



Pathway to Becoming a United Team, Coach, or Player

The AYSO United program is the pinnacle of the AYSO player development pyramid. Built on the foundation of the organization's Six Philosophies, AYSO United flips the soccer building blocks by prioritizing a player's development. AYSO United is committed to provide a player-centered learning environment which allows each player to reach their own personal development goals.

For AYSO United coaches, development takes precedence over winning. This structure ensures coaches can develop players and teams without outside pressure as they look to create the ultimate development experience.

AYSO United also takes pride on continual education of our coaches. Our coaching education pathway is designed to create a developmental path for our coaches as we create a positive learning environment for our players. We encourage professional growth and continued education in AYSO, USSF, and other coach education programs.

Claremont AYSO Player & Coach Pathway

CORE

Core is our grassroots program based on the AYSO 6 Philosophies: Everyone Plays, Balanced Teams, Open Registration, Positive Coaching, Good Sportsmanship, and Player Development. This is the foundation for the fun, learning, and joy of playing soccer in Claremont.

Extra

The Claremont Wolves are part of AYSO Extra, a progressive, tryout-based program for players who have the skills, interest, and dedication to play soccer year-round. Players and coaches learn from exposure to highly competitive teams in Extra league and tournament play.

Spring Select

Claremont United Select teams are an amazing opportunity for players and coaches alike to develop their abilities beyond the Fall Core season. Players get the chance to play with and against other dedicated soccer players, and coaches learn to coach in a more competitive environment.

AYSO United

AYSO United is a tryout-based club soccer program built on the six philosophies of AYSO. Players train in a positive, development focused environment, and compete in the SoCal club league and State Cup against other top clubs. Coaches have advanced training and commit to continuing coach education.

Prospective United Teams

Each year the Region will consider adding new teams to the AYSO United program, including by promoting interested Claremont Wolves Extra teams.

We consider several factors in making these decisions.

- The number of AYSO United Claremont teams in each division
- The need for teams to sustain the United program in the Region
- Team history as it relates to the AYSO Pathway (Core, Spring Select, and Extra)
- Team contribution to the Region through volunteerism
- Coach experience and contribution to the Region
- Disciplinary history of team parents and families

Prospective United Coaches

Each year the Region will consider new potential coaching candidates for promotion to the AYSO United program. We consider several factors in deciding whether to recommend coaches to the AYSO United program.

- Coaching experience and certifications
- Completion of basic AYSO volunteer requirements (SafeHaven, LiveScan, etc.)
- Embodiment of AYSO philosophies as a volunteer in the Region

If a team or coach is approved, the Region will make a recommendation to AYSO United.

The club makes the final decision on whether to form a team and approve coaches within a United hub. They may elect to hold tryouts to determine if there is enough interest and players and may choose to interview coaches before approving them. The AYSO United Director of Coaching makes the final selection for coaches.

Prospective United Players

Each year AYSO United offers tryouts for players who wish to be considered for an AYSO United team. Players may also attend an open training session for an existing team instead of a formal tryout.

Although not required, it's preferred that players have followed the AYSO Pathway as they will benefit greatly from play in Core, Spring Select, and Extra.

Once committed to a team, the team is committed to them. So long as players regularly attend training sessions, they will play at least 50% of each game to ensure they have a positive youth soccer experience and an opportunity to develop their game. AYSO United discourages cutting players who are fulfilling their commitments by showing up and participating in trainings and games.