



# Kickin' It Around

What's going on in AYSO Section 14?

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<http://www.aysosection14.org>

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•Congrats to all the participants of the 2009 Section 14 State Games! List of winners can be found in the State Games section of the Section 14 site.

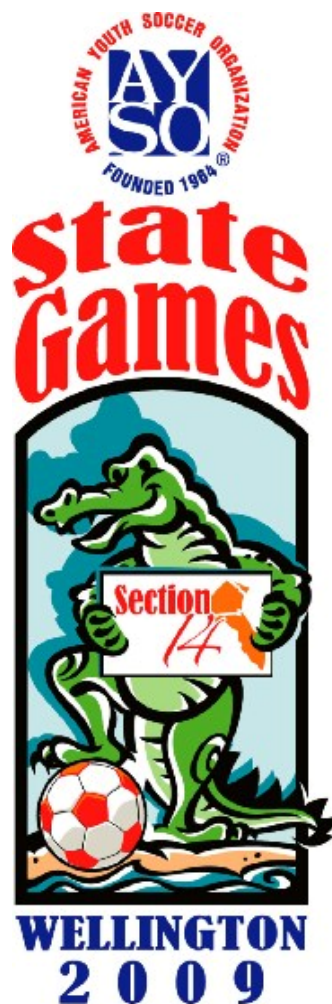
•Section 14 Conference: Tampa, FL. April 17-19, 2009 (more inside)

• Why AYSO? Find out at: <http://www.whyayso.org>

•Section 14: Birthplace of the Green Card. Email Richard Bradwell for more info at [koidude@gmail.com](mailto:koidude@gmail.com)

•AYSO website gets a kick-start. Check out the upgraded website at: [www.soccer.org](http://www.soccer.org)

## Section 14 State Games Results



### It's how you play the game...

Wellington, FL - MLK (Martin Luther King, Jr.) weekend has come to mean a lot of things to different people. A day of remembrance for a great man with vision whose life was cut short, but also a great weekend of AYSO soccer! The Town of Wellington played host again this year (3 in row), and it seems to get better and better. There were lots of smiling faces throughout the weekend regardless of which side won. And although we salute the winners of every division for their hard fought victories, we also want to take this opportunity to recognize the Sportsmanship winners from every division.

#### Divisional Sportsmanship Winners:

- U10B - 1267 Hess
- U10G - 644 Weisman
- U12B - 450 Doral, 191 Carvajal, 901 Cook
- U12G - 1212 Derrig
- U14B - 901 Mock, 1383 Hailwood
- U14G - 1370 Trotto
- U16B - 644 Henderstein
- U16G - 1212 Friedman
- U19B - 644 Dagen
- U19G - 644 Jahoda

#### Overall Sportsmanship Winner: U12B - 901 Cook

The tournament rules committee and tournament committee will be presenting the awards at dinner on Friday, April 17, 2009 at the Section 14 Conference in Tampa. There are certificates for each coach and each player on the teams mentioned above, along with a small memento in honor of winning this award. We would like to encourage each region to bring the team coach of the sportsmanship winners to accept these awards.

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If you wish to sponsor or volunteer at the AYSO 2010 National Games, please email us at: [2010NG@aysosection14.org](mailto:2010NG@aysosection14.org)

## 2010 Section 14 State Games Logo Contest

Help us create the logo for the 2010 Section 14 State Games! Submit your ideas to us at [reg@fcys.net](mailto:reg@fcys.net) and perhaps your idea will be the next State Games logo!

Past logos are below (2009 logo on page 1).

Submissions due by March 30, 2009. Winner will be announced in June 2009 newsletter.



# Region Spotlight:

## Region 1521 - THE ACREAGE & LOXAHATCHEE

Think YOUR Region deserves a shot at the SPOTLIGHT? Send your suggestions to: [reg@fcys.net](mailto:reg@fcys.net)



We begin our Region Spotlight series with:  
**Region 1521 - The Acreage & Loxahatchee**  
 Not to brag, but Region 1521 has....

- the largest number of players for a pilot region in their first season (in Section 14)
- one of the few pilot regions to achieve Silver RAP status as a pilot region

For more info on Region 1521, please contact RC Lisa Seltzer at 561-798-5467.  
 Website: [www.ayso1521.net](http://www.ayso1521.net)

## Nice Shot!

AYSO REGION 1521 COACH JAMES SUAREZ HAS BEEN NAMED "YOUTH COACH OF THE YEAR" BY THE PALM BEACH COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION! HE RECEIVED HIS AWARD AT THE JANUARY 15TH MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF YOUTH LEAGUE PRESIDENTS HELD AT THE OKEEHEELEE NATURE CENTER.

JAMES IS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE REGIONAL BOARD AND SERVES AS ONE OF THE COACH INSTRUCTORS. WE ARE VERY PROUD TO HAVE ONE OF OUR OWN HONORED IN THIS WAY... CONGRATULATIONS, JAMES!!!

[The following is his nomination letter as submitted by RC Lisa Seltzer.]



October 14, 2008  
 Palm Beach County  
 Dept. of Parks & Recreation  
 Reference: Nominee for 2008 Youth Sport Coach of the Year

I would like to tell you about James Suarez, the first person who came to mind for the 2008 Youth Sports Coach of the Year.

As you may know, Region 1521 of the American Youth Soccer Organization is relatively new. There were no multipurpose fields in the Acreage until Samuel Friedland Park was completed and we were then able to establish our region. Being the new kids on the block, we had to build our volunteer and player base from the ground up and James was one of the first to step up to help.

His first season he coached one of our U10 boys teams and quickly became our most requested coach. I have been told by many parents of his ability to pass on his knowledge and passion for soccer to their children. More importantly to me, as AYSO is a recreational league where "Everyone Plays", James has been able to make ALL of the players on his team, regardless of their skill level, feel included and has helped them improve. It's easy to coach a team where everyone is a superstar, but being able to keep your practices informative and challenging for every player, from a new player to travel quality player, is the test of a true "Coach". He was also the coach of one of our first AYSO State Games teams and he and his boys represented our region admirably.

James is now a member of our Regional Board as our Coach Instructor, the training for which he took time off from his work as a Palm Beach County Sheriff's officer to attend. He is married, the father of two children and holds a difficult job, yet I can always count on him to give of his time, whether it's on the field with the kids, attending another "Bored" meeting or running a coaching clinic.

In closing, James is just an all around good guy and we are lucky and proud to have him as a part of our Region 1521 Family.

Thank you,  
 Lisa Seltzer  
 Region 1521 Commissioner  
 (561) 798-5467

# S14 Section Conference 2009



**When:**  
April 17-19, 2009

**Where:**  
Renaissance Tampa Hotel International Plaza, Tampa, FL

Room Rate: \$189 inclusive of taxes and fees

Register via eAYSO or contact Event Housing Coordinator - Jeana Colby at 561.296.0819 or email [jeana@globaljbs.com](mailto:jeana@globaljbs.com)

**Important Dates to Remember:**

- January 9, 2009 - Registration Begins
- January 9, 2009 - Hotel Reservations Available
- March 6, 2009 - Early Registration Ends
- March 23, 2009 - Hotel Reservations Deadline
- March 27, 2009 - Online Registration Ends

**Instructor Course Information:**

To sign up for an instructor course, please fill out the registration form. Intro to Instruction will not be given at the section conference. This course will be scheduled in March- so lunch will only be provided for the instructor courses.

**Volunteer Information:**

If you would like to volunteer at your conference, please email [events@ayso.org](mailto:events@ayso.org) and include "Volunteer at the Section 14 Conference" in the subject line.

**Exhibitor Information:**

The following exhibitors will be on display at the Section 14 Conference:

*National Sponsors:*

AYSO Soccer Camps \* AYSO Store \* Herbalife \* Score \* Sport Pins International

*Additional Vendors:*

Sports Logic Technologies

**PlayZone:**

Will be offered on Saturday April 18.

See you next month!