



# Kickin' It Around

What's going on in AYSO Section 14?

June-July 2009



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## Upper 90:



- **AYSO 2010 National Games countdown.. 12 months and counting..**
- **AYSO website gets a kick start. Check out the upgraded website at: [www.AYSO.org](http://www.AYSO.org)**
- **Are AYSO Soccer Camps coming to your region?**

## AYSO 2010 National Games - Planning Stage

Planning efforts for the National Games to be held in Wellington in July, 2010 are moving ahead at an increasing pace. The organizing committee consists of 50 people representing every Area and reports that the planning efforts have shifted into high-gear. Kudos are due to all members of the lottery team that successfully completed the draw at the NAGM in Dallas last month. National reports that it was the smoothest and most error-free lottery ever held. Great effort was put into locating a uniquely Texas item from which to draw to lend a western flavor to the event. After many 'interesting' suggestions a 10-gallon hat was selected. Special thanks are due to Jorge Bosque, Laura Lietart, Carla Bahn, Martha Vargas and Doug Smith. Well done guys. Invitation letters will go out by June 15 to the first round of invitees. Contracts are being finalized with International Polo Club - where the games will be held and negotiations are underway for Opening Ceremonies and Youth Event. A \$25,000 grant has been authorized through the Palm Beach County Sport's Commission - a big help but we still have a mountain to climb on fund-raising with a nearly \$400,000 operation budget in place. At each meeting of the organizing committee we remind our selves why we are doing this - it is because we agreed that the National Games in Florida will bring visibility and growth to AYSO here like nothing else could. We will only realize that goal if you help us. The Organizing Committee group leaders are listed below. Please contact them and let them know you are available to support this effort in any way you can.

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## Why AYSO? [www.whyAYSO.org](http://www.whyAYSO.org)

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 National Games Wish List

- Grilles for cooking and heating food.
- Misting fans - at least 10
- Varying color souvenir t-shirt for refs to reflect their certification level (need number/colors, etc).
- Golf carts or gators - at least 10
- 30 sets of full size goals.
- 30 sets of nets
- 50 - 10' X 10' tents
- 2500 plastic `to go' cups
- Enough paint for 45 fields twice - need an estimate of cases and need to know color.
- Any kind of giveaway stuff for volunteers that anyone would like to donate.
- 100 Field Marshall jerseys.
- 30 sets of high quality radios

### 2010 National Games Invitations

First round invitations will go out by June 15, 2009. Acceptances must be received by the National Games Registrars by September 15, 2009. Failure to return an acceptance or decline letter will result in an automatic decline and the slot will go to the next team.

### Keeping your kids safe

The following link is from the United States Computer Emergency Readiness Team or US-CERT. They have provided a great article titled "Staying Safe on Social Network Sites." Visit [www.us-cert.gov/cas/tips/ST06-003.html](http://www.us-cert.gov/cas/tips/ST06-003.html) to learn more.

The Federal Trade Commission also has some tips on keeping your children safe while using these sites. Visit the site below to learn more:

[www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/pubs/consumer/tech/tec13.shtm](http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/pubs/consumer/tech/tec13.shtm)



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# AYSO National Games Update

## How Invites Are Determined From Lottery Draw

To understand the AYSO National Games Lottery Draw and the subsequent Region invitations, one must understand the purpose of the AYSO National Games. The AYSO National Games is not a national championship. It is also not just a tournament. The AYSO National Games is a cultural exchange designed to bring together all Sections and as many Regions as possible for a celebration of all that is AYSO. The weeklong event focuses on sportsmanship, team spirit, making new friends, lots of soccer and having fun through all of its activities.

While the Games include competition, the celebration and therefore the Lottery Draw are focused on securing participation from as many different Regions in each Section as have submitted forms and are able to come once invited. Every effort is made to ensure that the maximum number of different Regions from each Section will be invited to participate in the National Games.



**Photo: The AYSO National Games are a cultural experience with kids from around the nation meeting on and off the field.**

Once the Master Lottery Draw is completed, the Region requests result in Tiers:

**Tier One:** Each Section has a guaranteed slot in each age division in which one of their Regions has entered. If no Region in that Section entered for a slot in the division, there will not be a slot reserved for their Section. The maximum number of Regions invited in each age group U-12 through U-19 is 24. In U-10, each Section will have one slot. The initial invitations will be determined by the Lottery Draw Order and the non-duplication of Regions who are awarded slots. Most Sections will have two Region slots per division, some will have only one determined by random draw of starting Section for that division.

**Tier Two:** The slots in each age group will be filled from Tier Two as the invitations issued to Tier One are declined or a Tier One Region withdraws for any other reason.

**Tier Three:** All Regions which request more than one slot in the same age division and all Regions which enter a lottery draw form after the established deadline for the lottery draw are in this Tier. Only after Tier Two has been exhausted for invitations will Tier Three be considered.

The Master Draw order from the Lottery Draw is always referred back to as slots become open, but the draw order is not the only factor. If a Region declines or withdraws, the next Region considered will be from the same section that declined, in the order listed in the Lottery Intent Draw, provided that they do not already have another slot in an age group already drawn. Remember, the Lottery Draw first serves participation by as many different Regions as is possible. Again, a second same Region team will only be accepted in any age group provided all other Regions represented in that Section have been exhausted.

Regional Commissioners of all Regions that are invited in Tier One have been sent a letter of congratulations together with a timeline of instructions to secure their slot in the Games. Intent to Participate forms and registrations fees must be received by September 15, 2009, in order to confirm participation in the AYSO National Games 2010.

**See you next month!**