephone number of the coach, the assistant coach, the team parent and any other team volunteer. Also included are the names of each player, their jersey number, their telephone number and the names of their parents. See the sample excerpt below:

Moonbeam Girls			
GU10 Team 9			
Coach – Justine Beyers 555-1212 Cell 555-2121			
Assistant Coach – Mitchell Brown 555-4567			
Team Parent – Allison Wright 555-9988			
Player Name	Jersey	Telephone	Parents/Guardians
Missy Alberts	4	555-2321	Maggie (Grandmother)
Kelsey Beyers	3	555-1212	Justine & Donald
Brenna Brown	7	555-4567	Jodi & Mitchell
Celia Kennedy	9	555-0801	Naomi & Fred
Alyssa Malone	5	555-0056	Carla & Walter

Game & Snack Schedules

Game schedules and snack schedules are typically another area handled by the Team Parent. The game schedules are normally distributed at either the coaches' meeting or the team parent meeting. Incorporating both schedules into one helps to keep everyone organized:

Moonbeam Girls			
GU10 Team 9			
Game and Snack Schedule			
Date	Time	Field / Home or Visitor	Snack
09/11/2010	10:00	Field 1 - visitor	Missy Alberts
09/18/2010	*8:00*	Field 1 - home	Kelsey Beyers
09/25/2010	1:00	Field 1 - visitor	Brenna Brown
10/02/2010	10:00	Field 1 - visitor	Celia Kennedy
10/09/2010	**5:00**	Field 1 - home	Alyssa Malone

* = our team is responsible for setting up goals by 7:30 AM
 ** = our team is responsible for taking down and putting away goals at the end of the game

Snacks include a half time snack, such as orange or apple slices, grapes, bananas or melon, as well as an after-game snack of a drink and a treat. If someone forgets, it is both embarrassing to the family and disappointing to the team, so placing a reminder call to the family assigned snack duty a day or so before the game is advised. If someone still forgets, the snack bar is an easy alternative. Ask the person who is bringing snack to also bring a bag for collected peels, wrappers or other trash. If you have more players on the team than snack assignments,

you may split the snack duty further by assigning half-time snack to one family and end of the game snack to another. You may also give the coach a break, and not assign snacks to him or her.

Each coach will probably be reminding players and their families about bringing drinking water during games and practices. Remind them again! In a climate such as our, it is extremely important for the players to stay cool and hydrated. It is even a good idea to bring a spray bottle of water to cool down the players between quarters. Another option for keeping cool is inexpensive wet washcloths kept in coolers with ice. They are refreshing to the players and help keep them cooled down.

Picture Day

Picture Day is Sunday, October 3, 2010. The size of our Region mandates holding Picture Day when we are not scheduling and officiating 100+ teams' games. Team photo appointments will be scheduled and teams notified in their team mailbox. The date and time, along with order forms when available, should be given to the parents as soon as possible. Players who do not have an outstanding debt will receive a photo package as part of their registration fees. The order forms need to be completed with the player's information in order to ensure a package is ordered, regardless if any additional pictures are ordered. If you have absent players, please complete a form on their behalf. This will assure that a team photo is printed for them. The appointment time is when the pictures are scheduled to be taken. Please ask your team to arrive 15 minutes early in order to organize them. Players will be lined up in order by height. Players arriving late will not be accommodated, and must have their pictures taken on make-up day.

Snack Bar Duty

Snack bar duty may be scheduled for your team. If so, the schedule will be placed in team mailboxes. Teenagers are welcome to serve, provided they are age fourteen or older.

Team parents should call the volunteers a couple of days prior to their designated time slot to confirm attendance. Each team is responsible for providing two to four volunteers, ample coverage in case one or two volunteers cannot make it. Young children should not accompany volunteers to snack bar duty.

At times, the number of volunteers may outweigh the workload. In this case, our Concessions Coordinator may dismiss volunteers ahead of schedule; however, these volunteers do receive full credit for their team.

Volunteers serving in the snack bar are given a drink and food item at no charge.

Fundraiser

We continue to have very successful fundraisers when we offer frozen cookie dough, cheesecake, pizza and other items sold through an order-taking process. Catalogs and order forms are included in your packet information. Our fundraising chairman is Cinnamon Olivarez. She may be contacted via CVPA@AYSO665.org. Our fundraiser turn-in day is Friday, September 17, 2010. Please look in your team mailboxes for assigned appointment times.

Sponsorship

Sponsorship in Region 665 has been an integral part of our soccer program since its inception in 1990. We have been successful in obtaining donations from the Victor Valley and surrounding community businesses; however, rising costs have made this part of our income more important than ever.

Both our Sponsor Letter and Sponsorship Form are included in this handbook. The forms are available online for easy printing on the Finances page of our website, www.ayso665.org. Please encourage the families in your team to actively seek out potential sponsors. Employers, neighbors, friends and family members are all excellent sources of sponsors.

End of Season Party

Many teams love to have a party at the end of the season. If the team decides to celebrate at a restaurant, please remember that we are a small community, and you will need to plan in advance in order to secure the date and time of your choice. Pizza parties, BBQs, picnics, bowling events or any other fun activity are big hits with the players.

This is a nice time to thank the players for working so hard all season. Trophies or medals may be given to players at this time. In some cases the Region provides awards (see section titled Awards). It is also nice to get a gift for your coach and assistant coach to thank them for all they have done for your team. This is not mandatory and participation is voluntary. Keep in mind that coaches are not expecting an expensive gift, and will usually hold a sentimental or unique gift in high value. Some of the best coaches' gifts are framed pictures of the team, a plaque, or a piece of soccer equipment. Autographed soccer balls, shirts or photos are also much appreciated.

Collection of Funds

The banner, party, coaches' gift and awards are the responsibility of the team. You may either ask for a lump sum or break it up as you order the items. Naturally, teams with fewer players will have a larger per-person contribution towards banners and coaches' gifts. If you are asking for a lump sum, be sensitive to the fact that not all families are financially able to contribute \$20 - \$30 all at once. Calculating a budget and getting a "buy-in" from the parents for the season is recommended.

Very Special Helpers

Our Region has teams of very special kids that play soccer, our Very Important Players (VIP) team. VIP players each have a special circumstance that precludes participation on an age-level division team. In order for VIP players to play, VIP Buddies are needed. These buddy players are typically division U10 or older who would love a chance to do something for another kid who can't always do for themselves.

Our VIP Coordinator, Regina Jimenez, encourages coaches in the U10 division who have the 8:00 AM games to ask their players to participate in a double-header and play with the VIP team at 9:00 AM. Regina may be contacted at (760) 243-4956 for more information about Very Special Helpers and Very Important Players, or you may contact the Soccer Hotline at (760) 927-9097.

Awards

The Region will provide awards for the winners of the Season-End Regional Tournament in divisions U14, U12 and U10. Participation awards will be provided for all U6, U8 and VIP teams. Parents can decide as a team if they would like to purchase trophies, medals, certificates or other award for the players on the team for presentation to the players at the end of the regular season. Please discuss this with your coach in advance.

Region Contacts & Vendor Phone Numbers

Team Parent Coordinator	Christine Edlauer	(909) 560-7413
Registrar	Jackie Macan	(760) 508-9188
Fundraising Coordinator	Cinnamon Olivarez	(760) 697-5331

Local Party Locations:

Chuck E. Cheese Pizza	(760) 843-9630	Valentino's Pizza	(760) 241-1400
Holiday Skate	(760) 241-6813	John's Incredible Pizza	(760) 951-1111
Pizza Hut	(760) 241-4111	Scandia	(760) 241-4007
Victor Bowl	(760) 241-7396		

Banner Providers:

Artistik Designz http://artistikdesignz.com/	(760) 955-8023	Action Art www.actionart.net	(800) 920-4ART
Banners USA www.bannersusa.com	(800) 804-3777	JC Style	(760) 241-3740
Rebel Sports FX	(714) 292-5051		

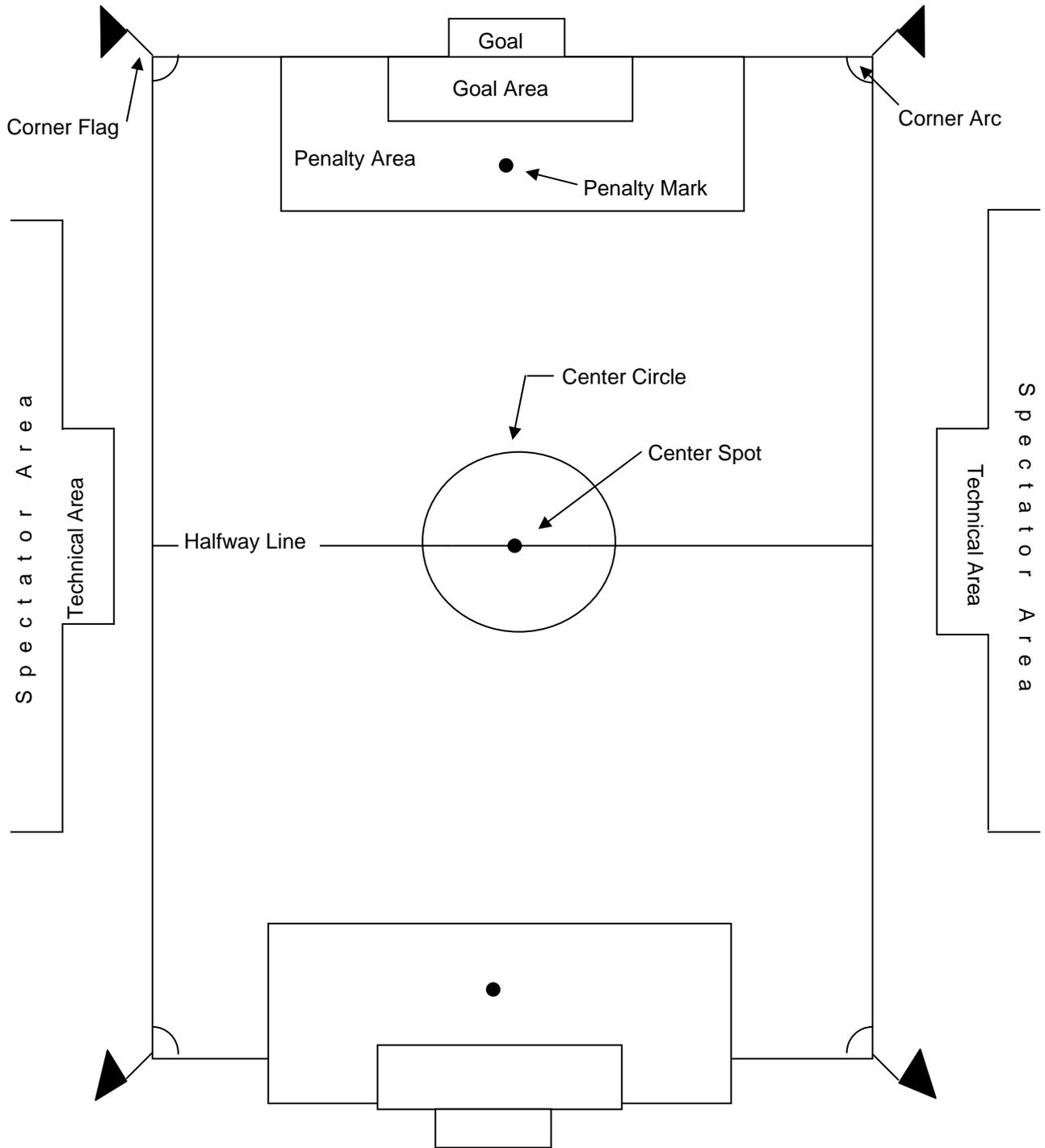
Trophy and Award Providers:

***Tennis & Trophy World (760) 245-3310**

*Lloyd at Tennis & Trophy World is a long-time Region Sponsor, **donating all VIP Trophies**. He offers trophies, medals, etc at reasonable rates and will work with you to create a distinctive award for your team. We like to send business his way, since he does so much for the Region.

A-1 Trophies	(760) 244-6511	Awards, Recognition & More	(760) 247-2400
Crown Awards www.crownawards.com	(800) 227-1557	Hi Desert Trophies	(760) 245-7614

Soccer Field Diagram



Not drawn to scale

The Game of Soccer – An Overview

The Basics

Soccer is a relatively simple game. The field will be marked as indicated on the previous page. The game is played in two, timed halves of equal duration. The halves are further broken down into “quarters” to allow for player substitutions. The number of players on the field varies depending on division, but the maximum is eleven.

Ball Skills

Dribbling is moving the ball on the field with one’s feet. The object is to control the ball by keeping it closer to the player, maintaining control.

Passing is transporting the ball by kicking, heading or otherwise sending the ball to a teammate or area where a teammate may obtain the ball.

Heading the ball is controlling or passing a ball that is too high to kick or control with one’s chest.

Shooting the ball to attempt to score a goal by kicking the ball with force to the opponent’s goal.

Trapping the ball is to stop the ball in flight or on the ground before continuing to play the ball by dribbling, passing or shooting the ball.

Positions

Forward or striker: This player’s main responsibility is to score or assist other forwards in scoring.

Midfielder or halfback: This player will help forwards score and the defenders prevent goals. Midfielders “control the middle” of the field to progress the ball towards the opponent’s goal, and will often be in a position to score.

Defender or fullback: This player’s primary responsibility is to prevent an opponent from obtaining a scoring opportunity. The defender will attempt to gain possession of the ball and send “up the field” to a teammate.

Goalkeeper or keeper: The “last defender” is charged with protecting the team’s goal and preventing the opposing team from scoring. The goalkeeper is the only player on the field who may handle the ball while it is in play. The keeper wears a jersey of a different color from the team so as to allow easy identification by officials.

Referees

AYSO recommends the use of three (3) officials – one referee and two assistant referees. The referee is the ultimate authority before, during and immediately after the game. The referee enforces the **Laws of the Game**. The assistant referees record substitutions, signal possession for balls that have traveled out of play, indicate offsides and may signal fouls.

The Laws

Rules in soccer are called Laws and there are seventeen (17) of them. Generally, the Laws require that referees stop the game when something has happened which is unfair or unsafe.

The Object of the Game

The object of soccer is for players to get the ball into their opponent’s goal using any part of their body except their arms and hands. Only goalkeepers may use their hands while inside their own penalty area.

The Elements of the Game

KICKOFF: A kickoff is taken from the center circle at the beginning of the game, the beginning of the second half and after each goal.

THROW IN: After the ball has completely crossed the side boundary lines – called touchlines - a throw in is awarded against the team that last touched the ball. The throw in is taken from where the ball left the field and must be thrown with two hands from behind and over the head, while both feet are on the ground and on or behind the touchline.

GOAL KICK: The goal kick is taken by the defending team each time the ball crosses the goal line and was last touched by an attacking player. The ball may be placed anywhere in the goal area and is not considered back in play until it has been kicked out of the penalty area.

CORNER KICK: The corner kick is taken by the attacking team each time the ball is kicked by the defense over its own goal line. The ball is placed within the three-foot arc in the corner of the field (nearest to where the ball went out of play) and kicked into play by the attacking team.

PENALTY KICK: The penalty kick is awarded when a defending player commits one of the 10 penal (major) fouls within their own penalty area while the ball is still in play. A player takes the penalty kick from the offended team from a spot 12 yards from the goal. All players must remain outside the penalty area, 10 yards from the ball and behind the penalty-kick mark until the kick is taken, except for the kicker and the goalkeeper. The goalkeeper's feet must remain stationary on the goal line until the ball is kicked. At the referee's signal, the kicker attempts to kick the ball into the opponent's goal and the goalkeeper tries to stop the ball from scoring.

MISCONDUCTS: There are two kinds of misconduct:

1. Actions resulting in a caution (yellow card) from the referee.
2. Actions resulting in a player being sent off or ejected from the field (red card).

A referee may also warn a player to improve his or her conduct (or unsportsmanlike behavior) before a caution is issued.

OFFSIDE: A player is offside if they are ahead of the ball, except if they:

1. Are positioned in their own half of the field; or
2. Have two opponents even with or between him and the opponent's goal line. The referee's "moment of judgment" is the instant the ball is played, not when it is received; or
3. Are the first to receive the ball from a throw in, corner kick or goal kick; or
4. Are not involved in active play by interfering with play, interfering with and opponent, or gaining an advantage by being in that position.

FOULS: There are two types; Penal (Major) Fouls and Non-Penal (Minor) Fouls.

Penal Fouls: There are 10 penal fouls that result in a direct free kick and from which a goal may be directly scored against the opponents. To be a penal foul, the offense must be, in the referee's judgment, intentionally committed.

The 10 Penal Fouls are divided into two groups:

These six require that the foul be committed carelessly, recklessly or with disproportionate force:

1. Kicking or attempting to kick an opponent.
2. Striking or attempting to strike an opponent.
3. Pushing an opponent.
4. Charging an opponent.
5. Tripping an opponent.
6. Jumping into an opponent.

These four require only that they be committed:

1. When tackling an opponent, making contact with the opponent before the ball.
2. Spitting at an opponent.
3. Holding an opponent.
4. Handling the ball deliberately.

There are five (5) Non-Penal fouls that result in an indirect free kick. At least one additional player of either team must touch the ball before a goal can be scored from an indirect kick.

1. Dangerous Play: including high kicking near another player's head or trying to play a ball held by a goalkeeper.
2. Fair Charge Away from the Ball: fairly charging when the ball is not within playing distance.
3. Impeding the Progress of an Opponent: getting between an opponent and the ball when not playing the ball.
4. Charging the Goalkeeper: shoulder-to-shoulder contact within the penalty area.
5. Goalkeeper Infringements: Taking more than six seconds while controlling the ball with their hands or otherwise intentionally disrupting the flow of the game or playing ball with hands when ball is kicked by a teammate.

Full explanation of the Laws of the Game may be learned in any Regional Referee course.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

What does AYSO stand for?

AYSO stands for American Youth Soccer Organization. For more information about the national organization, please visit their website at www.soccer.org.

What is a telephone tree?

A telephone tree is highly recommended for the team parent, especially for upper division teams with up to twenty players. The roster is divided into four or five sections, with the same number of volunteers who offer to make calls to their section. Calls could range from a change in the practice schedule, to a reminder about picture day to any number of other reasons.

What information should be on the banner?

The team name, coaches' names, players' names and YOUR name all should be on the banner, as well as "AYSO". Also, if your sponsor is a Platinum, Gold or Silver Sponsor, the company name also is on the banner. A team "mascot" or other figure representing the team name is typically included on the banner as well.

Do I collect the fundraiser money?

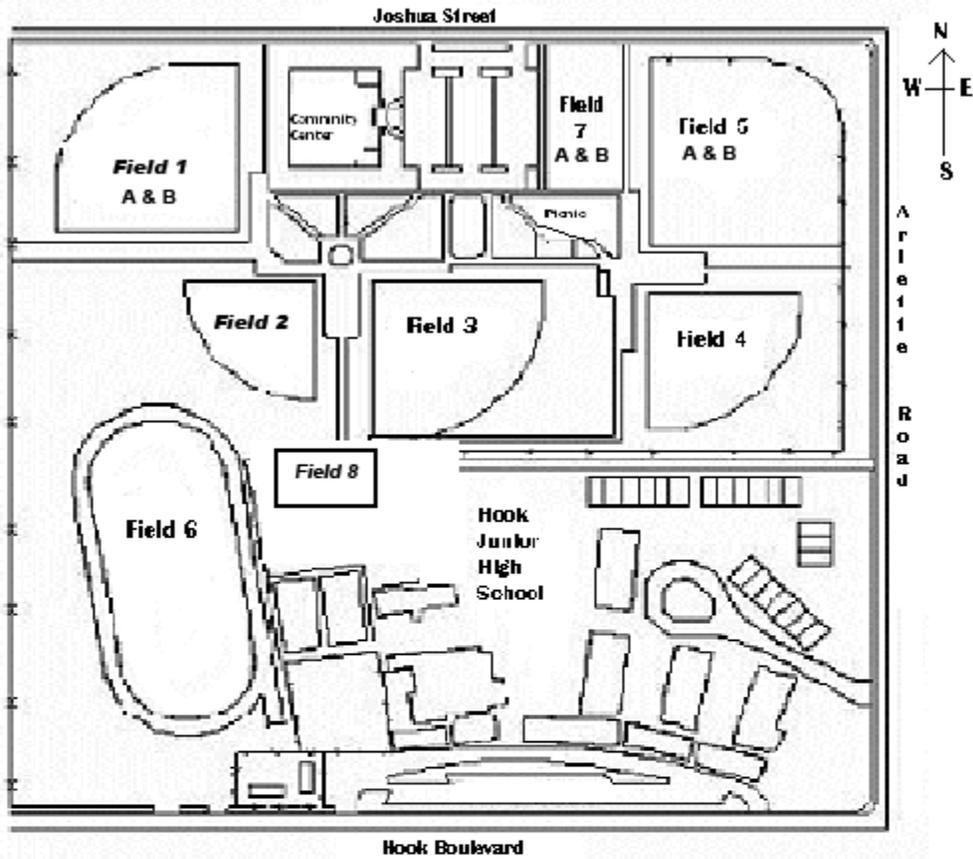
Yes, part of the Team Parent's job is to collect the fundraiser order forms and payments from the players. We recommend that you do so a day or so BEFORE the turn-in date to allow for forgetful parents.

Should I be making a team newsletter?

While it is not widely done, a team newsletter helps tremendously in keeping the team organized and informed. It is also a great forum for recognizing individual players. (Keep in mind that the same can be done in The Kicker, the Region newsletter. Submission forms may be completed at the Information Tent.

Remember: Players play, Coaches coach, Parents praise

Map of Hook Park & Field Locator



Team Name Approval Request Form



AYSO Region 665 Team Name Approval Request Form 2010 Season

RULES: Each team will select a unique team name and submit this form to have the team name reserved and approved. No Duplication of team names will be allowed. Example: if one team chooses the name "Galaxy" then no other team in that division will be allowed to use that name, including derivations of it like "Blue Galaxy". The team **MUST** choose 3 team names so that an alternate is available should the first or second choice be taken. Team names shall bear no resemblance to a religion, nationality or ethnicity. Team names will be approved at the Team Manager Meeting for use.

Team names will be approved on a first-come, first-served basis. This form will include date/time information with your submission. This form must be submitted at or before the team parent meeting to Christina Edlauer or her designee. Make certain to complete the form in its entirety, including three unique choices for team names.

Please indicate your division by checking the appropriate box:

	U19	English and German Teams or Leagues		BU10	DC Comics and Military
	U16	Women's Profession or College Soccer		GU10	Anything in the Sky
	BU14	Villains and Horror Films		BU6	Construction and Machines
	GU14	Movies (Non Horror) and Food		GU6	Anything in the Water
	BU12	Pre-Historic (Cave Man Days)		BU6	Nikolodean & Cartoon Network
	GU12	Music		GU6	Animals and Fairy Tales

Sample

Coach's Name		Team # (ex BU10-12)	
Team Parent		Telephone Number	
Please enter your 1 st , 2 nd and 3 rd choices for team names below. Be sure not to order or make any banner or other team items with a team name until you have received your name choice approval. Thank you!			
First choice			
Second choice			
Third choice			

REGION STAFF USE ONLY	
Date received _____	Time received _____
Choice approved:	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 st <input type="checkbox"/> 2 nd <input type="checkbox"/> 3 rd <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
Notes:	_____
Regional Board Member Approval _____	Date _____

Sponsor Form



AMERICAN YOUTH SOCCER ORGANIZATION
 a nonprofit corporation dedicated to youth soccer
everyone plays[®]

AYSO Region 665

Proudly serving the communities of Victorville,
 Apple Valley, Hesperia, Phelan and Adelanto

At Region 665, we take pride in providing the children of the High Desert a safe and fun environment for learning and playing the game of soccer. AYSO is a non-profit organization that relies on support from the community in order to offer a comprehensive youth soccer program. As a sponsor, you can take pride in the fact that your contribution is helping your community develop its best asset: our children.

In addition to funding easily identifiable costs, such as uniforms, goals and team photographs, donations from our neighbors enable us to provide each of our volunteer coaches and referees training and support, helps to purchase other field equipment, aids in paying light fees and helps keep player registration fees low.

As AYSO is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation, you may deduct your donation to the extent the law allows. Our TIN is 95-6205398. We have set the following sponsorship levels:

REGION SPONSORS

Platinum Sponsor – With your sponsorship of \$500.00 or more, you will receive a TEAM PLAQUE, your name on the TEAM BANNER, your name advertised in our fall season bi-weekly REGION NEWSLETTER and your name advertised on the REGION WEBSITE, with a possible link to your company's website.

Gold Sponsor – With your sponsorship of \$250.00 to \$499.99, you will receive a TEAM PLAQUE, your name on the TEAM BANNER and your name advertised in our fall season bi-weekly REGION NEWSLETTER.

Silver Sponsor – With your sponsorship of \$100.00 to \$249.99, you will receive a TEAM PLAQUE and your name on a TEAM BANNER.

Bronze Sponsor – With your sponsorship of \$50.00, you will receive a CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION.

PLAYER SPONSORS

Player Scholarship Sponsor – With your sponsorship in increments of \$80.00, you can sponsor one or more players whose families are experiencing a financial hardship and cannot afford the cost of registration. You will receive your name in our fall season bi-weekly REGION NEWSLETTER for scholarships for up to five (5) children. For scholarships for six (6) or more children, you will receive your name in our REGION NEWSLETTER and your name advertised on the REGION WEBSITE, with a possible link to your company's website.

- YES! I want to help AYSO develop children through soccer. Please consider me a sponsor; enclosed is my donation for:
- Platinum Sponsor - \$500.00 and above
 - Gold Sponsor - \$250.00 - \$499.99
 - Silver Sponsor - \$100.00 - \$249.99
 - Bronze Sponsor – amounts up to \$100.00
 - Player Scholarship Sponsor - \$80.00 x _____ players = \$_____ (total donation)

Name of Sponsor _____

Mailing address _____

Telephone / Email _____

Team number and name _____

Coach's name _____

Player referring sponsor _____

Region use only:

Date received: _____ Team parent notified: _____ Editor notified: _____ Webmaster: _____

Please mail this completed form to:

Sponsorship Coordinator
 AYSO Region 665
 PMB #223
 13680 Bear Valley Rd., Ste. E-4
 Victorville, CA 92392



Team Parent Volunteer Position Description

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Team Parent

Purpose

The AYSO volunteer position of team parent is intended to carry out duties as directed by the team parent coordinator.

Specific Duties and Responsibilities

The team parent is expected to:

1. Distribute information to the coaches, players, and families of AYSO players; and
2. Assist team parent coordinator with the distribution of team and individual photos, fundraising materials, and awards or certificates to the players.

Qualifications and Desired Skills

To be considered for the position of team parent, the applicant should:

1. Be a good communicator;
2. Be organized;
3. Be dependable; and
4. Successfully pass a screening, including a background check.

Supervision Protocols

While performing as the team parent, the volunteer is:

1. Subject to the bylaws, rules, regulations, policies, procedures, and guidelines of AYSO;
2. Under the overall authority of and directly supervised by the regional commissioner; and
3. To maintain the recommended adult to child supervision ratio of 1:8 or less; that is one adult for every eight or fewer children and two adults (one of whom may be the coach and one of whom should be of the same gender as the group) present at all times. For the protection of both the children and the volunteer, no volunteer should permit himself or herself to be

alone with any child or group of children (except his or her own) during AYSO-sponsored activities.

Time Commitment

The anticipated time commitment for a team parent is a full year. The estimated hours to fulfill duties by month shall be filled in by the regional commissioner:

Jan:	hrs.	Feb:	hrs.	Mar:	hrs.	Apr:	hrs.	May:	hrs.	Jun:	hrs.
Jul:	hrs.	Aug:	hrs.	Sep:	hrs.	Oct:	hrs.	Nov:	hrs.	Dec:	hrs.

Orientation, Training, Certification, and Continued Education Provided

To prepare a volunteer for the position of team parent, AYSO will offer the following educational opportunities which the volunteer is expected to take advantage of and participate in, as appropriate.

1. Orientation by the team parent coordinator;
2. Board and Staff Introductory Certification (BASIC); and
3. AYSO Safe Haven Program.

Activity Locations

While performing the duties of team parent, the volunteer is limited to the following locations, unless expressly authorized in writing by the regional commissioner to hold activities in another location.

1. Regional board meetings;
2. The annual Section Conferences;
3. Assigned field locations;
4. Assigned classroom locations; and
5. Independent work at home alone, in committees of adults, or in a properly supervised situation with children.