

Why AYSO Works: The AYSO Philosophy

There are six basic principles comprising the AYSO Philosophy each of which constitutes the cornerstone of our program.

Unlike other youth sport organizations, AYSO has no paid staff on the local regional level. All board members, commissioners, coaches, referees and support staff contribute their time without monetary compensation. Because of this principle, we must limit our team formation and playing opportunities to match the number of volunteers that they require. Our program literally requires one volunteer at each level for every child in the program. We therefore ask that each and every parent in our program volunteer just a small portion of their time.

Open Registration

Participation in an AYSO program has no pre-conditions, provided that we have sufficient volunteers to staff a team (one coach, one assistant coach, one referee, two lines-persons, one team parent and field workers). We provide extensive training for all who are interested.

Positive Coaching

Players learn the game of soccer in a healthy, non-competitive atmosphere that promotes self-confidence and self-esteem.

Balanced Teams

Prior to the formation of teams, each child is evaluated. Subsequently, the child is placed on a team which contains a cross-section of talent. Our goal is to see that all teams are created equal. This process is called "Team Balancing".

Everyone Plays

A child who has been assigned to a team and is not under disciplinary suspension or injured is mandated the right to play a minimum of ½ of the game.

Good Sportsmanship

Support your child, team and AYSO.

We are here to develop our children into whole persons who happen to play soccer.

Player Development

We believe that all players should be able to develop their soccer skills and knowledge to the best of their abilities, both individually and as members of a team, in order to maximize their enjoyment of the game.