



AYSO REGION 43 SUMMARY - POLICY OF PLAY EFFECTIVE FALL 2018



Effective with the Fall 2018 playing season, the AYSO Region 43 Board of Directors have approved an updated Policy of Play. This document summarizes the new policy, which can be found on the region's website at <http://www.ayso43.org>.

- a. AYSO is a 100% volunteer organization. Region 43 relies on ALL parents to participate in some way, whether as a member of the board, coach, assistant coach, referee, or some other team or region role.
- b. To ensure that the region can support the maximum number of teams at each level, our region has implemented a Volunteer Incentive Program to recognize and reward parents that volunteer during the regular season.
- c. Priority registration will be offered to the players of those volunteers from the previous Fall season. The Region 43 Board may offer additional discounts to players of these returning volunteers at the Board's discretion.
- d. AYSO's core philosophy of "Open Registration" is followed for the Fall season, meaning that the program is open to all children who want to register and play soccer. Interest and enthusiasm are the only criteria for playing. There are no elimination try-outs, and nobody gets cut. However, the number of players that the region can support is directly related to the number of parent volunteers.
- e. Within two weeks after the close of registration, the Board of Directors will assess the numbers of **QUALIFIED coaches and referees** who have volunteered for the upcoming season by division (age/gender), and the number of players that have completed registration (including payment) by division and estimate the number of teams in each division that can be supported.
- f. Based on the estimated team counts, the Board will estimate the number of players that can be offered spots in the Fall season. Those spots will be allocated to registered players based on:
 1. Having a parent who actively volunteered in the prior season in one of the key positions listed in the Volunteer Incentive Program description
 2. Having a parent who did not volunteer in the past season, but commits to volunteering in the upcoming season and completing training for one of the key positions listed in the Volunteer Incentive Program description
 3. All others who have completed their player registration.
- g. If there are not enough spots for the registered players, those players will be placed on a WAITING LIST. Team placement from the Waiting List will be subject to more parents volunteering to coach or referee **and completing their certifications**, sufficient to support additional teams in the respective Division.



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- h. Parents of players on the WAITING LIST can improve their status by volunteering for one of the key positions listed in the Volunteer Incentive Program description during this interim period before final team formation begins. The parent will need to complete ALL the required certifications for the upcoming season, including AYSO Volunteer Registration, Safe Haven training, and age group appropriate training, before team formation begins.
- i. **IMPORTANT:** A parent who commits to volunteer for one of the key positions during the upcoming season **MUST** complete their certifications or assume their role **PRIOR** to team formation in order to maintain their player's status.
- j. Teams which fail to provide sufficient volunteer support will not be eligible to participate in the post-season Region Tournament nor the Area, Section, or Western States Tournament (typically held in December).