



Thanks for supporting Region 275

We are so excited to have your child play in our Region this Spring. We are looking forward to a great season and hoping you and your family have an incredible experience.

I am here to support our volunteers, which includes coaches, referees and parent volunteers. My job is also to provide support to every player and family. If you have questions or needs this season, please feel free to contact me. I am here to serve you in our Region.

As always, we need more volunteers. A Region can only be successful if every volunteer position is filled. At this time, we are greatly lacking in coaches, referees and administrative positions. We have positions that can take very little time to others that require a weekly commitment available for you to choose from. Think about the importance of this Region to your child and family and volunteer today!

Dina Brazzanovich, Regional Commissioner

Get in the VOLUNTEER Spirit

Welcome back to another season of AYSO soccer. We are excited to have our new and old volunteers back with us again this season. Please remember that we and our coaches are volunteers. They each give their time to train your child on the game of soccer. We ask that you always support your child's coach in a positive way.

Our coaches have given themselves to teaching your child and being a part of a team. We ask that every parent volunteer. If you have a really tight schedule, then become a coach. By coaching, you are able to set your own practice times and nights. We are always here to answer your questions.

It is never too late to coach or become a volunteer. All our positions are "no experience necessary" positions and we provide the necessary certifications and training! AYSO is an all volunteer organization and we need everyone to help out to make the region a wonderful place for our children. Thanks and have a great season.

Susan Gunn, Regional Coach Administrator

REGION 275 KEY VOLUNTEERS

- Dina Brazzanovich** – Regional Commissioner
- Susan Gunn** – Coach Administrator
- Diane Stratton** – Referee Administrator
- Lynn Davis** – Jersey Coordinator
- Ray Flanery** – Safety Director
- Stacey Teasley** – Regional Registrar
- Charles Snodgrass** – Regional Treasurer
- Jess Sullivan** – Child & Vol. Protection Advocate

HELP WANTED!!! APPLY TODAY!!!

Positions available:

- Field Director**
- Regional Secretary**
- Fundraising Coordinator**
- Volunteer Coordinator**

What's Soccer 101 and When are Jersey sales? On Sunday, February 28, at 2:00 pm at the Ball Camp fields, new players should wear their shinguards, bring their soccer ball and water and start their soccer experience. Parents can buy jerseys (\$20), attend an intro class on ASYO, Region 275 and soccer and verify their child's practice times.

SPRING 2010 CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

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| February 5 & 6 | Intermediate Coach Class |
| February 6 | U6/U8 Coach Class |
| Feb. 6 or Mar. 6 | Referee Training |
| February 13 | U10/U12 Coach Class / DC Mtg |
| February 20 or 27 | Field Day at Ball Camp |
| February 22 | U6/U8 Coaches Meeting |
| February 23 | U10/U19 Coaches Meeting |
| February 28 | Soccer 101 at Ball Camp Fields |
| March 1 | Spring Practice Begins |
| March 11 | Referee Meeting |
| March 13 | Spring Games Begin |
| May 1 | Region Cookout and Fund Raiser |
| May 8 | Last Day of Spring Season |
| May 15 & 16 | Area 5B Tournament |
| June 18 – 20 | Section 5 Games- Huntsville, AL |
| July 16- 18 | Supercamp, Maryville College |
| July 19 – 23 | Summer Soccer Camp |

Fall 2010 Season walk-in registration is tentatively scheduled for July 23, 24 and 31 at the Ball Camp fields.

- Website: www.ayso275.org
- Information Line: 694-8368
- Mailing Address: AYSO Region 275
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Where does my money go?

The \$60 registration fee is managed as cautiously as possible, but our ten-field soccer complex is not free or inexpensive. Last year's budget had 55% for field management, 15% for training our volunteers, 15% for national registration, 10% for local administrative costs and the remaining 5% for jerseys. The field costs include seed, fertilizer, water, mowing and lining service, goals, nets and electrical service.

Beginners Information for soccer – AYSO – Region 275 (Spring 2010)

SOCCER 101: An Informal Introduction to Soccer

Field clinic for youth with shinguards, soccer ball and water
Introductory for parents with questions and answers opportunity
Purchase Region jerseys and may learn child's team assignment
Sunday, February 28, starting at 2:00 at the Volunteer Pavilion

The ABC's of AYSO: Parents Introduction to Youth Soccer

Booklet available to all parents from AYSO

Equipment

Shinguards are MANDATORY for practices and games
Soccer ball Size 3 (under 6's and under 8's)
 Size 4 (under 10's and under 12's)
 Size 5 (under 14's and above)

Soccer shoes are advantageous (especially for older players) but not required shoes with front toe cleats are NOT used (ie, baseball & football cleats)

Uniform

Region 275 has specific jersey worn by all teams: red and blue with AYSO logo
New Jerseys starting Spring 2010
Older style jerseys are compatible and can be used

Each team will individually choose its colors for shorts and socks

The Sport

The Laws of Soccer were written for adults, AYSO makes adjustments for age, number of active players, size of field and goal, duration of half, size of soccer ball

The sport of soccer emphasizes the action of the players, not the coaches or referees. No timeouts (there is a substitution break midway through each half)

Referee's calls are NOT debatable

Good Sportsmanship is expected; bad sportsmanship is NOT accepted

AYSO

Soccer: Youth Development with Soccer as our tool

Everyone Plays: Our program's goal is for kids to play soccer so we mandate that every player on every team must play at least 50% of every game. It's no fun to spend the game on the bench...and that's no way to learn soccer!

Open Registration: Our program is open to all children between 4 ½ and 19 years of age who want to register and play soccer. Interest and enthusiasm are the only criteria for playing. There are no elimination try-outs and nobody gets cut.

Balanced Teams: Each year we form new teams as evenly balanced as possible because it's more fun and a better learning experience when teams of similar ability play. It allows for each player to gain the experience of a wide variety of teammates of different skill levels.

Positive Coaching: Encouragement of player effort provides for greater enjoyment for the players and leads to better-skilled and better-motivated players. A coach can be one of the most influential people in a child's life, so AYSO requires they create a positive experience for every boy and girl.

Good Sportsmanship: We strive to create a positive environment based on mutual respect rather than a win-at-all-costs attitude, and our program is designed to instill good sportsmanship in every facet of AYSO.

Player Development: We believe that all players should be able to develop their soccer skills and knowledge to the best of their abilities, both individually and as members of a team, in order to maximize their enjoyment of the game.