



PLAYER & PARENT INFORMATION NORRY SUNBURY AYSO



To follow are some helpful tips and info for a successful AYSO season!

Parent and Fan Code of Conduct

- Support the "Everyone Plays," "Good Sportsmanship," "Positive Coaching" and "Player Development" philosophies of AYSO.
- Parents and fans cheer. Let the coaches coach.
- Respect the volunteer referees – be it youth or adult – they have a tough job!
- Ensure that your players' soccer experience is a fun one. Sure, winning is great, but it's only part of it. Players should never be yelled at or ridiculed for making mistakes or losing a game. Remember, this is recreational youth soccer, not the World Cup!
- Not all teammates will be best friends. In the event of conflict or concern, talk to your coach to help work through the situation. It's best to deal with the situation and get it resolved sooner rather than later.
- Only cleared and registered coaches are allowed on the field during practices and in the team area of the field during games. All parents and fans must remain on the opposite side of the field during games. *The only exception to this rule is for the Playground Program, where parents are on the field with their player during practices and if your player gets hurt during a game.*

Referee Interaction

We value each one of our volunteers, especially referees who often have the thankless job of making calls that half the participants won't like. We have an incredible core group of referees including many youth referees. It's AYSO's policy that once a referee enters the playing field it is **their** field to control. Their job is to enforce the laws of the game and to ensure the safety of all players. Any spectator arguing with the referees will not be tolerated and may result in ejection from the field, with further potential sanctions. Any coach arguing with the referees may result in a red card, which will require the coach to leave the field for the remainder of that game AND will be suspended from attending the next scheduled game.

Parent Responsibilities:

- Life can be busy, we get it! Try your best to get your player to practice and games on time.
- Set a proper example of good sportsmanship.
- Thank the volunteers! Most of them are parents just like you, juggling work, home, and kid stuff. A nod of thanks can go a long way!

Player Responsibilities:

- Try your best. All players started somewhere so don't be embarrassed about your skill level.
- Have fun! You're outside, running around, making new friends, and getting better at soccer.
- Not every game is going to be perfect. Your team will likely win some and lose some. Be a gracious winner. Focus on the fun you had at the game, not the final score!
- Be respectful. Your coaches and the referees have volunteered their time for you and your team. They have a tough job! Listen to them during practices... they are helping to make you a better player! Showing them respect and giving them an occasional thank you goes a long way in showing appreciation!
- Be a team player. Praise your teammates when they do something well and encourage them when they make mistakes.



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Uniforms

Players are required to wear shin guards, socks to cover the shin guards (folded over - NOT rolled), and cleats to all practices, scrimmages, and games. Jewelry, including earrings is not permitted to be worn at any practices, scrimmages, or games. Our uniform is a maroon jersey, navy blue shorts, and maroon socks. Uniforms are purchased from Tri-County Sports in Northumberland at their store or online at our [fan site](#). You choose your own number when ordering your jersey. We have gently used gear in the shed for you to help yourself to. Ask your coach to open the shed for you to “shop”. You can also donate gear that your player has outgrown.

Weather Policy

Soccer is an all-weather sport. It *is* played in the rain, with some exceptions. It is our policy to postpone or cancel all soccer related activities during weather that includes thunder or lightning. In cases of passing storms, fields must be vacated immediately upon the first sight of lightning or first sound of thunder. You are allowed to return to the activity **ONLY** after 30 MINUTES has passed since the **LAST** lightning or thunder. If you wait 25 minutes and hear thunder the clock restarts to 0 and you wait 30 minutes again. No exceptions. Coaches are permitted to hold their practices in rain. Sometimes they will cancel because of the damage that cleats can cause on a saturated field.

The decision to cancel HOME games is made by either our Regional Commissioner or our Coach & Referee Administrator. Please abide by their decision. There are many moving parts to the schedule that need to be addressed when cancelling or rescheduling games, especially in 8U and older divisions.

Your coach will notify you when a game or practice is cancelled. For Saturday home game days, you will generally hear of cancellations very early that morning.

Volunteer Board Members

We are a five-member board that is always looking for new volunteers, so don't hesitate to reach out if you have ideas or are interested in lending a hand!

Bob Long, Regional Commissioner

Bob provides general oversight and management to our region and board.

Aaron Booth, Coach Administrator/Referee Administrator

Aaron takes care of all things coach and referee related. He along with our registrar take care of player placement on teams. He can help with any questions on clearances, laws of the game, referee training and certification, etc.

Gina Reed, Registrar/Treasurer

Gina takes care of online registration setup, questions, or concerns. She works with Aaron on player placement on teams. She also makes sure our bills are paid, money is deposited, and our books are in order.

Jim Geise, Safety Coordinator

Jim takes care of all safety related items. He ensures that fields are maintained, and equipment is in working order.

Noelle Long, Public Relations/Fundraising Coordinator

Noelle is the voice behind our social media and email outreach and responses to our general region email – norrysunburyayso@gmail.com. She is also responsible for fundraising and special events.

We always strive to have the best season ever, but stuff happens. When it does, please reach out so we can work with you to make it right! Our goal is for players, parents, fans, and volunteers to have a fun and positive experience with soccer. Drop us an email at norrysunburyayso@gmail.com.

Looking forward to a great season!