

AYSO Region 12 Select / Spring Travel Programs

1 Select Program

Region 12 will sponsor teams for an extended play program. This program, called the **AYSO Region 12 Select Program** is an extended season youth soccer program and is offered in addition to the Fall and Spring seasons of our normal programs. This program description is developed in conjunction with, and in addition to the Area 1F Travel Team Guidelines.

The Select Committee is comprised of the following;

- Regional Coach Administrator
- Boys/Girls Division Coordinator
- Select Coordinator
- At least one additional person as designated by the RC

Participation in the Select Program will require concurrent participation in our **Primary program**, along with selection by one of our Select Program Coaches.

The final team roster may not be finalized until the first date set by Section 1 and Area F (currently 10/15). Team Rosters must be finalized prior to the Wednesday immediately preceding Thanksgiving. The Region may form more than one team in each age group. Where there is more interest than openings on the current teams, and there are available, qualified and committed coaches, the Region is willing to form another team. Final decision as to team formation is the responsibility of the Select Committee. Players must be selected each and every year. Therefore, selection in the current year program does not constitute implied selection for any following year.

The Select Program Can/Should Include:

- **A Team Player Camp**
- **Palos Verdes Spring League (or other approved Spring League)***
- **Founders' Cup Tournament***
- **Games and Friendlies** with other Regions' AYSO Select Teams as well as Region 12 Spring Select Teams.
- **Other tournaments** as available and agreed to by team members.

* - Exceptions to these playing opportunities will be submitted to the Division Coordinator, Spring Travel/Spring Select Coordinator and Regional Commissioner.

In no case may the activities of the Select Team take precedence or priority over the Primary Season activities.

In case of situations not addressed herein, AYSO National policy and guidelines for the primary fall season shall take precedence and prevail in those circumstances.

1.1 Select Coaches

Select Coaches must first volunteer to and then be nominated by the Division coordinator. Final approval is by the Select Committee. Select Coaches are **required** to hold a certification at the level which they wish to coach, and are required to participate in the Region's coach development program as outlined by the Select Committee for additional coach development. An interested coach may be given a team pending their completion of their coach certification training. The Select Committee may take into account the availability of recent training available when weighting this requirement for coach approval. Coaches must be approved each and every year. Therefore, approval in the current year program does not constitute implied endorsement or approval for any following year.

All coaches are required to practice the five philosophies of AYSO throughout the Spring Travel/Spring Select season. Coaches are reminded that although the level of play in the Spring Travel/Spring Select season may be more "competitive" than the Fall season, all standards of decorum and courtesy toward players, parents, spectators, coaches and referees must be upheld.

Any Spring Travel/Spring Select season coach who receives a yellow or red (send-off) card may be subject to disciplinary action by the region.

1.2 Select Players

Select Program Players must be registered for the Primary Season and must play in 3/4 of their Primary Season team's games during the current season. Players who fall below the 3/4 play rule after the halfway point in the primary season will become ineligible to play or practice with the Select team until they return to 3/4 primary season play. Any player who will not be able to complete 3/4 primary season game play will be removed from the select team and may be replaced by the select team coach. EXCEPTION: Games missed due to injury or illness will not count against the player in calculating the 3/4 play rule.

Players are invited to participate in the Program by a Select Program Team's Coaches based on the following criteria:

1. Interest;
2. Love for the Game;
3. Maturity;
4. Ability;
5. Teammate Skills and Sportsmanship.

Players are required to attend Select Assessments prior to the beginning of the primary season to be considered for Select team play. Players who cannot make the try-outs or the make-ups due to extenuating circumstances may petition the Region for inclusion and consideration. Inclusion into the program will then require the approval of the Select Committee. Players are invited to participate on a team by Select Program Coaches. A player who participates in this program may not participate in the Spring Select program, as this would reduce the number of extended play opportunities for the players within the Region.

1.3 Select Fees

Each Select team will be self supporting. The fees will cover the cost of uniforms (1-2 complete uniforms) and league/tournament entry fee. All uniforms and equipment shall be in accordance with AYSO National Rules and Regulations. An estimate of minimum and anticipated fees will be disclosed to the families of prospective players prior to joining a team roster.

If the team (the players, parents and coaches) decide to enter more tournaments beyond the Region 12 guidelines, then the players who choose to participate will be assessed additional fees to cover the entry fees. Costs for travel for the tournaments will be the responsibility of the players/parents.

Players must register with the Region **before September 1 each year** to be considered for the Select program. The forms and registration fee (checks payable to AYSO) should be turned into the coach or team manager once the player is added to a team.

AYSO tournaments are played by AYSO rules requiring each player on the team to play at least ½ the game, adhere to all AYSO rules and regulations and policies, and all the teams included are AYSO teams.

1.4 Uniforms

Region 12 will make a Regional purchase of uniforms that will be consistent between teams within a division. All uniforms will be approved by the Select committee. The consistent uniform design is desired to allow for players to be added from one team (Select to Spring Select and vice versa) in the event that a team cannot fill their roster with sufficient players for a given tournament.

1.5 Team Managers

Team Managers will be selected from the parent volunteers on the team and will be the primary contact for funds collection and the required paperwork for the team.

2 SPRING TRAVEL TEAM (SPRING SELECT)

Regional 12 shall incorporate the Area 1F Travel Team guidelines to its Spring Travel/Spring Select policy along with the following:

Region 12 shall maintain a board-level Select Coordinator position which will have Board oversight responsibility for Select activities. The Select Coordinator will oversee the following:

- League and Tournament participation
- White forms, and Rosters
- Regionally provided equipment

The Select Coordinator will provide general guidance and monitoring of Spring Travel/Spring Select team activities along with the designated Division Coordinator (U10, U12, U14, U16, U19). The Select Coordinator may provide information about playing opportunities to Spring Travel/Spring Select teams and will provide assistance with registering teams in leagues and tournaments. The Select Coordinator will keep the Region Commissioner informed of his/her actions at all times. In the case of

a dispute or conflict, the appropriate Division Coordinator will oversee first level resolution. In the event the matter cannot be resolved at the lowest possible level, the Select Coordinator will provide input to the Regional Commissioner for final resolution. The Region Commissioner will be the final authority on all matters within the published AYSO guidelines.

All eligible Spring Travel/Spring Select teams are encouraged to participate in an AYSO Regional Spring League (i.e. Palos Verdes Region 10 Spring League) and the AYSO Founder's Cup Tournament. Exceptions to these playing opportunities will be submitted to the Division Coordinator, Spring Travel/Spring Select Coordinator and Regional Commissioner.

It is the general policy of Region 12 to field no more than two (2) teams per division in the Spring Travel/Spring Select season. This is in keeping with area-mandated balancing of teams, both within a region, and for Spring Travel/Spring Select season participation. However, in those divisions where Fall participation is exceptionally high, and the Spring league supports multiple divisions within a given age group, more than two teams may be approved. This is done in an effort to encourage both coach and player participation and experience, and in support of the AYSO guideline of "everybody plays".

In no case may the activities of the Select Team take precedence or priority over the Primary Season activities.

In case of situations not addressed herein, AYSO National policy and guidelines for the primary fall season shall take precedence and prevail in those circumstances.

2.1 Spring Select Coaches

Region 12 shall develop a coach development program to increase the experience, capabilities and eligibility of all U10 and higher coaches. Each Division Coordinator shall contact the coaches of their division to determine those eligible coaches. An approved Spring Travel/Spring Select season coach may only be the head coach of one Spring Travel/Spring Select team per season. An eligible coach who volunteers for the Spring Travel/Spring Select Season is not guaranteed an Spring Travel/Spring Select coaching position. Final coach selection shall be based upon recommendation by the applicable Division Coordinator and approval by the Regional Board.

The appropriate Division Coordinator shall rank all interested coaches based upon the following criteria: demonstrated abilities during the Fall Season, prior Spring coaching experience, total coaching experience, coaching certificates, substantiated complaints, and refereeing in current division. The coach selected for a Spring Travel/Spring Select team must have been the Head coach or the designated Assistant coach for a team in the division that he/she wishes to coach in the Spring Travel/Spring Select season. A less-experienced coach may be selected to coach a team instead of more-experienced coach, if it is determined to be in the in the best interest of the players. The Select Coordinator will provide findings to the Regional Board for final approval.

Under no circumstances shall a Spring Travel/Spring Select coach engage in recruiting of players for his/her team. This does not prohibit a coach from assisting the Division Coordinator in ascertaining which players are interested and/or eligible for the Spring Travel/Spring Select season. However, no promises of play or specific team assignment may be made. In addition, since there may be multiple Spring Travel/Spring Select teams in a given division, there is no guarantee that a player who played for a coach in the Fall will be on that coach's Spring Travel/Spring Select team. Any infraction will

subject the coach to Board discipline and loss of opportunity to coach a Spring Travel/Spring Select team. All coaches are required to practice the five philosophies of AYSO throughout the Spring Travel/Spring Select season. Coaches are reminded that although the level of play in the Spring Travel/Spring Select season may be more "competitive" than the Fall season, all standards of decorum and courtesy toward players, parents, spectators, coaches and referees must be upheld.

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In all matters, the Regional Commissioner may designate the Select Coordinator to act on their behalf, while retaining final approval.

2.2 Spring Select Players

Fall season players will be informed of participation opportunities in the Spring Travel/Spring Select season by Division Coordinator, coach, website and/or mailing. Interested players must be informed that he/she may or may not necessarily be placed on a team which is dependent on number of approved coaches.

Division Coordinators will work with their approved coaches to formulate balanced teams. Balanced teams will not be based by age, but on player ability. As some tournaments separate divisions by single year, there may "1st year" or "2nd year" team in any division. Additionally, in keeping with the AYSO tenets and guidelines to allow as many players as possible to develop, mature and improve through active participation, each Division may include not only the division age criteria (i.e.U10), but the play level criteria of the league in which they will enroll. As an example, if the Spring League will host a "Gold" division and a "Silver" Division within a given age group, the Region may add (an) additional team(s) for that purpose. All "Gold" Division teams shall be balanced with other "Gold" Division teams, and "Silver" Division teams with other "Silver" Division teams within this Region.

For U16 and U19 division Spring teams, AYSO National policy states:

In the rare or special case(s) where all efforts have been exhausted to obtain a replacement player within the region or a neighboring region, the Area Director and Section Director may approve an outside player(s) to participate. Said approval shall be sought in writing and shall state the name(s) of the tournament(s) the outside player(s) will be permitted to participate in. No outside player(s) shall be permitted to participate without first registering with the National Support & Training Center.

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