

American Youth Soccer Organization Region 710 Newsletter

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It's time to register for soccer! There are some changes to registering this year, so please be sure to read through all of the registration information (especially page 2) for changes which have been made due to vacant volunteer positions within the region.

Early Registration (Online & US Mail):

NEW THIS YEAR: you may register players online through www.eayso.org for Early Registration. You must completely fill in all fields, *especially medical insurance, doctor name and phone number, years of soccer experience, height and weight (we cannot balance teams without the last three fields)*. Print out two (2) copies of the player's form, sign them, enclose the registration fee and mail to AYSO Region 710, 216 Lemmon Drive #363, Reno, NV 89506. New players must also include a copy of their birth certificate.



The deadline for early registration through the mail and eayso.org must be post-marked by April 20th. Any registrations post-marked after this date, will be considered a Regular Registration and such fees and conditions will apply.

Physical (In-Person) Registration:

Two physical registrations will take place in the cafeteria at O'Brien Middle School, 10500 Stead Blvd, Reno, NV 89506. Please use front entrance to school. The dates are:

- Tuesday, April 24th from 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.
- Saturday, May 5th from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Regular Registration

Regular registration is done via mail-in registration, and will ONLY be accepted after the last physical registration on May 5th. Mail-in registrations will not be dropped onto teams until July 10th; they will be allocated to a wait list to make certain there are coaches available to coach additional teams and enough children to create additional teams.

Ride shares will not be considered this year.

Fees: \$95.00 per player. A discount of \$20.00 per player will be given if registering prior to April 20th (via mail-in registration) or May 5th (via physical registration). All registrations will receive a \$5.00 per player discount for registering online through the eAYSO system. Families with multiple children will receive a \$5.00 per player discount for each family member player.

AYSO Mission Statement

FUN FOR ALL

EDUCATION FOR ALL

ETHICS FOR ALL

ACCESSIBLE FOR ALL

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

Registration Season Changes --- IMPORTANT

Region 710 is having **mandatory Coach/Parent meetings** for each division. This meeting's purpose is to clearly orient parents to changes in league design this year and to involve parents as volunteer coaches, assistant coaches, referees (2), and team parents. *(The U6 division is exempt from the referee requirement.)*

The league needs each team to fill at least these **5 volunteer positions**. Each team must have a coach because without one, there really is no team. The league is also requiring that each team have two certified referees (training will be given) and each referee must referee a certain number of games in order for the team to qualify for placement trophies. If the team referees do not fulfill these requirements, the team will not be eligible to win a placement trophy (1st place, 2nd place and Sportsmanship award).

Refund Policy

While we recognize that plans change and that it is difficult to know what you will be doing months in advance, we cannot always provide a full refund if you decide that your child cannot participate in the Fall season after you have registered. There are certain unrecoverable costs that AYSO incurs at various times after you register.

To request a refund you must submit the following information in writing by e-mail (treasurer@ayso710.org) or by a written letter mailed to the AYSO Registrar/Treasurer, 216 Lemmon Dr. #363, Reno, NV 89506. Please note that a refund request will take a minimum of two weeks and up to 6 weeks (the region must wait for verification from AYSO National that check has cleared prior to issuing the refund) to process.

Please be sure the following information is legible:

- Player(s) name:
- Player(s) birthday:
- Reason for the refund request:
- Make refund checks payable to:
- Mail refund checks to:

Refunds are issued as follows:

- Requests postmarked by July 3rd, 2007 - Full Refund.
- Requests postmarked by July 31st -50% refund with uniform return (to coach please).
- Requests postmarked August 31st (only if due to a player's physical injury/ailment, doctor's note required) – 25% refund with uniform return (to coach please).
- No refunds will be granted after August 31st, 2005.

Fundraiser



Our annual fundraiser allows us to keep registration costs down. Unfortunately we are currently without a Fundraising Director volunteer on our board this year. Without this position, it is very difficult for our region to put on this fundraiser. If you would like to help and fill this important position, please contact the Regional Commission at rc@ayso710.org or call (775) 677-9600. Please consider helping. We want to keep registration costs down, and our annual fundraiser reduces fees by almost 50%.



Board List



AYSO Region 710 board meetings are held the third calendar Thursday of every month inside the Raley's grocery store in their community center (to the right of the pharmacy) at 7:00 p.m., excluding the month of November and December. Each session allows for open comments and discussion at the beginning of the agenda. You are welcome to participate at any time. Everyone is encouraged to attend. Currently, there is a number of open board positions (please see below for the "OPEN" positions). If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact the Regional Commissioner, Lisa Morgan at either her e-mail address listed below or the AYSO Region 710 hotline: 677-9600. ALL BOARD POSITIONS ARE VOTING POSITIONS. Please, we need many more volunteers to make this season successful!

Position	Name	E-Mail Address
Regional Commissioner	Lisa Morgan	rc@ayso710.org
Assistant Regional Commissioner	Shane Moore	
Regional Registrar	Carol Gribbin	registrar@ayso710.org
Regional Treasurer	OPEN	
Regional Auditor	Dennis Stoddard	treasurer@ayso710.org
Regional Secretary	Sonya Crawford	
Purchasing Director	Nereo "CJ" Pescoe	-
Regional Risk Management / Safety Director	OPEN	-
Regional Coach Administrator	Shannon Owens	
Regional Referee Administrator	Jennifer Mustain	referee@ayso710.org
Child & Volunteer Protection Advocate	Orlyn Schenk	-
Field Director		-
Equipment Director	Norman Mustain	referee@ayso710.org
Assistant Coach Admin	OPEN	
Fundraiser Director	OPEN	-
Public Relations	Sven Leff	-
Communications Coordinator	Dahlia	
Assistant Regional Referee Administrator	OPEN	
Special Events Coordinator	OPEN	
Team Parent Coordinator	Tresa Stubblefield	
VIP Program Director	Thea Westin	
Webmaster	John Morgan	webmaster@ayso710.org
Assistant Webmaster	Marlana Jenkins	-
Schedule / Tournament Coordinator	Shane Moore	
Equipment Recycling Coordinator	OPEN	-
Awards Coordinator	OPEN	-
U-6 Division Coordinator	Sven Leff	-
U-8 Girls' Division Coordinator	Carolyn Stoddard	media@ayso710.org
U-8 Boys' Division Coordinator	OPEN	
U-10 Girls' Division Coordinator	OPEN	
U-10 Boys' Division Coordinator	OPEN	
U-12 Girls' Division Coordinator	OPEN	
U-12 Boys' Division Coordinator	OPEN	
U-14/16 Girls' Division Coordinator	Cherie Grime	
U-14/16 Boys' Division Coordinator	OPEN	



2007 AYSO Region 710 Season Calendar



A more detailed calendar will be passed out at registration, which will include coaching and referee clinic dates and times.

Date	Event	Location	Time
April			
19	Board Meeting	Raley's Event's Center	7:00 p.m.
20	Last date for early mail-in registration - must be post-marked by this date		
24	Early physical registration	O'Brien M.S. cafeteria	6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
May			
5	Early physical registration	O'Brien M.S. cafeteria	10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
6	Regular registration - mail-in begins (these registrations will go to a wait list and not be dropped until July 10th data entry of registrations)		
17	Board Meeting	Raley's Event's Center	7:00 p.m.
26	Team Drop	Raley's Event's Center	11:00 a.m.
June			
9	Board meeting to put coaches packets together	Raley's Event's Center	11:00 a.m.
11	U6 Coach/Parent meeting - MANDATORY	O'Brien MS Cafeteria	6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
12	U8 Girls Coach/Parent meeting - MANDATORY	O'Brien MS Cafeteria	6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
13	U8 Boys Coach/Parent meeting - MANDATORY	O'Brien MS Cafeteria	6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
14	U10 Girls Coach/Parent meeting - MANDATORY	O'Brien MS Cafeteria	6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
	U10 Boys Coach/Parent meeting - MANDATORY	O'Brien MS Cafeteria	7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
15	U12 Girls Coach/Parent meeting - MANDATORY	O'Brien MS Cafeteria	6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
	U12 Boys Coach/Parent meeting - MANDATORY	O'Brien MS Cafeteria	7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
18	U16 Girls & Boys Coach/Parent meeting - MANDATORY	O'Brien MS Cafeteria	6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
21	Board Meeting	Raley's Events Center	7:00 p.m.
26	Safehaven	O'Brien MS	5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
27	Coaching Clinic U6-U8	O'Brien MS	5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
28	Coaching Clinic U10	O'Brien MS	5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
30	Regional Referee Training / Coaching Clinic U-12 / Youth Referee Clinic	O'Brien MS	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
July			
3	Practices may begin	Practice fields	
7	Field Painting Day	North Valley's Regional Sports Complex	7:00 a.m. - done
13	Golden Gate Camp	Moraga	
14	Golden Gate Camp	Moraga	
15	Golden Gate Camp	Moraga	
19	Board Meeting	Raley's Event's Center	7:00 p.m.
21	Additional field painting day if needed		
28	Opening Day (day of informal play and uniform/candy passed out)	North Valley's Regional Sports Complex	
30	Regional Referee Meeting	North Valley's Sports Complex - Covered picnic area (pavilion) near children's play park and baseball fields	6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
August			
4	Games Begin	North Valley's Regional Sports Complex	
11	Picture Day (no games --- option: possible Soccerfest)	North Valley's Regional Sports Complex	
16	Board Meeting	Raley's Event's Center	7:00 p.m.
25	Possible fundraiser collection & pictures passed out		
September			
1	No play - Holiday Weekend		
20	Board Meeting	Raley's Event's Center	7:00 p.m.
October			
Note: Normal board meeting for this month moved to Nov. 6th for season wrap up			
13	U6 & u8 Jamboree	North Valley's Regional Sports Complex	TBD
16	Normal board meeting date moved to 11/3 for season wrap-up		
20	Season ends - final games	North Valley's Regional Sports Complex	
27	Awards Ceremony	North Valley's Regional Sports Complex	TBD
28	Goals moved off field in next week		
November			
3	Inter-Regional Sportsmanship Tournament (Reno/Sparks)	TBD	TBD
	Volunteer/Sponsorship Appreciation Dinner	O'Brien MS	6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
6	Final Board Meeting for season wrap-up / finalization of 2008 calendar	Raley's Events Center	7:00 p.m.

Region 710 is looking for Sponsorships!!!

In order to lower the costs for our children to play soccer, Region 710 is actively searching for sponsors. If your business would like donate a sponsorship, please phone us at 677-9600 and leave a message. A board member will get back to you promptly.

C.V.P.A. (Child Volunteer Protection Advocate)

The Child Volunteer Protection Advocate (C.V.P.A.) position is an extremely important position within the AYSO structure. The C.V.P.A. makes certain our children are safe. It is extremely important that every volunteer fill out a volunteer form prior to starting each new season. You may fill out a volunteer form online, through the AYSO National website. Please visit: www.eayso.org and follow the instructions. Please print two copies of this completed form and bring it to the registration sites or the Mandatory Coach/Parent meeting. These forms will also be available at each and every registration and the Coach/parent meetings. It is imperative to our children's safety that everyone who volunteers for the league completes these forms and turns them in!

Equipment Returns & Player Rankings

Each year, the region requests that the coaches return their practice balls, game balls, cones and keeper jerseys so that the region can save on the next year's expenses and re-use those items which are still in excellent condition. Last year, this region received 90% of its equipment back from all divisions.

This year, equipment returns will need to be made when receiving the medallions for each of your teams. Please make certain to have all of your equipment with you on the last day of the season. A table will be set up on the fields where medallions may be picked up and equipment returned (in a centralized location). Due to the great amount of returns last year, this region will only need to order a small percentage of equipment to begin the 2007 season! Thank you to all of the coaches who made this possible last year!!!!

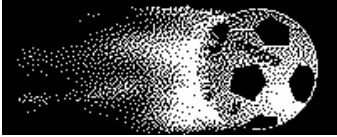
In addition to the equipment return, the region will be requiring all coaches to rank their players at the end of the season. At the Mandatory Coach/Parent meeting, evaluation sheets for each player will be given to the coaches to implement at the end of the season. These sheets must be turned in at the same time their equipment is returned. This is a big step towards creating more balanced team. This region extends its thanks in advance for all of the coaches helping us to attain this goal.

If you still have equipment from last year, please bring it to one of the registration and a board member will gladly accept it from you.

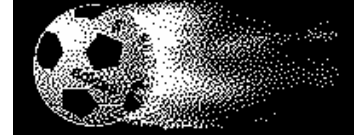
Safety Director

The Safety Director, currently unfilled, for Region 710 is responsible for all aspects of the regions safety and oversees the equipment, nets, fields and clean-up of the fields for the region. This position administrates the AYSO Soccer Accident Insurance (SAI) plan and liability insurance programs for this region. This person is also

responsible for handling all reports of accidents and/or SAI claims. **Accidents must be reported to the region within 24 hours after the occurrence.** The region may be contacted through either e-mail: rc@ayso710.org or phoned at 677-9600.



Letter from the Regional Commissioner!



I again would like to thank all the volunteers who helped put on the 2006 season. Without such dedicated volunteer, this region would not survive. I would like to personally thank you for your continued support. This region is again short handed and I am asking all of you to help us put on the season by volunteering in any way possible. We still have many board positions open, and we will need help in the form of referees, coaches, assistant coaches, team parents, field painters, equipment assistants, etc. Please jump in and give us a hand.

This will be my last year as the Regional Commissioner, and it is my hope that this league will continue on through the future years, but we cannot do this without the community's help. Please phone us, or directly e-mail me at rc@ayso710.org if you would like to contribute to a wonderful program which gives our kids an opportunity to participate in a healthy, wholesome and FUN program.

Many Thanks
Lisa Morgan

Soccerfest!

Currently, this region is without a Soccerfest Director. The region has tentatively scheduled Soccerfest for Saturday, August 11th; however, if the region does not have someone step up to put on Soccerfest very soon, this will revert to merely a picture day. Please e-mail the Regional Commissioner if you are interested in taking this position at: rc@ayso710.org

Field Painting

The Field Painting day will take place on Saturday, July 7th at the North Valley's Regional Sports Complex. We will begin at 8:00 a.m. and continue until all of the fields are laid out and painted, until about 4:00 p.m. Please join us on that day, the more people who help, the quicker the fields are laid out.

Field painting is not only a one day event. It requires the help of all of our parents to maintain and keep up the original field layouts. Please, if you see one of the fields in need of paint, grab one of the paint machines and a box of paint out of one of the job boxes and begin painting. Over the last two years, the region lost many of the fields because volunteerism on field painting was not there. ***The board is considering hiring a company to paint our fields, since the past two years many of the field lines were lost. Please help us maintain them this year so we can keep the registration costs down.***

Parents & Volunteers - AYSO Certification Classes

For the next year keep in mind that AYSO by-laws requires coaches, assistant coaches and referees to attend instructional courses to be certified at the region level. These courses teach the coach volunteers how to teach age appropriate soccer skills to a specific age group. The referee volunteers are instructed on the 'Laws of the Game'; the FIFA rules that AYSO follows, so that they can referee a match fairly. 'Safe Haven' is an impor-

tant part of the certification process and is included in the instructional courses. These steps have been taken to properly instruct our volunteers, which protects both our youths and volunteers. Unlike other youth sports programs, AYSO instructs its volunteers on how to coach and referee, even if you've never played the sport.



Kids Zone



Region 710 is in its fifth year of applying the kid zone program. Kids Zone is a dynamic program targeted to eliminate negative sideline behavior. It is aimed toward producing a thoroughly positive impact on everyone involved in youth soccer. To execute this program, three basic elements are involved:

1. The Badge. This is a pin-on button bearing the program's logo. This will be worn by program supporters at games, and will serve as a reminder of the importance of positive sideline behavior.
2. The Sign. A large sideline, which lists positive behavior standards, will be posted at the entrance of participating fields. Parents and spectators who will abide by these standards are welcome -- all others are not.
3. The Pledge. We will request AYSO parents to sign a pledge that holds them to the Kids Zone standards.

In order to make this program work, we need your help!

Soccer Camp

Region 710 will **not** be hosting a Soccer Camp this year due to a lack of attendance over the past two years. If your child would like to attend the UK Soccer Camp, please go to the Sparks AYSO website, located at www.sparksayso.org and they will have information for you on their site.

The following guide applies beginning the next official season starting

August 1, 2006 and concluding July, 31, 2007.

The effective date of age determination shall be the player's age as of July 31st of the year that the season commences. Players who have reached the age of four years and six months as of this date are also eligible to participate in the program.

It is based on age groupings in Rules & Regulations Section III (c). Any player whose birthday falls on or between these dates should be placed in the designated Division.

Note: Excerpts from the AYSO Rules and Regulations pertaining to this guide can be found in Section III (c) and Section V.

Division	Age	Eligible Birth Dates
U-16	14-15	8-1-94 thru 7-31-92
U-14	12-13	8-1-96 thru 7-31-94
U-12	10-11	8-1-98 thru 7-31-96
U-10	8-9	8-1-00 thru 7-31-98
U-8	6-7	8-1-02 thru 7-31-00
U-6	4½ - 5	2-1-03 thru 7-31-02



Web Site News!



We are in our sixth year of having a web site. For those of you who don't know, you can find us at www.ayso710.org. We have recently updated the site to reflect the 2007 season. Please stop by and tell us what you think about it. If you have any suggestions, questions or comments, please feel free to e-mail our Webmaster, John Morgan.

Newly added information includes an FAQ page, maps to our fields, archived news and reports sections, among much other information.

You will find the following information on this web site.

- Specific pages for our Players, Parents, Coaches, Referees and Regional Information. Each page contains information specific to that group, covering from rules and requirement to practice and game field locations and maps.
- A "calendar" section of upcoming events for the region.
- A "links" section for various soccer organizations (such as AYSO National) and other soccer related web sites.



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