

Chino Hills AYSO 779
Frequently Asked Questions

Is my child the right age for AYSO soccer?

Children between the ages of 4 and 18 as of December 31 of the year in which the fall season begins, can play AYSO soccer. There is also a special program "Playground" for players who are 3 at the time the season begins.

What makes AYSO different than other youth soccer programs?

Our mission is to provide quality youth soccer programs where everyone builds positive character through participation in a safe, fun, family-oriented soccer environment. AYSO's six philosophies separate us from the pack:

- 1. Everyone Plays*
- 2. Balanced Teams*
- 3. Open Registration*
- 4. Positive Coaching*
- 5. Good Sportsmanship*
- 6. Player Development*

What other expenses can I anticipate this year?

Not included in the registration fees are the required shin guards, appropriate shoes, and a strongly recommended practice ball. In addition, the team parents will possibly request a small amount to cover the expenses of a team banner, end of season team party, and a small gift for the coach. Also, each family is often requested to bring snacks for the team at least one game during the season.

What is the duration of the games?

5U-6U: 25 minutes, 8U: 45 minutes, 10U: 55 minutes, 12U: 65 minutes, 14U: 75 minutes, 16U: 85 minutes, 19U: 95 minutes

What should I bring to my child's practice and games?

Shin guards (required), soccer shoes, soccer ball, water, and uniform (games only). Also, bringing a well rested, well hydrated, and a nutritionally balanced player with a positive attitude and willingness to learn is highly recommended.

What are the practice and game schedules?

*Because all the staff at Chino Hills Region 779 is run by volunteers including coaches, they are the ones who determine their own practice times and days based on their regular work/home schedule. Practices may be up to 2 times per week. Practices for 5U-8U may last no more than 1 hour. Practices for 10U-19U may last no more than 1 ½ hours. Practices may be held at Community Park, Grand Avenue Park, Townsend or Canyon Hills Jr. High, Butterfield Elementary, or other approved local parks. ***We cannot move your player into another team if you cannot attend your coach's practice time.** 5U-14U games are held on Saturdays at various locations (Community Park, Grand Avenue Park, Townsend or*

Canyon Hills Jr. High). 16U-19U games are mostly held on Monday-Thursday and are played throughout Area 1B and 1U.

What size soccer ball should I get my child?

Divisions 5U-8U use a size 3 ball.

Divisions 10U-12U use a size 4 ball.

Divisions 14U and older use a size 5 ball.

Is it OK for players to use jewelry during practice?

No jewelry of any kind (necklaces, earrings, bracelets, watches, rings) can be worn during practice or games. There is an exception for Med-Alert bracelets but they must be securely covered with tape or a soft cloth band for the safety of your child and other players.

The doctor said my child can still play soccer with his arm split, is my child allowed to attend practices and games?

No. while the doctor may be representing your child's interest appropriately, the risk to other players requires that they limit his/her participation to that of moral support on the sidelines. Players may not wear casts or splints which could possibly cause injury to himself/herself or another player. NO EXCEPTIONS. This applies at games and practices.

It can be cold during the early morning Fall Season games. Can my child wear a sweatshirt during the game?

Any extra articles of clothing must be worn under the uniform so you can still determine with which team a player is associated. It is recommended that any extra articles of clothing be limited to undershirts or turtlenecks (under uniform). Try to coordinate your team's colors, if possible. The referee has the final say as to what extra clothing is permitted on the field of play.

Do we require teams to participate in regional fundraisers?

AYSO is a non-profit and non-funded organization besides contributions from our sponsors and through registration fees. We do not currently require any regional fundraisers, but do welcome corporate and individual sponsorships.

Do we have a program for special needs players?

Chino Hills AYSO offers a VIP program for players with physical or mental disabilities that make it difficult for the player to participate in the mainstream program. Our VIP players receive all the same benefits as the mainstream program at a reduced cost.

Do our registration fees pay for the board members, coaches, and referees?

AYSO is a volunteer organization. We do not get paid in any way. We all have regular jobs and families to attend to and we volunteer the rest of our time to AYSO. We welcome any volunteers who want to help their children by coaching, refereeing, or simply helping out by cleaning,

setting up, or taking down fields. We are in dire need of volunteers; this is why we are always short on coaches and referees. We also welcome anyone interested in being on the regional board, to help with decisions and input to make AYSO better for your children.

Now that I know what happens behind the scenes, how can I become a volunteer?

We thank you for wanting to volunteer your time for your child as well as help others in AYSO so that kids have a fun experience playing soccer. Simply let one of our volunteers know you are interested and our Regional Commissioner will get in contact with you. We are always at the check-in table on Saturdays and around fields during the week. Thank you once again for taking time for your child. The reason we are all volunteers is for the children to have an enjoyable and fun experience!