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Jan-Feb 2010



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AYSO 2010 National Games...
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Section 14 State Games 2010



The 2010 State Games was a great weekend of soccer! Even with a rain delay and the lightening alarm clearing the fields, the games were quickly re-scheduled or moved to other fields and were completed without incident.

The VIP players (players with handicaps), attended in larger numbers and had a great time with their games, bar-b-que and awards ceremony.

We are please to report that the tournament had less red cards than in past years and there were many more sportsmanship winners per division.

Congratulations to the overall Sportsmanship winner:
1408-THURMAN (14B)

We thank all the volunteers, parents and vendors who supported this event and hope to see most of you next January!

Sportsmanship Results:

U10B 1370-Baptiste=100 1267-Scott=100 805-Moreno=100	U10G 345-Forberger=99.4 345-Winkler=99.4	U12B 705-Landry=98.7
U12G 1370-Masi=100 660-Sanger=100 1267-McManus=100	U14B 1408-Thurman=100	U14G 1212-Derrig=97.3
U16B 345-Masi=98.5 1370-Smallcomb=98.5	U16-19G 1548-Arnone=97.7	U19B 644-Rodriquez=96.3

For all results, go to: <http://www.aysosection14.org/StateGames/2010/stategames10.html>

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Training, training, training!

Coach Training

AYSO REGION 644 ANNOUNCES INTERMEDIATE COACHES COURSE GIVEN BY "THE NATIONAL COACH INSTRUCTOR- JOHN OULETTE"

We are pleased to announce that we are bringing in "The National Coach Instructor" for AYSO Mr. John Oulette to teach an intermediate coach course for our region. Mr. Oulette is one of the most entertaining instructors that you will find and is sought after by AYSO regions throughout the country. The course is given over three days at the AYSO Soccer Building by Soccer Field 2 at the Weston Regional Park, 20200 Saddle Club Road, Weston, FL. Course dates and times are as follows:

Friday February 26, 2010 6:30pm-9:30pm
 Saturday February 27, 2010 9:00am-4:00pm
 Sunday February 28, 2010 9:00am-1:00pm

If you are planning to attend you will need to RSVP to Nestor Rodriguez via email at Vmrins@msn.com. The course is limited to the first 50 persons who RSVP.



Referee Training

- **Join us for an AYSO Referee Weekend – June 26-27, 2010**

On the weekend of June 26, 2010, Section 14 will be offering the following Referee training:
Advanced Ref. Course: Lead Instructor: Tony Buckettt, Natl. Ref. Instructor

Begins Sat. June 26, 2010, from 8:00A.M to 5:00 P.M.
 Concludes Sun, June 27, 2010, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

This training will be hosted by Region 345 in West Palm Beach, Florida, (located in Palm Beach County), at Okeeheelee Park, on 7715 Forest Hill Blvd., West Palm Beach, FL 33413. In the AYSO soccer building.

Please mark your calendar, and if you have any questions, or for confirmation that you will be attending the Advanced Referee course, send it to refwknd0508@aol.com by June 13, 2010. We look forward to seeing you there.

Directions:

From I-95: Take the Forest Hill Blvd exit, go west to Okeeheelee Park, which is roughly 10 miles from the I-95 exit on your right.
 From Florida Turnpike: Take the Southern Blvd exit and head east.
 Exit off at Jog Road, and turn south to Forest Hill Blvd.
 On Forest Hill, take a right, 1 mile to Okeeheelee Park

- **AYSO National Referee Course – July 4-6, 2010**

Beginning Sunday July 4, 2010, Section 14 will be offering the following Referee training:

National Referee Course: Lead Instructor: Tony Buckettt, Natl. Ref. Instructor

Begins Sun. July 4, 2010, from 8:00A.M to 5:00 P.M.
 Continues Mon. July 5, 2010, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.
 Concludes Tues. July 6, 2010 from 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon

In addition to Tony, in order to provide other qualified instructor's for this course, along with breakfast and lunch each day, an amount of \$125.00 will be charged per attendee, made payable to AYSO Section 14, and can be sent to:
 Section 14 Natl. Ref Class, 779 Lemongrass Lane, Wellington, FL 33414

Class will be limited to 20 attendees, and registration ends on June 25, 2010.

National Referee Assessor Course: Held Tues. July 6, 2010 from 1:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.

Both training classes will be hosted by Region 345 in West Palm Beach, Florida, (located in Palm Beach County), at Okeeheelee Park, on 7715 Forest Hill Blvd., West Palm Beach, FL 33413. In the AYSO soccer building.

Please mark your calendar, and if you have any questions, or for confirmation that you will be attending the National Referee, and/or the National Referee Assessor Course, send it to refwknd0508@aol.com. We look forward to seeing you there.

Region Spotlight



Region 1242

Region 1242 is back!

It was not that long ago that Region 1242 Ocala sent fear into opposing players and coaches. Yeah, they were THAT good. Scary good. A great program that produced great teams and great players. But something happened. Volunteers and players left AYSO to try something else. The great region that once was, was no longer. And it left a gaping hole in the northern part of Section 14. 1200 players big!

But with the persistence of Becky Mitchell, Section 14 Developer, who helps bring new regions to AYSO, and Section 14 Director, Wendy Smith, Region 1242 is back at it. This time, in Citra, Florida. Home of the pineapple orange, Citra is about 15 miles north of Ocala. A great little community that wanted AYSO soccer for their kids. And Becky and Wendy helped bring it to them. Nearly 2 years in the making, Citra's first ball was kicked in the fall of 2009 and they can't get enough of their new favorite sport.

Regional Commissioner, Tom Christmas, and his staff have their hands full with ever growing numbers and now, possibly, limited field space. But that's a good problem to have for Tom.

We wish Tom the best of luck and welcome back Region 1242!





Before You Scream at a Ref...

By Donna Olmstead

Sometimes as I slouch down in my lawn chair watching my grandchildren's soccer games, I indulge in wishful thinking. Only skillful, focused players on the field. Only knowledgeable, supportive parents on the sidelines. Only coaches who remember the bottom line is character development and not just winning games. Only top-notch officials running the lines and the field. Never going to happen. Like I said - wishful thinking.

Not that I'm an expert on the soccer subject. But I have spent 32 years immersed in youth soccer. As the chauffer. As the team mom. As the team grandmother. And any other position that needed a warm body. Some knowledge of the game is bound to rub off after awhile.

Now my daughter and granddaughters are referees as well as players. And I'm seeing games from a whole new angle. Sitting on the bleachers watching my 14-year-old granddaughter play at a Disney tournament recently, I got annoyed at our parents for criticizing the assistant referee's seeming inability to be in position to make good calls.

When the parents grew vocal enough for the AR to hear, I decided to muffle the criticism. Duct tape would have done the job, but I used something more personal - an incident that happened to my 16-year-old granddaughter Emily at a different game the day before.

Emily was running the line on the parents' side and they gave her a bad time about her offside calls. The coach even went to the center ref after the game and complained about her. Fortunately, the center ref had been paying attention and said Emily's calls had been correct. This is a tough

situation for a young referee to handle, and probably why the attrition rate is so high.



When I told our parents about Emily's experience, they were indignant about anyone's criticizing Emily. After all, she's one of ours. We know her. We know she's conscientious and unbiased. She knows the game both as a player and a certified official. How dare those parents and coach give her a rough time?!

Then I pointed at the AR running our line and said, "She's somebody's Emily."

I know that, in the heat of competition, everyone forgets that the officials are somebody's Emily or Tom or Dave. Parents demand superhero officials. Which, in most cases, means officials that make only calls the parents agree with. And when most of the parents don't even know the difference between being offside or being in an offside position, that would be an impossible demand.

You couldn't pay me enough to take the abuse that soccer officials take. I'd probably take the field armed with a whistle and a small caliber handgun. And because I know that about myself, I stay on the sidelines. And try to encourage parents to send positive energy toward the field. And to try to help them remember that the every official is somebody's Emily.

(Florida resident Donna Olmstead has been involved in soccer through both her children and her grandchildren, as well as housing professional players and owning and running an indoor soccer facility. She is a freelance writer and spends weekends trying to remember which tournament she's supposed to be cheering at.)

New AYSO Coach Training Policy to Debut in 2010

Hawthorne, Calif. (Nov. 16, 2009) -- AYSO has announced important steps to ensure that every AYSO child has the best possible soccer learning experience. Beginning August 1, 2010, coaches and assistant coaches in the U-6 division in every AYSO Region will be required to have AYSO's age-appropriate training and AYSO Safe Haven® certification when they take the field.

The new coach training policy will roll forward each year adding one additional level of required age-specific coach training until, by the 2015 membership year, every AYSO coach and assistant coach at every level will be appropriately trained for the team they will coach.

To help coaches satisfy this new requirement, AYSO is increasing its efforts to deliver this important training in more places and more frequently. To add even more flexibility for its busy volunteer coaches, AYSO is producing an online training course for U-6 coaches, to accompany its existing U-8 and U-10 online courses. The U-6 online course will be available by March 31, 2010.

The policy was approved and adopted by the National Board of Directors at their July 2009 meeting and is supported by the National Coaching Advisory Commission.

"We are excited for the kids," said AYSO National President Mike Wade. "This will guarantee our players, and their parents, the best AYSO experience possible. They will know their coaches are steeped in the technical and tactical aspects of the game and trained in the important age-specific approach to teaching soccer that AYSO has innovated."

AYSO's Coach Training Program is one of only two sport-specific training programs in the country to be certified by the National Council on the Accreditation of Coaching Education. Coaches will continue to be required to be currently registered AYSO volunteers and have AYSO Safe Haven® certification. Safe Haven certification, which is designed to protect both volunteers and children, is available as an online or in-person class.

"Thousands of volunteer coaches get trained every year to work with AYSO players," said AYSO National Coach John Ouellette. "We all have to put the kids first. We find that there are still many volunteers who are concerned about the training time commitment. AYSO training is practical, fun and designed for both the soccer-knowledgeable and soccer-novice. It's a few hours that will make the experience of every child - and every coach - a better one."

Following is the training that will be required for each of the age levels in all AYSO games and the schedule for implementation:

Division	Minimum Training Requirement
U-6	U-6 Coach (beginning 8/1/2010)
U-8	U-8 Coach (beginning 8/1/2011)
U-10	U-10 Coach (beginning 8/1/2012)
U-12	U-12 Coach (beginning 8/1/2013)
U-14	Intermediate Coach (Including all prerequisites) (beginning 8/1/2014)
U-16 & U-19	Advanced Coach (Including all prerequisites) (beginning 8/1/2015)

To schedule age-appropriate coach training and AYSO coach certification please contact one of the following:

- Your Region Coach Administrator (U-6, U-8, U-10 and U-12 Training)
- Your Area Coach Administrator (Intermediate Coach Training)
- Your Section Coach Administrator (Advanced Coach Training)

Contact information for any of these administrators is available from your Regional Commissioner or by contacting the Coaching Department at the AYSO National Support and Training Center (1-800-USA-AYSO) or by email to crissiehull@ayso.org.

AYSO's Coach Training Requirement

Frequently Asked Questions

AYSO has once again taken a leadership role within the youth sports community by requiring that all AYSO coaches be trained at the appropriate level of the team they are coaching. With this requirement in place, beginning August 2010 with the U-6 division, every AYSO child will be ensured of the best possible soccer learning experience. Below are questions we anticipate and the answers to those questions. More will be added as they arise.

When will this coach training requirement go into effect?

Answer: Beginning August 1, 2010, coaches and assistant coaches in the Under-6 (U-6) divisions in all AYSO Regions will be required to have AYSO's age-appropriate training when they take the field. Each year thereafter, the training requirement will extend to the coaches and assistant coaches in the next age division until, by the 2015 membership year, every AYSO coach and assistant coach at every level will be appropriately trained for the age division of the team they will coach.

Will all coaches (head and assistant) be required to be trained?

Answer: Yes all head-coaches and assistant coaches will be required to have attended AYSO's age-appropriate training, beginning in the 2010 Membership Year with the U-6 division.

How will AYSO help my Region accomplish this?

Answer: To help coaches satisfy this new requirement, AYSO will increase its efforts to deliver this important training in more locations and more frequently leading up to the start of the 2010 membership year, and each year thereafter. Regions can and should look to their Area and Section Coaching staffs to secure additional support in staging this training.

Will there be an online U-6 Coaching Course?

Answer: Yes. AYSO is already at work on an online training course for U-6 coaches which will provide full certification for a prospective coach when a live course is unavailable. The U-6 online course will be available as soon as possible but no later than March 31, 2010.

Will AYSO coaches still be required to be currently registered AYSO volunteers and have AYSO Safe Haven® certification?

Answer: Yes. All AYSO coaches will still be required to be currently registered AYSO volunteers and have completed AYSO Safe Haven® certification.

What about coaches who have been coaching in a Region for years and have not attended any training? Will they be granted a waiver?

Answer: No. Coaches with no training certifications will be required to attend the appropriate level of training, starting with those who will coach a U-6 team in 2010. Training is a benefit. It makes coaches - even long time coaches - better coaches. And better coaches make a more enjoyable experience for the players.

If a coach is not trained will the Region have to cancel games?

Answer: Yes. The plan is that ample opportunities will be available to secure the needed training, including an online course, enabling even a last-minute volunteer to get the training that will make him/her more effective and will provide a better experience for the players and their families. All our members must know the importance AYSO assigns to properly trained coaches. For that occasional situation where the regular coach is unable to attend the game, another age-appropriately trained coach can serve as a substitute.

We do not have coach instructors in our Region, what is my next step?

Answer: Call your Section or Area Coaching Staff. They can help arrange for the instructors to provide the needed coach training courses at a place and time convenient for your Region's volunteers.

Does the AYSO Coach Advisory Commission support this requirement that all AYSO coaches be age-appropriately trained?

Answer: Yes. Enthusiastically! Several years ago, AYSO National Coach John Ouellette assembled an advisory group made up of some of the best minds in the game. They studied the way in which players in countries the world over are developed, technically and tactically. From those sessions emerged decisions about the number of players on the field, the specific skills to be taught at each age group and the proper point at which to introduce tactical decision making. Today, the AYSO National Coaching Program, the only soccer training program in the country to be accredited by the National Council for the Accreditation of Coaching Education, is a bottom to top, incremental approach to teaching the game of soccer to kids. In 2005, the United States Soccer Federation published "Best Practices for Coaching Soccer in the United States," a position paper on teaching the game that is essentially a mirror image of the principles and practices AYSO has advocated for years. The members of today's AYSO National Coach Advisory Commission are products of that AYSO Coaching Program, success stories drawn from Sections all across the country who know personally the benefits AYSO coach training provides. They are excited for this opportunity to further spread the good word and will lend their support to the rollout. Why? It is the right thing to do for our kids and our game.

How can my Region schedule age-appropriate coach training and AYSO Safe Haven™ certification?

Answer: To schedule age-appropriate coach training and AYSO Safe Haven™ certification contact one of the following:

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Your Area Coach Administrator (Intermediate Coach Training)

Your Section Coach Administrator (Advanced Coach Training)

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My Region already requires our coaches to be age-appropriately trained. Is there anything else we will have to do under this new policy?

Answer: No. Just keep up the good work! We know there are many AYSO Regions that have already adopted this requirement and there is nothing that would stop other Regions from instituting the requirement across all age divisions immediately. There is support at all levels of the organization to help get this done sooner than we have scheduled.