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AYSO Region 1398 Spring Soccer Season is scheduled to begin on February 20, with registration beginning in November. Programs available this spring will include a Recreation Programs (for players between four and nineteen years old), a Spring Select Competitive program (for U-9 to U-14 divisions), and a VIP Program (for the special needs players, of all ages.)

Spring Schedule

- Player registration: Opens November 1st, 2011
- Practices: Begin February 20th, 2012
- Games: March 9th, 2012 to May 5th, 2012

What is AYSO?

AYSO (American Youth Soccer Organization) was founded in September 1964 in Torrance, California. In 1964, AYSO's family included only nine soccer teams. Today, AYSO has grown to over 600,000 players and over 250,000 dedicated volunteers with programs in 48 states, Russia, Samoa, Paraguay, Puerto Rico, Jamaica, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.



"The beauty of AYSO was that the games were still competitive but they never revolved around winning."

Landon Donovan
U.S. Men's National team and
LA Galaxy forward

AYSO's mission is to develop and deliver quality youth soccer programs which promote a fun, family environment based on our 6 Core AYSO philosophies: Everyone Plays, Balanced Teams, Open Registration, Positive Coaching, Good Sportsmanship and Player Development.

What Makes AYSO Different?

The AYSO program is concerned not only with offering youths an enriching, growing experience through soccer, but also with training and developing adult and youth volunteers who will carry on the traditions, goals, and philosophies of AYSO. Our goal is to provide FUN soccer programs where young people can develop a positive self-image, self-confidence, and other positive character traits through their interest and participation in soccer.

Everyone Plays

Our goal is for ALL players to play soccer. Our guidelines require that each player on every team must be allowed to play at least 75% of every game on the field.

Balanced Teams

AYSO requires that all teams be as balanced as possible. Our goal is to place each child on a team with a cross-section of talent to make games more fun and challenging for all players.

Open Registration

Our program is open to all children between the ages of four and eighteen years old. Interest, enthusiasm, and the desire to have fun are the only criteria for playing.

Player Development

We believe that all players should be able to develop their soccer skills and knowledge to the best of their abilities, both individually and as members of a team, in order to maximize their enjoyment of the game.

This Program is not affiliated with the school or school district. The school district does not endorse or sponsor this activity.

Positive Coaching

AYSO requires that all volunteers maintain a positive attitude during all interactions with players, parents, and other volunteers. Coaches are encouraged to support each player on the team, to set a good example, to make only positive comments, to teach the importance of playing your best, and to help players discover the rewards in playing soccer. We train and encourage our coaches to make an extra effort to understand and offer positive encouragement, rather than criticisms.

Good Sportsmanship

Good sportsmanship begins with the attitude of coaches and parents, extending down to the players. Players model behaviors they see in their own family and coaches. Winning is NOT the most important factor in this soccer program. Working together as a team and treating others with respect are goals of AYSO.

Player Registration Dates

Online Registration Opens on November 1, 2011.

- Walk-Up Registration Dates Include:
 - **November 18th:** Placentia Champions Sports Complex (6:30pm to 8:30pm)
 - **December 2nd:** Dick's Sporting Goods Yorba Linda (6:30pm to 8:30pm)
 - **December 5th:** Placentia Champions Sports Complex (6:30pm to 8:30pm)
 - **December 16th:** Dick's Sporting Goods Yorba Linda (6:30pm to 8:30pm)
- Spring Registration Fee: \$95 (Returning Fall season players: \$85)
- VIP Registration Fee: FREE

Interested in Volunteering?

We are always looking for volunteers willing to help make our program the best it can be. Interested coaches should contact our Regional Coach Administrator (John Castreje) at coachadmin@ayso1398.org. Interested referees should contact our Regional Referee Administrator (John Meiner) at referee@ayso1398.org.

The AYSO VIP Program

The AYSO Very Important Players (VIP) Program provides a quality soccer experience for children and adults whose physical or mental disabilities make it difficult to successfully participate on mainstream teams. VIP teams may include Blind or visually impaired, Amputees or with conditions that impair mobility, Mentally or emotionally challenged, Autistic, Down syndrome and Cerebral Palsy.

We recognize that all people need to feel a sense of belonging and acceptance. The VIP Program offers that acceptance and carries our philosophy of Everyone Plays® to new heights - giving everyone a chance to play.



For more details, visit our website or email vip@ayso1398.org.

Questions?

If you have any questions at all, please send emails to info@ayso1398.org.

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