



AREA 10S COACHES INFORMATION SUMMARY Spring 2023

COVID - 19

Currently there are not any requirements for masks to be worn outside. If the State of California, Los Angeles County or the William S Hart School District change their position, we will let you know.

We do believe that there are some common-sense actions we can take.

- Players and/or parents who experience even one of the following symptoms are not to attend any practice, match, or meeting:

Fever or chills

Cough

Fatigue

Muscle or body aches

Headache

New loss of taste or smell

Sore throat

Congestion or runny nose

Nausea or vomiting

Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing

Diarrhea

Even if you think your symptoms are not related to Covid-19 we will err on the side of caution every single time. Notify the coaching staff that you will not be attending and a discussion of when the player can return can be had at that time.

- If at any time you feel a situation may be unsafe for you or your player you can choose not to participate without explanation.

For the sake of player safety these team policies may change at any time at the discretion of any State or Local agency.

PARENT MEETING

Please call your team by February 28th, so players know they are on a team. Hold your meeting as soon as possible. All parents and coaches should be there. **BE PREPARED!** Below is a list of the items that should be covered -- as briefly as possible.

- * *ALL VOLUNTEERS shall register as a volunteer, agree to a background check and get fingerprinted (only once through AYSO). Volunteers also need online Safe Haven, CDC Concussion and Cardiac Arrest courses as well as Safe Sport training. You will receive an email informing you if you need to take the course(s). The email will also include instructions on how to take the course.*

1. Review **PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT AND PLAYER MEDICAL RELEASE FORM** for accuracy, particularly with regards to parent or guardian and current phone numbers. **HAVE PARENTS MANUALLY SIGN THE FORM. Henry Mayo does not recognize the electronic signature.** After the meeting, talk to parents with children who have asthma or any other condition which may require special attention.
2. Determine how many parents are interested in refereeing either at a non-competitive level or at a competitive level. These persons shall submit a volunteer form and will be required to have the four certifications mentioned above. Plus, they must be certified as a referee for the appropriate age level (comp or non-comp). Record the names on the Team Information Form.

Each 6U, 7U, 8U team must provide one certified referee for every game. Each 10U, 12U, 14U team should strive to have at least **TWO certified referees. One will need to be provided for every game.**

3. Select your Team Parent. This person may be a mother, father, or legal guardian of one of the players. This person is responsible for coordinating all team information, either from the coach or from Area staff. This person shall submit a volunteer form and will be required to have the three certifications mentioned above. Record the name on the Team Information Form.
4. Select a second contact for your team. This volunteer will be cc'd on emails and any other communication from the Division Representatives. It cannot be a family member of the coach nor have the same email address. This person can be the Team Parent or Assistant coach or anyone else on the team willing to remind the coach of information throughout the season. Record the second contact on the Team Information Form.
5. We are always looking for assistance in marking the playing fields. Spring Director of Fields, Jose Cruz, will reach out to coaches and volunteers to set up times for marking the fields.
6. Non-Competitive teams, 6U, 7U & 8U, are asked to bring a case of Gatorade and a case of water to the first game of the season. Cases are to be labeled with team division, team number and coach's last name to the storage bin at Placerita Junior High.
7. As coach it is your responsibility to have a First Aid kit at practice. It should contain hydrogen peroxide, Band-Aids, instant ice packet, and an ace bandage. You can ask each parent for a donation to buy the First Aid Kit.
8. Discuss any carpooling needs that a parent may have. Stress prompt drop-off / pick-up of players for practice. It is unfair for you to have to wait on a regular basis for tardy parents. Set a plan of action you will utilize in the event of an unforeseen circumstance. **NEVER** leave players at the field.

9. **The "Safe Haven" program requires 1 adult for each 8 players, one of which must be of the same gender as the players. This includes all team activities, including practices.**

Set up a practice schedule which accommodates you and the team.

10. **All teams, 6U-14U and the 4U/5U program will start play on Saturday, March 11, 2023. The last game is scheduled for May 6th.**

We will not do rain make ups unless there are more than 2 rained out days. If there are more than two (2) rainout days, the last game will be May 13th.

No games April, 8th.

11. Team banners/flags are usually not ordered for Spring. However, should your team wish to order one, you may do so.
12. Shin guards must be worn at all practices and games. **NO PLAYER MAY PARTICIPATE (PRACTICE OR GAMES) WITHOUT THEM.** Further disciplinary action will result if a player or coach fails to observe this rule. Shin guards must be worn **INSIDE** the socks and they must be of the appropriate length. No short shin guards will be permitted. Socks must fully cover the shin guard. This is a requirement of AYSO National and has been implemented for safety reasons.
13. Let your parents know what they can expect from you, and what you expect from them. Ask them to come to the games and cheer for the team, call if their son/daughter will not be at practice/game, set a good example, plan family activities around the game schedule, and let you do the coaching. Talk about everyone being a part of the team (Players, Parents, & Coaches). Parents can be a big help by always looking for and talking about **ONLY** the good things that their son/daughter does. **NEVER** talk about mistakes they make, or their teammates make. The key is to always be **POSITIVE**.
14. Spectator sideline rules. All parents and children must be 3 feet back from the sideline, to the left of the half-line (so as to avoid interfering with the Assistant Referee). Please remind parents to watch their small children so that they are not accidentally knocked down. Please ensure that toys are kept off the playing field.
15. Have the parents read and sign the Parents Conduct Policy Form. The form must be signed by both the coach and parent. In the 14U division, have players read and sign the Players Conduct Policy Form. **NO PLAYERS WILL BE ALLOWED TO PLAY UNTIL THIS FORM IS TURNED IN TO YOUR DIVISION REPRESENTATIVE.** Return these forms along with the team information form when you pick up your uniforms.

PRACTICES

1. Practices will be scheduled by our Director of Practice Fields Scheduling, Matt Wong. Coaches will receive information and a link to the Google Form requesting dates and times for practices. Matt's email address is ayso46practice@gmail.com
2. Practices will take place either at Central Park or Rio Norte Junior High.
3. **RIO NORTE (practices) - WE HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO PARK IN THE SCHOOL PARKING LOT AT RIO NORTE AND NOT ON THE STREETS SURROUNDING THE FIELDS.** Park in designated spaces and do not block driveways or throughways.
4. **TEAMS MAY NOT START PRACTICE UNTIL February 27th.** For 10U and above, practices shall be limited to two practices (maximum) each week, no more than 90 minutes each practice. 6U/7U/8U shall be limited to one practice (maximum) per week, no more than 60 minutes each practice. Practice fields are at a premium and coaches are expected to cooperate with each other.
5. Remember to have your team registration forms with you at all times. In your absence, your assistant coach must have a copy with them. Spot checks for registration forms may occur without notice. This National rule is enforced for the protection of the players. Bring your First Aid Kit.
6. Each player should bring their own water container to practice. It is recommended that you bring an extra bottle or two, especially during warm weather months. The water bottle should be given to one player and not shared with another player.
7. Remind parents to be prompt in dropping off their children to practice and in picking them up. Make sure your practice ends on time. Parents are more likely to be late if your practices are always going 15 to 20 minutes over.
8. Per Safe Haven, sending players to the restroom or anywhere else on their own requires they be sent using the Buddy System. The **BUDDY SYSTEM CONSISTS OF 3 PLAYERS.**
9. UK Soccer International will host Friday Night Clinics. More information will be emailed to coaches and families

GAMES

1. **ALL GAMES WILL BE PLAYED AT PLACERITA JUNIOR HIGH, located at 25015 North Newhall Ave, Santa Clarita, CA 91321.**

The fields (and street parking) are located on 16th avenue. There is a small lot on Dalbey Drive and families can walk across the campus. Street parking is also available on Newhall Ave.

NOTE: Please advise parents to read all parking signs and to give themselves plenty of time to find parking. Also, parents are to park 15 feet away from fire hydrants and should not block any driveways.

2. Game schedules will be posted at the latest, March 8th. The "Home" team is the team that is listed first on the game schedule.

6U will play 4 v 4 – no goalkeeper

7U will play 4 v 4 – no goalkeeper

8U will play 4 v 4 – no goalkeeper

10U will play 7 v 7 – goalkeeper, buildout line

12U will play 9 v 9

14U will play 11 v 11

3. First game of the day: Both the home and visiting teams are responsible for making sure the equipment is set up by game time. It is advisable to designate a parent(s) on the team to be responsible for these duties or assign them on a rotating basis. Please arrive **60 minutes** prior to the start of game to set up fields. Goals can be picked up from the storage bin (located by the entrance).

YOUR GAME WILL BE SHORTENED BY THE NUMBER OF MINUTES IT WAS DELAYED IF THE EQUIPMENT IS NOT SET UP BY GAME TIME.

4. Both the Home and Visiting teams of the last scheduled game of the day are responsible for taking the field equipment down and dropping off the equipment bags in the storage bin.
5. It is **required** that both coaches **verify the final score, substitutions, assistant referees and sign the game cards** at the end of the game with the referees. The final score will be considered the official score.
6. Game cards should be filled out prior to the start of the season per guidelines (see handout). Cards must be checked in and approved at the time of uniform distribution.

Each team will provide 8 completed game cards with the following:

- a) Area 10S, Division and Team #
 - b) Team Name, Coach and Assistant Coach
 - c) Jersey Number Order (starting with #2 thru the total number of players per division)
 - d) Uniform color will be filled in after uniform distribution.
7. Coaches are required to stay in their technical area (10 yards on either side of the center line of the playing field). All substitute players must also remain near the coach's area. All players are to turn their backs to the lines-person to report their uniform number before entering or exiting the playing field.

8. Players in Divisions 10U through 14U and VIP must play three quarters of the game, unless they arrive late, are injured, or are ill. (Referees do not enforce this; they are to report it only).

Due to the roster size and due to the 6-periods of play in 6U, 7U & 8U, if all players are in attendance at a game, each player cannot play “three quarters” (75% of the game).

In 6U, 7U and 8U games where all 6 players are in attendance, 2 players sit out each period and all players sit out twice. No player is to sit a second period until all players have sat once. Switch the rotation each week so the players do not sit out the same the same quarters each week. If all players are NOT in attendance, each player must play at least play 4 of the 6 periods of that game.

THE REASON FOR ANY PLAYER NOT PLAYING “three quarters” OF A GAME MUST BE NOTED ON THE BACK OF THE GAME CARD.

9. In Divisions 10U & 12U, goalkeepers must play one quarter of the game out of the keeper position. (Referees do not enforce this; they are to only report it if not followed). In 14U, goalkeepers can play the entire game in the goal.

10. Duration of the Game:

6U, 7U & 8U: 6 equal periods of 7 minutes each
10U & 12U: 2 equal halves of 25 minutes each
14U: 2 equal halves of 30 minutes each

11. In the event we have rain and there is a question as to whether we will play soccer games, the following procedure will be followed:

Area personnel will inspect all playing fields at approximately 6:00 am Saturday morning. Your Division Representative will notify you if the games have been canceled. If you do not receive a phone call notifying you of a cancelation, you must assume that the games will be played. In the event of game cancellation, all games for the day will be canceled. It is the coach's responsibility to call the players.

Should lightning occur, referees will stop games and fields will be cleared. Games for that time slot, may be cancelled. Do not assume the remainder games for the day will be cancelled.

12. If a player is bleeding, i.e., from the nose or an open wound, that player must leave the game until the bleeding has been stopped, the wound has been sufficiently covered, and any blood cleaned from the skin. In addition, if a player has blood on his/her uniform, it must be cleaned and dried, or changed, before the player can resume play. Hydrogen peroxide works best to clean uniforms.

13. Concussion information

Any player suspected of having a concussion by the coach, referee or parent must be removed from further participation for at least the remainder of the day,

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parents should be encouraged to seek professional medical treatment at the time of injury and secure medical clearance before being allowed to return to play. IF the parents seek medical treatment, AYSO will require the parent to sign a new Participation Release Form confirming that the player has been given the appropriate clearance to return to play. Further, if they are diagnosed by a physician with a concussion, a doctor's release will also be required. Direct the parents to the Concussion Action Plan and Concussion Information Sheet (English & Spanish) on the Region's website under Documents for more information.

14. Competitive teams, 10U-14U, are assigned Area tent coverage for every game either before your game or after depending if you are the home or away team. Duties include general field set up before an 8 am game general field tear down after the last game of the day. Teams will need to sign in/out at the region tent and be visible and helpful.

HOME TEAM – one hour BEFORE their scheduled game time (yes at 7 am too!)

AWAY TEAM – one hour AFTER their scheduled end of game (last game helps to clear the fields and take down Area equipment)

15. Coach/Spectator sideline: Coaches are expected to coach in a positive manner. Spectators are encouraged to cheer also in a positive manner.

UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT

1. At the Roster distribution meeting, each coach will receive a coach bag with two (2) soccer balls and cones. 10U and up will also receive a keeper jersey. Set aside one of the soccer balls for game use only (balls colored to match uniform will not be permitted in game).
2. Team names must be approved prior by the Division Representative prior to picking up uniforms.
3. **Uniform Distribution will take place on March 7, 8, 9 from 6:30-8:00 pm at Central Park.** The coach must present the completed Team Information form (enclosed in this packet), all signed Code of Conduct forms, eight (8) game cards, filled out per instructions (see handout) to receive his/her team uniforms.
4. When distributing uniforms, the players should be lined up in tallest/largest to shortest/smallest order. The uniforms should be distributed accordingly. FIT, not

player number, is the primary concern in outfitting a team with uniforms.

If there is a problem with a uniform at any time throughout the season, please advise your Division Representative.

5. **No player's names or team names will be allowed on player uniforms per National Rules & Regulations.**
6. Soccer or all-turf shoes are recommended at games and practices. Tennis shoes are permitted but not recommended.
7. Soccer ball sizes are as follows:
 - Division 4U, 5U, 6U, 7U & 8U - size 3 ball
 - Division 10U, & 12U - size 4 ball
 - Division 14U & VIP - size 5 ball
8. Under-amour can be worn under a jersey, Leggings or warm up pants may be worn at the discretion of the referee.

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

1. It is possible that a player may elect to drop out. Please have the parent contact the registrar. **A player will not be dropped or added unless the parent contacts the registrar directly.**

Administratively, if a replacement player is available that is similar in rating and will not affect the team balance, the registrar will e-mail the coach the registration form for the new player. The coach must have the registration form before the player can practice or play a game.

2. The Player Evaluation Form must be completed and returned to your Division Representative by **April 29th**. **REMEMBER, THESE EVALUATIONS ARE OUR PRIMARY TOOL IN BALANCING TEAMS FOR THE FOLLOWING YEAR.**
3. Please instruct your parents and players that it is extremely important that we take care of school property. That means picking up all trash, keeping restrooms clean, and staying off hills at the junior high schools. **Dogs or other pets are not permitted on the school grounds. WITHOUT OUR SCHOOLS, WE DO NOT HAVE FIELDS TO PLAY SOCCER GAMES.**
4. Please be sure that you check your e-mail regularly as the majority of communication between you and the Region will be via e-mail. It is very important that you receive communications in a timely manner. **IT IS YOUR ULTIMATE RESPONSIBILITY AS A COACH TO ENSURE THAT YOU RECEIVE AND DISTRIBUTE COMMUNICATIONS.**

5. Please utilize the assistance of the coaching staff personnel. They are there to help in areas you might need advice or assistance. Please contact the coaching mentor administrator @rogerschnurr@ca.rr.com.

7. Awards/Trophies
Participation medals will be available for all players. Medals will be provided to coaches once player evaluations are submitted.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- * Roster Distribution Meeting – February 21st
- * Referee Class – March 2nd, 6:30-9:30 (TBD)
- * Coach Certification Class – February 28th (virtual); Field training March 1st (TBD)
- * Uniform Distribution – March 7, 8, 9 6:30 – 8:00 at Central Park, Field 7
- * First Game – March 11th at Placerita Junior High
- * Player Evaluations Due – April 29th
- * Last game – May 6th (or 13th if rain outs occur)