

So I've registered, now what?

Your check will be cashed and you will receive a phone call from your child's coach in early August.

By when will I hear from my child's coach?

Wait until August 13th before you call us. Every year starting mid July we are inundated by phone calls from concerned parents. Practices may not start until August 1st. Some coaches are on vacation at this time, or just approach things at their own pace. Many of our divisions have over twenty teams and it simply takes time for all the coordination to take place.

When does the fall season start? How long does it last?

The first games will be played on Saturday Sept. 16th, and then continue on the following 9 Saturdays. Practices start about a month before that. September 9th is Picture Day. There will be a post-season tournament (Divisions U10-U19); invitations are extended to teams earning referee/volunteer points during the season.

Can my child play with his/her friends? Can we request a coach? Can we play with the same coach as last year? Can friends request to be on the same team for ride sharing purposes?

U5 (Under 5), U6 and U8 teams are grouped by school. Players are assigned to U10 and above teams based on the child's previous soccer experience and skill level. Our goal is to have balanced teams to make the games fun for all. The ONLY requests we honor are to play with a sibling in the same age division. Coaches in U10 and above are assigned to teams by lot with an adjustment to move the coach's child to his/her team. The trade for the coach's child is for a similar level player.

How much of the game will my child play?

In U5, U6 & U8 each child plays the entire game. In Chino Hills AYSO U10 through U14, we require each child to play at least three-fourths of each game. In U16 & U19, it's one-half the game minimum.

How many children are on a team?

In U5 & U6, 12 children make up a team, and they split into 2 squads to play the opposing team, no goalkeepers. U8 has 14 players with the same format as above plus goalkeepers. U10 is short-sided 7 v. 7 (9 players on a roster). U10 – U14 play 11 v. 11, with 14 on a roster. U16 & U19 also play 11 v. 11, but can have as many as 18 on a roster.

When are the coaches' clinic, the referee's clinic, and the coaches meetings?

Coaches meetings will be in mid to late in July. Check our website for dates of clinics and referee meetings www.ayso779.com. Sign-ups to referee games are on a weeknight at a location TBD (check website); or at the referee tent on game day of the prior week.

What do we get for our Registration Fee?

Each child receives a uniform (shirt, shorts, socks), individual and team photo, and ten weeks of soccer games and even more weeks of soccer practice. U5, U6 & U8 players receive a participation trophy; U10, U12, and U14 players receive participation medals. AYSO provides training and some equipment to its coaches and referees. Each week we publish a newsletter with standings for U10 and above and highlights for our U5, U6 & U8 games. Lastly, AYSO pays its share of field lighting at Community Park and Grand. AYSO is an all-volunteer organization which keeps our fees low.

What equipment do we need? What size ball?

Each child is required to wear shin guards at each game and practice and should have his/her own soccer ball. While not required, most all the children wear soccer cleats (ones without metal spikes or a toe cleat). U5, U6 & U8 divisions use a size 3 ball. U10 and U12 division use a size 4 ball. U14 and older use size 5.



In what division will my child play?

Your child's age on July 31st of this year determines the division. In Chino Hills, we do not have co-ed teams. 4 year olds play U5, and 5 year olds play in U6. Six and seven year olds play in U8. Eight and nine year olds play in U10. This continues for U12, U14, U16 and U19 (3 years eligibility in U19).

Can I sponsor a team?

Sponsors play a great roll in supporting our teams and keeping our player fees low. Teams that get sponsors first, get first choice of uniform colors. Return the team sponsor form mailed to you prior to registration, ask at the registration desk, or contact your team coach to get signed up. The cost is \$100 to sponsor a team.

What time commitment is required? Can I get involved? Do I have to get involved?

Each team starts practicing about a month before the season starts. U6 players practice no more that 1-1/2 hours per week and U8 practice no more than 2 hours per week. U10 and above practices are typically 1½ hours long during the week, twice a week. On Saturday each team plays one game that lasts about an hour (older kids play longer). AYSO is an all-volunteer organization. There are lots of opportunities to get involved and support your team. Without coaches, team manager (parent coordinator) and referees, we don't play. Without volunteers to paint fields, we don't play. Each team must have a coach, a referee, a team manager and usually an assistant coach. These are almost always parents. Team managers coordinate parents to bring game snacks (more important than the game to the little ones!), picture day, write game highlights for the U5, U6 and U8 teams, get the banner, carry the banner to each game, phone tree, etc.

My child is 13 and never played before. Is he or she welcome?

AYSO is a recreational soccer organization. While many of our Under-14 players have played before, many have not. Come join the fun!

Where do they play? Is there travel involved?

We play games at Community Park, Grand Ave. Park, Canyon Hills Junior High and Townsend Junior High. Schedule and field assignments are not made until late August. U10 and above practices usually occur at Community Park starting late afternoon and continuing under the lights on a day and time for which the coach signed-up during the coaches meeting. U5, U6 and U8 practices are held at local parks and schools.

Will my child be safe?

AYSO works to ensure a safe, fair, and fun experience for your kids. All coaches, assistant coaches, and referees must attend a class where they learn the AYSO philosophies and the legalities of dealing with kids. Volunteers must register, and each volunteer is also checked against the Megan's law database of child offenders. All coaches must have an opposite sex parent present at each practice and meeting. Coaches must ensure that each child is picked up after practice. But, soccer can be a contact sport and each season we have a few injuries. Your registration includes coverage under AYSO's soccer insurance; the green pamphlet you receive at registration explains this coverage. At each game and practice the team must have a medical release form for each player that authorizes treatment in case of emergencies. Players are not allowed to play with watches, chains, jewelry of any kind, metal or hard hair accessories (bobby pins or barrettes), or footwear with sharp or metal cleats. Finally, we practice AYSO Kids Zone philosophies. Look for further information on our website and during the year.



Please remember ...

AYSO is a parent-based, volunteer organization established to provide a positive experience for your children. Go the games, learn the rules. Above all, be tolerant of the coaches and referees, they are volunteers too.

Still have questions?

Please refer to our website at www.ayso779.com.