



# AYSO Region 44

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# INTRODUCTION

Hello Coaches,

We had a great turnout for the U6-U10 Coaches meeting. I'm attaching the notes from the meeting in case you couldn't attend. As you have questions, feel free to Email me and I'll get back to you when I can.

Coming in future Newsletters:  
Summary of rules for Divisions  
Training in nearby regions (Safe Haven, Coach Clinics)  
Season Schedule (probably released in about 2 weeks)

Thanks for volunteering to Coach our kids!

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Assistant Coach Administrator

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## NEWS

### *U7B and U8B Division update*

The U7B and U8B Divisions have been combined for this season. The goal will be to separate these 2 divisions next year but for 2006, they are combined. This will delay the release of rosters for these divisions to at least this weekend.

For those U7B Coaches who are now Coaching U8B, some quick hits on how the games are played and I'll send more detailed information later:

- 7v7 with one of those 7 being Goalkeeper (not goalie, that's hockey)
- No offside's are called but kids should be Coached to not "cherry pick" for goals
- Throw-ins are introduced at this level, so learn proper technique's and practice this
- No more than 2 quarters in a game at GK and probably should only do 1 quarter a game for each player
- Game cards are used and will need to be printed for each game

### *Equipment and Uniform Pickup*

The next Equipment pickup is this Monday from 7-9 PM at Kat's house. If you were an upper division Coach and didn't get your equipment yet, you can pickup your equipment at this time as well. Not all of the uniforms are in yet, there are still 15 teams that are due to arrive on the 24<sup>th</sup>. Arrangements will be made with those teams once the shipment gets here.

Also, once you get the equipment bags you might wait to inflate the balls a bit. If the balls are inflated and are in the sun or in the trunk of your car, the heat can cause a few of these to pop. As the weather cools a bit this is less of a concern of course.

If you can't make the Monday pickup time, you can contact Kat to arrange another date:

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660 Bend Drive in Sunnyvale off of Hollenbeck

### *Coach Clinics*

The intermediate Coach Clinics start this weekend. This is open to younger division coaches as well. The last 2 hours on Saturday (3 -5 PM) is Safe Haven Certification. If you are Safe Haven certified, you can leave early. If you still need Safe Haven certification you can show up around 2:30-2:45 PM on Saturday to complete this requirement.

### *"Buddy" Requests*

Something to keep in mind as you prepare to contact your parents, this was the first year allowing this and obviously there is likely to be a few glitches. There were specific instructions on how to request playing with a "buddy". Both players needed to mention the other player on the request form and the request needed to be entered into the system.

It's not intuitive but there were instructions at registration. If the parent just wrote the name on the form, these did not get entered into the system manually as we don't have the "man power" to enter this many requests into the system. Subsequent requests via Email were honored and entered but it's likely that many parents will wonder why "Johnny" isn't on "Jimmy's" team. Please contact your Division Coordinator if something comes up.

## CALENDAR

Date	Time	Location	Event
August 12 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	TBD	U10/U12 Intermediate Coaches Clinic
August 13 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Raynor Park	Intermediate Coaches Clinic
August 19 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Raynor Park	U6/U8 Safe Haven Coaches Clinic
August 26 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	TBD	U10/U12 Intermediate Coaches Clinic
August 27 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Raynor Park	Intermediate Coaches Clinic
September 9 <sup>th</sup> The Season Begins!! - All Day and All Over			
			

Items in **blue text** on the Calendar are coming up next week. Items in **red text** will indicate a new listing.

## ROSTERS RELEASED

Rosters should be released soon, keep an eye out for an Email. Once they are released you can begin contacting your parents. Keep in mind the potential issues with "Buddy Requests". Also, just about every team will have a player added a week or two later. Some players have not been placed yet to allow Division Coordinators some flexibility in correcting mistakes (like twins being assigned to different teams - unlikely but things like that can happen).

Once you have your roster you should probably contact your Assistant Coach and then schedule either a practice or a meeting to have the "Parent Meeting" conversation. I'm attaching a letter I've used, feel free to plagiarize, borrow or discard as necessary. It's important to set the tone early with your parents as I'm sure most of you are aware.

One key point to emphasize with your parents - **at no time is it ever OK to yell at a volunteer**. This includes Coaches, Referee's, Division Coordinators and especially Coach Administrators. We do want feedback and we do want incidents reported. If a parent has an issue, please have them issue this in writing.

## COACHES CORNER

Same links as before, including one more time before I use this space for something else.

<http://soccer.org/>

AYSO National web-site, click on COACHES then Drills and games

<http://www.decatursports.com/drills.htm>

Pretty much has it all

<http://www.and-again.com/default.asp>

No frills but plenty of information

<http://www.finesoccer.com/index.html>

Some stuff they try to sell, stay with the CONTENT area

<http://eteamz.active.com/soccer/>

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