



# AYSO Region 44

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# INTRODUCTION

Hello Coaches,

Several Positive Coaching nominations have rolled in so keep them coming. The details for the HealthNet Coaching Packages and nominating a fellow Coach are below.

Heavy emphasis on player evaluations - they are due by October 31<sup>st</sup> for Coaches and Assistant Coaches. You need to have the evaluations completed to pickup the trophies and awards at the General Membership Meeting on November 1<sup>st</sup>. You can still adjust the evaluations after the meeting so get an initial evaluation done, then adjust as necessary.

Thanks for Coaching our kids and see you on the fields!

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Regional Coach Administrator

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## NEWS

### General Membership Meeting (Trophies and Awards)

This item going to the top of the list - player evaluations are due by October 31<sup>st</sup>. You can still adjust the evaluations after the meeting, but you need to get your initial assessment completed in time for the meeting. We need evaluations completed for Coaches and Assistant Coaches.

Thanks to those Coaches who have already started/completed the evaluations!

When doing the evaluations, only the Division Coordinators will read these. The children will not see them so don't feel like you have to protect your players. This is a key component to balancing teams. Please use the "comments" area to identify difficult to Coach children or anything you need to add that might be useful. For instance, during one season I had one player that scored 5 goals that season but wasn't that skilled. I didn't want him marked as a "scorer" when he really wasn't (he hung out away from the pack and often was the beneficiary of good bounces). Great kid but if was assigned as a strong scorer, that team would probably have troubles offensively so I marked that in the comments for the DC.

We need at least one Coach from each team to be represented at the meeting. If neither can't make the meeting, please find a volunteer parent from your team.

### Regional and Area Tournaments - U12 and U14 Divisions

Please communicate to your parents that the regional tournaments are scheduled for **November 18<sup>th</sup>**. This is when teams from these divisions will play against each other to determine who goes to the Area tournaments. You'll want to make sure your parents have this marked on their Calendar.

Communicate to your parents that if you win your Regional Tournament then your team can compete in the Area Tournaments scheduled for **December 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>**. I will Email the Coaches in these divisions more detailed information on the tournaments, for now, you want to notify your parents of those dates.

### Picture Makeup Day

Please refer all rescheduling and Make-up Day requests to Shooting Stars directly at either [schedule@shootingstarsphoto.com](mailto:schedule@shootingstarsphoto.com) or (800) 311-7784 ext. 2. They will maintain a Make-up Day request list.

### Rescheduling a Game

If you find you have to reschedule a game with another Coach or if you know you are cancelling a game please send myself and Kirby Kruckmeyer and Email ([kirantula@comcast.net](mailto:kirantula@comcast.net)). We don't want referee's showing up at games that won't be played so by letting Kirby know he can reschedule those referee's elsewhere.

If you do reschedule a game, keep in mind we don't have permits all week long for the fields and that we can't guarantee being able to supply a referee for the game.

## Positive Coaching Nominations

We are looking for nominations of any Coach you see “honoring the game of soccer”, exhibiting good sportsmanship or practicing positive coaching behavior. If you play against a Coach or just happen to be walking by a soccer field, please take the time to Email a brief description for your nomination to this address:

[aysoregion44@aol.com](mailto:aysoregion44@aol.com)

If you don't know the Coaches name, you can just send the time of the game, what field and the team colors. Sending in nominations for your fellow Coaches will also get your team considered for one of these kits (we have enough for about 25 teams).

For an example, I have nominated the U6 Coach I played against two weeks ago. For one of the games being played, his team was leading about 8-0 (score isn't kept, not really sure what it was - but it was a lot!). He spoke to his team at half-time, quietly pulled his best player aside and explained that he scored so many goals it was time to pass to his teammates. This player - a U6 player no less! - could have scored another 5-8 goals in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half but instead was often racing for the score only to stop and pass to a teammate. His teammates scored, my players started to score as well (one player that was timid and had yet to come close to scoring for the season had 3 goals in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half). So even though the final score was lopsided, his sportsmanship and Coaching created opportunities for his less skilled players as well as giving some of my more timid players a chance to shine and for the 2<sup>nd</sup> half to feel like a close game of soccer.

Some suggestions on what to look for when nominating your Coach:

- If your opponent jumps out to a large lead (4 to 5 goals), are steps taken to minimize the blow-out? For instance, less skilled players taking a penalty shot with a big lead, best players staying back on defense or noticeably passing the ball considerably more?
- Does the Coach (or the parents on his team) cheer for good plays for both teams?
- You never hear the Coach or his parents yelling step by instructions during the game, instead they are cheering or applauding effort and good plays
- There is clearly a missed call or wrong call by the referee but the Coach doesn't yell or criticize our volunteer referee's (bonus points if his team is losing by a few goals)
- Your team is missing 3 players for walk-a-thons and the Coach sends over a player from his team
- The players on the Coaches team do not taunt or tease anyone, they play hard and play fair (part of this is the kids you get but Coaches clearly have an impact here)
- Anything you can think of where you think the Coach is having a positive impact on the players for his team

## CALENDAR

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Event</b>
November 1st	7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Ponderosa School	General Membership (AKA - Trophies and Awards)
November 18th		U12/U14 Fields	Regional Tournaments for U12/U14 Divisions
December 2 <sup>nd</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup>		TBD	Area Tournaments for U12/U14 Divisions
TBD	TBD	Ortega Park	Picture Makeup Day