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ARTICLE ONE

PURPOSE

The purpose of these Guidelines is to regulate the affairs of A.Y.S.O. Region 106. These Guidelines have been adopted pursuant to Section 1.04 of the National Bylaws of the American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) and are subject to such Guidelines, the Articles of Incorporation of AYSO, the AYSO National and Section Rules & Regulations, the Area Guidelines and the Policies adopted from time to time by the AYSO National Board of Directors (collectively, the “National Regulations”), copies of which (except for the Articles of Incorporation) will be made available by the region on request and are hereby incorporated by reference. To the extent that these Guidelines conflict with or are in contradiction to any of them, they shall prevail over these Guidelines.

ARTICLE TWO

MISSION

To operate a soccer program where young people can learn to develop a positive self-image, self-confidence and other positive character traits through their interest and participation in soccer based on our philosophy of:

Everyone Plays - Our goal is for kids to play soccer — so we mandate that every player on every team must play at least half of every game.

Balanced Teams - At the start of each primary season we form teams as evenly balanced as possible - because it is more fun where teams of equal ability play.

Positive Coaching - Winning kids are built up, not torn down! We train and encourage our coaches to make the extra effort to understand and offer positive help to our players, rather than negative criticism.

Open Registration - Our program is open to all children between 4 and 18 years of age who want to register and play soccer in our program. Interest and enthusiasm are the only criteria for playing.

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.



ARTICLE THREE

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE REGION

The duties and responsibilities of the region shall be:

- (a) To run a quality youth soccer program in a safe environment that complies in letter and spirit with the philosophy, objectives, and National Regulations of AYSO;
- (b) To maintain good community relations and become involved in youth development and other community activities;
- (c) To register players, coaches, referees and other regional officials;
- (d) To assign players and coaches to assure proper balance of teams within any one age division within a reasonable geographical area;
- (e) To obtain and maintain safe playing facilities;
- (f) To obtain and be accountable for uniforms, balls, goals and other necessary equipment;
- (g) To schedule games;
- (h) To assign referees;
- (i) To disseminate information to the participants, their families and the community concerning the region and its programs;
- (j) To recognize volunteer efforts;
- (k) To hold meetings periodically for all parents and guardians of participants in the region to inform them about, and involve them in, the program.
- (l) To make available to the participants and their families of the region these Regional Guidelines and the attachments hereto as well as the financial statements of the region at least once a year;
- (m) To collect and disburse fees and other monies for the sound financial organization and operation of the region, to keep and submit to the National Office, as required, accurate financial records to insure continuation of the tax exempt status of AYSO, to participate in the National Accounting Program and to pay the National Office prior to the start of the season the National portion of its registration fees and for its purchases;
- (n) To comply with the Soccer Accident Insurance program and to submit on a timely basis accident notification forms and SAI claims to the National Office;



- (o) To notify the National Office of any threatened or actual claim against the region;
- (p) To implement AYSO National programs available to the region, including referee and coach training at least once a season;
- (q) To assist in and encourage the growth and development of AYSO programs both within and outside of the region; and
- (r) To participate in area, section and National events and programs.



ARTICLE FOUR

MEMBERSHIP IN A.Y.S.O. REGION 106

There shall be three kinds of members in the region:

Participating Members: those persons serving the region in a volunteer position. All volunteers must be registered annually with the AYSO National Office and are required to complete the certification training associated with their volunteer position. Volunteer Positions include Board Members, Coaches, Assistant Coaches, Referees and Team Parents.

Playing Members: All registered soccer players.

Honorary Members: Those persons to whom the regional board grants membership in order to recognize a contribution of value to the region and or to express its gratitude.

The names, addresses and telephone number of all members of the region, as well as the information contained in the AYSO Executive Member Directory, are private and confidential and may not be disclosed or distributed to anyone, including any vendor or sponsor, without the prior written approval of the National Office.

* Administrative capacity shall include team parents, field coordinators and those individuals defined by the regional board as serving in a staff capacity.



ARTICLE FIVE

MANAGEMENT OF THE REGION

1. The regional board shall conduct the business and affairs of the region.
2. Unless otherwise specifically provided by these Guidelines, all decisions of the regional board shall be made by a majority decision of the board members voting on any such matter; provided, however, that the regional commissioner (“RC”) may veto any such decision if the effect of such decision would be to violate any of the National Regulations. Such veto may be reviewed by the area director (the “AD”) on request by a 2/3 vote of the board members voting on such matter. By a 2/3 vote of the entire regional board, any other issue may be put to the participating members of the region, subject to voting procedures to be adopted by the regional board.
3. The regional board shall meet no less than once each month. The regularly scheduled board meetings shall take place on the first Monday of each month at a location determined at least one month in advance of the scheduled meeting. In addition, the RC, the Assistant RC, or 1/3 of the Board Members may call a special meeting of the regional board on three days' prior notice stating the purposes of such meeting, which notice may be given in writing, by telephone or in person. A majority of the Executive Board members shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of holding either a regular or special meeting; however, all regional board members are granted the right to vote, each vote carrying the same weight. All regional board meetings shall be open to all participating members unless the regional board determines that it is necessary to hold an executive session. The Board shall take minutes of the proceedings at each meeting and make them available to the members of the region.
4. The election of the Regional Board is to be held on the official regional closing day. Participating Members (See Article 4) of A.Y.S.O. Region 106 may vote for candidates printed on the ballot.
5. AYSO Region 106 requires that all candidates for a Regional Board position are approved by a majority of the Regional Board. Therefore, no write-in candidates will be allowed on the date of the Regional Election.
6. At least one month prior to closing day, candidates for the Regional Board shall be nominated by a majority of the Regional Board. The names of these candidates will be placed on a ballot and provided to the Participating Members of Region 106 at least two weeks prior to closing Day. Regional board members need not be parents of players in the region.
7. No Board member or any other participant in the region may receive monetary or other compensation for his/her services to the region.
8. Should a Board member resign prior to the completion of his/her tenure, the Regional Commissioner shall appoint a new member for the completion of said tenure. The appointee must be approved by a majority of the remaining Regional Board Members.



9. **Any Board Member (except the RC) may be removed in accordance with Article Nine, Section Four of these Guidelines.** The RC may be removed only by the National Board in accordance with Section 3.07 of the National Bylaws.



ARTICLE SIX

OFFICERS

The Regional Board of A.Y.S.O. Region 106 shall consist of two bodies, the Executive Regional Board and the Managing Regional Board. The Executive Regional Board shall consist of eleven (11) elected officers.

The Managing Regional Board shall consist of thirteen (13) elected Board members. Each Officer and Board member shall serve for a two (2) year term.

The Executive Regional Board of A.Y.S.O. Region 106 shall consist of the following members, each elected as stated:

- Elected even number years:
1. Regional Commissioner
 2. Secretary
 3. Regional Referee Administrator
 4. Girl's Commissioner
 5. Child & Volunteer Protection Advocate
 6. Safety Director

- Elected odd numbered years:
7. Assistant Regional Commissioner
 8. Regional Coach Administrator
 9. Regional Treasurer
 10. Registrar
 11. Boy's Commissioner
 12. Director of Player Development Programs

The Managing Regional Board of A.Y.S.O. Region 106 shall consist of the following members, each elected as stated:

- Elected even number years
12. Sponsorship Chairperson
 13. Spring Season Coordinator
 14. Under 8 & Below Boys Coordinator
 15. Pictures & Yearbook Coordinator
 16. Statistician
 17. Awards/Recognition
 18. Uniform Coordinator
 19. Parent Participation Coordinator
 20. Director of Fields

- Elected odd number years
21. Under 8 & Below Girls Coordinator
 22. Director of Special Games
 23. Regional Team Parent
 24. Special Events Coordinator
 25. Publicity/Communications Director
 26. Equipment Director



Executive Regional Board

It is expected that each Executive Board Member be in attendance and participate at the monthly board meetings. Executive Board members missing more than two board meetings in a twelve month period are subject to removal from the board by the Regional Commissioner.

The following are the job descriptions for the members of the Executive Regional Board positions:

Regional Commissioner

The RC shall have the responsibility and the authority to manage the day-to-day business of the region within the framework of the National Regulations and these Guidelines. The RC shall administer all of the regional activities:

- (a) Registering players, coaches, referees and administrators.
- (b) Assigning of players and coaches to assure proper balance of teams within any one age division within a reasonable geographical area.
- (c) Locating, obtaining and maintaining proper playing facilities.
- (d) Securing of uniforms, balls, goals and other necessary equipment.
- (e) Scheduling of league, post-season and friendly games and events.
- (f) Complying with the Soccer Accident Insurance program and submitting claims to the National Office.
- (g) Disseminating information.
- (h) Judging and ruling on appeals and disputes.
- (i) Overseeing the selection of an appropriate volunteer staff.
- (j) Keeping the regional board informed of actions and decisions on matters of importance.
- (k) Attending area meetings, the Section Meeting and the National AGM.
- (l) Maintaining close liaison with the AD and coordinating all extra-regional activities through the AD.
- (m) Making such other decisions and taking actions as may be required to run the region, within the limits of the regional budget and these Guidelines. RC shall preside at all meetings of the regional board.

The RC may be suspended by the AD or the section director (“SD”) and suspended or removed only by the National Board of Directors (the “National Board”).

Assistant Regional Commissioner

The Assistant RC shall assist the RC in fulfilling his/her duties and, in his/her absence, shall perform the duties of the RC.

The Assistant Regional Commissioner shall also conduct Team balancing, Regional and Secondary Program Drafts, oversee ratings of players and coordinate Volunteer Training.



Regional Treasurer

The treasurer shall have custody of all funds, securities, evidence of indebtedness and other valuable documents, and shall deposit funds and securities in the name and to the credit of the region in a bank or depository. The treasurer shall keep in appropriate books an accurate account of all money received and paid out. The treasurer shall give a report of the funds, receipts and disbursements of the region annually or at such other times as requested by the regional board and shall be responsible for timely filing with the National Office the Regional Information Form, the annual budget, and such other information as may be required or requested from time to time by the National Office and for complying with the National Accounting Program. The treasurer shall promptly, upon receipt, pay to the National Office the National portion of the registration fees of the region before the start of each season.

The Regional Treasurer shall also manage funds associated with the Region's secondary seasons. All funds raised during the secondary season are required to be deposited into the Regional account and distributed by the Regional Treasurer.

Safety Director

The safety director shall be responsible for administering the AYSO Soccer Accident Insurance program and liability insurance program for the region, handling all reports of accidents and/or SAI claims for such programs, ensuring the safety of all participants in the region by inspecting all field equipment, goal posts and fields to ensure they are in safe condition, and making safety information available.

Boy's Commissioner

The Boy's Commissioner is responsible for recruiting, recommending and securing an adequate number of qualified coaches, conducting ratings, and informing Coaches and Divisional Coordinators of changes, i.e. schedules, etc.. He/She shall also receive and resolve divisional (Boys) complaints and help select the Spring Select/All Star Coaches.

Girl's Commissioner

The Girl's Commissioner is responsible for recruiting, recommending and securing an adequate number of qualified coaches, conducting ratings, and informing Coaches and Divisional Coordinators of changes, i.e. schedules, etc.. He/She shall also receive and resolve divisional (Girls) complaints and help select the Spring Select/All Star Coaches.

Regional Coach Administrator

The Regional Coach Administrator shall be responsible for the recruiting, training and supervising of all coaches in the region. He/she shall arrange for and/or give clinics and training programs where needed and disseminate information when appropriate to assist the local coaches. He/she shall coordinate his/her efforts with the RC and the area coach administrator.



Referee Administrator

The referee administrator shall be responsible for the recruiting, training and supervising of all referees in the region. He/she shall arrange for clinics and training programs at least annually, and shall coordinate his/her efforts with the RC and the area referee administrator. In addition, the referee administrator should appoint a Referee Instructor (to assist in maintaining the referee training program component of the AYSO National Referee Program) and a Referee Assessor (to assist in administering the certification component of the AYSO National Referee Program). The Referee Administrator shall be responsible for ensuring that all games are officiated by qualified referees.

Regional Secretary

The Regional Secretary shall take minutes at all meetings of the regional board and general meetings of the region and shall be charged with sending out all general correspondence and notices for the region. The secretary shall ensure that these Regional Guidelines are reviewed annually and copies are made available to all its members.

Regional Registrar

The Regional Registrar shall be responsible for the proper registration of each member in the region on the appropriate official AYSO registration forms, the mailing of such forms to the National Office prior to the start of the season, the distribution of the other copies of such forms as required, the collection of the registration fees and the turning over of such fees to the treasurer. The Registrar is also required to maintain and update the waiting lists, disburse players from waiting list, and maintain updated rosters. The Registrar shall also oversee the assignment of players during the secondary season, insuring all players are properly registered with AYSO. Also See Regional Commissioner Manual Section 910.

Child & Volunteer Protection Advocate

The Child & Volunteer Protection Advocate shall have the responsibility of overseeing the child and volunteer protection program in the region in accordance with the AYSO Safe Haven Program.

Director of Player Development Programs

The Director of Player Development Programs (PDP) shall have the responsibility of developing, promoting implementing and overseeing the optional Player Development Programs approved by the Regional Board. Responsibilities also include interaction with Area and section Program Coordinators. The Director of PDP will provide progress reports to the Regional Board.



Managing Regional Board

It is expected that each Managing Regional Board Member be in attendance and participate at the monthly board meetings. Managing Board members at a minimum must attend board meetings when their areas of responsibility are scheduled for discussion.

The following are the job descriptions for the members of the Managing Regional Board positions:

Under 8 & Below Boys Coordinator

The Under 8 & Below Boys Coordinator is responsible for recruiting, recommending and securing an adequate number of qualified coaches, conducting ratings, and informing coaches and divisional coordinators of changes, i.e. schedules, etc... He/She shall also receive and resolve divisional (U08 & U05/U06 Boys) complaints.

Under 8 & Below Girls Coordinator

The Under 8 & Below Girls Coordinator is responsible for recruiting, recommending and securing an adequate number of qualified coaches, conducting ratings, and informing coaches and divisional coordinators of changes, i.e. schedules, etc... He/She shall also receive and resolve divisional (U08 & U05/U06 Girls) complaints.

Regional Team Parent

The Regional Team Parent assures all information is distributed to team parents for all teams, maintains an updated list of all team parents. The Regional Team Parents responsibilities also include organizing the Banner Contest, obtaining and presenting bids for fund-raiser and coordinating fund-raiser with teams via team parents.

Director of Fields:

The Director of Fields shall be responsible for maintaining the playing fields. He/she shall ensure that goal-posts and corner flags are provided for each game, that they are put up before the first game of any day and taken down after the end of the last game of such day and properly secured at all times. He/she shall also ensure that the fields are properly lined. The Director of Fields will work with the Parent Participation Coordinator to secure volunteers to mark and maintain the fields throughout the year.

Equipment Director:

The Equipment Director shall be responsible for managing and maintaining the equipment belonging to AYSO Region 106. Equipment will be audited no less than once each calendar year. He/she shall ensure that all equipment is accounted for and in good working order. The Equipment Director will work with the Director of Fields to ensure that goal-posts and corner flags are distributed to the appropriate fields.

Also See Regional Commissioner Manual Section 730.



Sponsorship Chairperson

The sponsor coordinator shall be responsible for the obtaining of sponsors for regional events and the proper acknowledgment of such support.

Special Events Coordinator

Responsibilities include planning and management of opening day, volunteer recognition event, and any other region-wide special event designated to the coordinator.

Awards/Recognition Coordinator

The Awards/Recognition Coordinator responsibilities include obtaining trophy bids for presentation to the Regional Board & coordinating the delivery of trophies on closing day. The Awards/Recognition Coordinator is also responsible for coordinating the annual recognition of regional volunteers.

Pictures/Yearbook Coordinator

The Pictures/Yearbook Coordinator is responsible for obtaining and presenting photography bids to the entire Board for approval, organizing picture and make-up days, distributing pictures to the Team Parents. Yearbook responsibilities shall include collecting team member, sponsor, and end of year standing information for inclusion in the yearbook. The Pictures/Yearbook Coordinator will also insure yearbook delivery on or before closing day.

Spring Season Coordinator

The Spring Season Coordinator is responsible for managing both the Spring Select and Spring Recreational Programs. He/She shall help select Spring and All-Star Coaches, manage draft for spring select teams, help coordinate spring team involvement in the Fox & Hare Tournament, Assign field coordinators for spring. Additional responsibilities include obtaining coaches for Spring Rec., collecting team rosters, insuring player eligibility, interfacing with Area Staff and distributing game schedules.

Director of Special Games

The director of special games shall be responsible for scheduling of Players Cup Games, organizing pickup games for Opening Day, organizing Coaches - Referee Game(s). The Director of Special Games will also be a member of The Fox & The Hare Soccer Tournament Committee.

Publicity/Communications Director

The Publicity/Communications Director is responsible for disbursing Regional information to the general public via newspaper, flyers, the Regional Web site, etc. He/She is also responsible for preparing and distributing a newsletter to the Regional Membership, forwarding weekly results and divisional standings to the Press Telegram for publication.



Regional Statistician

The Regional Statistician is responsible for the development and distribution of game schedules prior to the each season and collecting and posting of game results. Duties include collecting Game Cards at the conclusion of matches and determining standings in the following categories: Referee Points, Sportsmanship points and League Standings. The Regional Statistician will coordinate with the Publicity/Communications Director to insure standings are posted on the web, the newspaper and the field the following week. The Regional Statistician shall notify the appropriate Regional Board Members of any incidents (red card/yellow card/ejections) reported on the game cards.

Uniform Coordinator

The Uniform Coordinator is responsible for obtaining and presenting bids for uniforms to the Regional Board and coordinating the distribution of uniforms to the teams. Responsibilities also include coordinating the uniform needs of the All-Star & Spring Recreation Programs.

Parent Participation Coordinator

The Parent Participation Coordinator is responsible for ensuring the improvement of Parental Participation within the Region. Responsibilities include coordinating participation opportunities with other Board Members and providing volunteer opportunities at Player Registration, meetings, opening day and via postings on the web.



ARTICLE SEVEN

INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROGRAM

1. **Team Assignments**

Team assignments shall be made by those persons designated by the regional board. Retention of players on any team shall be limited to the head coach's child(ren). Except for the foregoing, there shall be no automatic retention of players from the previous season. Every attempt shall be made to balance the skill level of teams within each division. Once teams are formed, no transfer of any player from one team to another may be made without the approval of the coaches of both teams involved, the RC and the parent or guardian of the player.

2. **Registration Fees; Refunds**

The registration fee for each player participant shall be fixed annually by the regional board. The fee for this season is set forth in Appendix D. Such fee may be waived in whole or in part with respect to any participant at the discretion of the Regional Commissioner if in its judgment the requirement of such fee would create a hardship for such participant or his or her family. Any such fee shall be refunded in the case of any participant who withdraws under the following conditions:

Any player, who withdraws prior to August 1st, of the year in which the season begins, will result in a full refund of the Registration fee, providing that the player/parent submits a request for a refund by completing the Region 106 Refund Policy & Player Drop Form.

Any player who withdraws on or after August 1st, of the year in which the season begins, and prior to opening day will result in a full refund, less the cost of the AYSO National Registration Fee, provided that the player/parent submits a request for a refund by completing the Region 106 Refund Policy & Player Drop Form. The cost of the uniform will also be deducted from any refund unless the uniform is returned unused.

Any player who withdraws on or after participating in the first game of the season or anytime thereafter shall not be entitled to a refund.

Exceptions to this policy will be at the sole discretion of the Regional Commissioner.

Scholarships: AYSO Region 106 is a non-profit organization and as such, it is important that fees be collected for every player participating in the Region. There are instances in which a player's financial situation may prevent an individual from participating. In these instances, players may apply for a full or partial scholarship. Player scholarships will be available on a limited basis. Applicants will be required to fill out a Region 106 Scholarship application and show proof of financial need as designated on the Scholarship Application. The decision to approve the application will be made by the Regional Commissioner in conjunction with the Regional Registrar, Regional Treasurer and Assistant Regional Commissioner. The names of individuals receiving scholarships will not be divulged.



Families participating in the Player Scholarship Program will be required to work a minimum of 20 hours of volunteer work per child receiving a scholarship.

3. Eligibility

All boys and girls, between the ages of 4 and 18, based on their age as of July 31st.the date in which the season begins shall be eligible to register for the program, subject to field availability and volunteer support and such rules as may be issued by the regional board.

4. Length of Season and Cancellation of Games

The season shall be of such duration as determined by the regional board and as set forth in the Regional Calendar attached as Appendix E. Inclement weather or poor field conditions may necessitate from time to time the canceling of games. Any such cancellation will be made at the discretion of the RC or the safety director as early as practicable before game time. Once the game begins, only the referee in charge may suspend or cancel the game for just cause.

5. Attendance; Participation

Every player participant shall be entitled to play at least half (two quarters) of every match. Moreover, it is the policy of the region to encourage each coach to (a) play each player at least three quarters of every game, wherever possible, (b) to have different players play in the first quarter of each match. Each participant is strongly urged to attend every practice. Any participant who is regularly absent from practice may have his/her playing time in a match limited to half (but not less than half).

It is the policy of AYSO Region 106 to require, during regular season play (including Players Cup), in Divisions U05/U06 through U12:

1. That any player who plays one (1) quarter in goal will play two (2) quarters ,during the same match, in a different position.
2. That any player who plays two (2) quarters in goal will play two (2) quarters ,during the same match, in a different position.
3. Players are not to play more than two quarters as goalie each match.

NOTE: IN SHORT SIDED GAMES, SUCH AS DIVISIONS U05/U06 AND U08, SHORT SIDED RULES SHALL APPLY.

6. Protests

No protest of games shall be permitted. However, coaches are encouraged to file with the referee administrator a written report within 48 hours after a game of any misapplication of the basic rules by a referee, excluding judgment calls, and, if, after investigation by the referee administrator, it is



found that a rule was misapplied, such referee shall be so informed in order to ensure that no further misapplication occurs.

7. **Conduct During Games**

The highest standards of conduct and good sportsmanship must be maintained at all times. Abusive or foul language is forbidden. All participants must wear the official uniform (as defined in Section 12 of this article) provided at all times and dress in them in a neat, clean manner. The use of shin guards is required at all practices and games. Coaches are expected to be positive and set the best possible example for the participants. Excessive coaching from the sidelines shall not be permitted, and the function of the coach should be to provide encouragement and a positive direction. The coach may enter the field of play only with the consent of the referee and may coach only within 10 yards in each direction from the half-way line of the field (in no event in either of the penalty areas or from behind the goals)*. Spectators at games must remain behind the spectator control line (three yards from the sideline) and between the penalty areas and their vocal efforts should be limited to positive compliments to the participants. Under no circumstances should they attempt to coach or address remarks derogatory to players or the referee. The use of alcohol or tobacco products in the vicinity of the playing field during practices or games is strictly forbidden. At the end of the game, the players on each team shall line up and shake hands with the players of the opposing team and thank the referee and linesmen. Discipline shall be up to the referee at each game, and the referee shall have the power and authority to discipline and eject players and dismiss coaches (including spectators, in the case of outside interference) from the playing area if their conduct violates these Guidelines or otherwise interferes with the course of play. No appeal of disciplinary action taken by a referee shall be allowed.

*** EXCEPTION NOTE:**

Division U05/U06 coaches will be allowed on the field of play for the first three games of the season. The number of coaches allowed on the field will be one (1) from each team.

For the remainder of the season, division U05/U06 coaches will be allowed to coach along the entire length of the sideline. Coaches and spectators are not allowed to coach from behind the end line and/or goal.

A player who is sent off “red card” or cautioned “yellow card” may be subject to additional disciplinary action (e.g. parent conferences, game suspensions, expulsions) upon thorough review of the incident following the procedures outlined in Article 9 (Dispute Resolution).

A coach who is sent off or cautioned may be subject to additional disciplinary action (e.g. parent conferences, game suspensions, expulsions) upon thorough review of the incident following the procedures outlined in Article 9 (Dispute Resolution).

Coaches that manage more than one team, must serve his/her suspension with the team for which he/she was originally disciplined. Coaches who are suspended during the last match of the season will serve their suspension at their next scheduled AYSO match.



8. Refreshments at Games

It shall be the responsibility of each team to supply its own refreshments. It is suggested that the best kind of refreshment is cool water.

9. Parental Participation

Each parent who has a player in the region shall be strongly encouraged to volunteer his or her services in some way. The region shall not reduce or eliminate the player fee based upon voluntary work done by a participant's parents or guardians and shall not charge an additional fee to those parents of players who do not volunteer their services.

10. Facilities

It shall be the responsibility of the home team for the first game each day to set up the goal posts and nets and the home team for the last game of each day to take down the goal posts and nets. Each field shall be lined under the direction of the RC and/or the Field and Equipment Coordinator, and each group of fields shall be provided with a first aid kit. No trash should be left at the facility. Parking shall be limited to those areas designated at the fields.

11. Sponsors

The region encourages local businesses and individuals to support its program. Suitable recognition shall be given to them. Contributions must be made to the region rather than to a particular team. All such contributions are considered charitable contributions and are deductible for U.S. tax purposes, subject to the applicable limitations in the Internal Revenue Code.

12. Equipment

The region shall supply each player with a shirt with the original AYSO logo properly affixed thereto and, if possible, a pair of socks, and shorts. The complete uniform (shirt, shorts, and socks) provided by Region 106 is defined as the official uniform. Each player is expected to provide his/her own appropriate footwear and shin guards.

No alterations in design are to be made to the player's uniform. No names, logos, stencils, embroidery will be allowed. Players will not be allowed to play in an altered uniform. The cost to remove or replace altered uniforms will be the responsibility of the players' parents/guardians.



ARTICLE EIGHT

FINANCIAL, BANKING AND RELATED MATTERS

1. Budget; Financial Statement

- (a) The Regional Board shall adopt an annual budget which provides the basis for setting player registration fees.
- (b) At the end of each season, the Regional Board shall cause to be prepared a statement of income received and amounts expended in connection with the program. Such statement shall be made available for review by the parent or guardian of each player and a copy shall be made available upon reasonable request.
- (c) This year's budget and last year's Statement of Income and Expenses are attached hereto as Appendices.

2. Account Signatories

- (a) All checks drawn on any bank account maintained by the Region shall bear two signatures, one of which must either be the Regional treasurer's or the Regional Commissioner's.
- (b) Additional signatories must be authorized by Regional Board action.
- (c) Two signatories from the same household shall not be allowed.
- (d) There must be at least three signatories on all Regional bank accounts.

3. Transfer of Funds

- (a) All funds received by the Region, whether from fees, gifts or otherwise, must be deposited into the Region's checking account,
- (b) All expenses and disbursements must be paid out of the Region's checking account.
- (c) All funds transferred in or out of the Region's savings account must be transferred from or to the Region's checking account.
- (d) No Regional expenses or reimbursements are to be paid from monies collected which have not first been deposited into, and accounted for within, the Regional checking account.

4. Cash Handling Procedures:

The Regional treasurer in cooperation with other Regional Board and staff members shall establish internal control procedures to safeguard against the misuse or loss of Regional assets, especially in



regard to cash receipts and cash disbursements. Such internal control procedures shall include the following:

- (a) Funds withdrawn for “cash box change” must be deposited back into the Regional bank account on the same day, or the first banking day thereafter.
- (b) All registration fees collected in cash and checks must be reconciled to the bank deposit slip and the AYSO registration forms.
- (c) Arrangements should be made to have the cash received deposited into the Regional bank account on the same day such cash is received, or the first banking day thereafter.
- (d) When handling a significant amount of cash monies, at least two Regional volunteers should be present.



ARTICLE NINE

DISPUTE RESOLUTION

1. General Policy

It is the policy of the region to resolve all disputes involving persons involved in the region in an amicable way, and, if disciplinary action is found to be necessary, to take only the minimum action necessary. All means available will be taken to avoid legal action, including emphasizing compromise rather than principles and avoiding personality conflicts.

2. Procedure

If it is determined that it is necessary that a person involved in the region needs to be disciplined or his or her participation in the region limited or terminated, then the RC or the regional board shall give notice in writing to such person of the intention of the region to take action, specifying the action to be taken and the reasons therefore and giving such person a reasonable opportunity to explain why such action should not be taken. Such opportunity to respond may be in person at a hearing, by telephone or in writing. The RC or regional board may appoint a disinterested committee to consider such discipline. After such opportunity has been given, the RC, regional board or Committee shall make its determination and announce it in writing to all persons concerned and such determination shall be final and binding on all concerned. In the event the Regional Commissioners decision is appealed unless it is determined by the AD, or, if he/she is not disinterested, the SD, that such determination is arbitrary and capricious or the procedure was not fair or the person or persons making such determination are found not to have been disinterested.

3. Suspension

The RC or regional board may immediately suspend a person involved in the region from further involvement in the program on notice (by telephone, fax or writing or in person) if there is found to be an imminent danger to the program by his or her continuing involvement or if a crime has been alleged to be committed by such participant. Such a suspension must be followed by a disciplinary hearing described in Paragraph Two.

4. Removal

The RC or the regional board may remove a person (whether or not suspended) involved in the region, including a regional board Member, from further involvement in the program on notice and after a determination is made that removal is appropriate, as the result of a disciplinary hearing described in Paragraph Two, if there is found to be (a) a violation of the National Regulations, principles or philosophy of AYSO or (b) conduct which disrupts the region's or AYSO's activities or programs.

Executive Board members may be removed if they miss more than two (2) Regional Board meetings within a twelve (12) month Period.



ARTICLE TEN

CHANGES IN GUIDELINES/PROCEDURES

1. Approval of Region 106 Guidelines

These Guidelines shall become effective after being approved by the RC and the existing regional board, the AD and the SD and then submitted to the National Office.

2. Change in Region 106 Guidelines

- a. Once adopted, these Guidelines may only be amended by the regional board by a 2/3 vote of the regional board members, with the approval of the RC, the AD and the SD.
- b. Two-thirds (2/3) of the Executive Board must be present in order to vote on amendment of the Regional Guidelines.
- c. Two-thirds (2/3) of the Regional Board Members present must approve any changes to the Regional Guidelines.

3. Change in Region 106 Procedures

- a. Once adopted, these Procedures may only be amended by the regional board by a 2/3 vote of the regional board members, with the approval of the RC, the AD and the SD.
- b. Two-thirds (2/3) of the Executive Board must be present in order to vote on changes to the Regional Procedures.
- c. A majority of the Regional Board Members present must approve any changes to the Regional Procedures.
- d. The Regional Commissioner may vote only in the event of a tie.



REGIONAL PROCEDURES

Regional Procedures shall hold the same weight as Regional Guidelines. The purpose of the Regional Procedures is to define how A.Y.S.O. Region 106 will manage specific aspects of the business and/or operation of the Region.

These Procedures shall become effective after being approved by the RC and the existing regional board, the AD and the SD and then submitted to the National Office.

1. Registration

a. The Boys and Girls program shall be divided as follows:

- Under 19 years of age (U19)
- Under 16 years of age (U16)
- Under 14 years of age (U14)
- Under 12 years of age (U12)
- Under 10 years of age (U10)
- Under 8 years of age (U08)
- Under 6 years of age (U05/U06)
- Under 5 years of age (U05)

b. The player's age as of July 31st of the year of competition will determine the division and eligibility of the player. The year of competition will be determined by the start of regular season play.

2. Selection of Coaches Regular Season

Coaching is a privilege. All coaches must be approved by a majority of the regional board.

In the event of more eligible coaches than teams in a division, coaches will be selected using the following criteria:

- A person with coaching seniority (see point system below) in a division or changing divisions
- Returning coach to that division with a child in that division
- Returning coach with a child moving up a division (also changing a division)
- Returning coach with no child in the division
- Coach with no experience but has a child in the division
- Coaches from Region 106 will have priority over those moving in from another region
- Candidates for head coaching positions who have been assistant coaches or attended clinics will be given priority over those who haven't.
- Area personnel are not exempt from coaching in Region 106



In order to determine the true seniority of the coaching candidates the following point system will be utilized:

POINT SCALE

Having a child in the division to be coached.....	Five (5) Points
Regular Season Head Coach in Region 106.....	(1) Point for each year
Regular Season Assistant Coach in Region 106.....	One-half (1/2) Point for each year
Completion of A.Y.S.O. Ages Specific Coaching Clinic (U6,U8,U10).....	One (1) Point
Completion of A.Y.S.O. U12 Coaching Clinic w/Safe Haven.....	One (1) Point
Completion of A.Y.S.O. Intermediate Coaching Clinic.....	Two (2) Points
Completion of A.Y.S.O. Advanced Coaches Clinic.....	Two (2) Points
Completion of Other* Coaching Clinics.....	One (1) Point per certification
Completion of Other* Coaching Licenses.....	One (1) Point per certification

* Must be approved and accredited by Coach Selection Board

The above procedures do not preclude an individual from coaching more than one team during the regular season. However, this should only be done when there are not enough qualified candidates to support the coaching needs of one of the divisions in which the individual wishes to coach.

3. Team Drafts

a. Divisions U19, U16, U14 & U12 teams will be chosen via an open draft using the following procedures:

- Players will be posted along with their performance rating. Players moving up a division will have their performance rating dropped one (1) point.
- Coaches will draw numbers determining the order of the draft and team number for scheduling purposes
- Starting with position one (1) Coach will pick one (1) player. Each coach will draft players in the order team numbers. The Coach with the highest team number will pick two (2) players. The draft will continue back down (Reverse Order) the line of coaches until the coach of team number one (1) chooses two (2) players and the process continues. The draft is concluded when all the players have been chosen or each team has the maximum number of players allowed.
- A coach's child will be protected until he or she is amongst the highest rated players posted and had not been passed over by said coach. Example: If a coaches child is rated 5.0 and the parent/coach by-passes him or her for a player of equal or lesser rating, said player is no longer protected. A Coach must have the first opportunity to pick his child.
- Players clipped together will be marked accordingly. The highest rated player will go first and the remaining player will be the first player distributed to that team when the distribution reaches the rating level of the remaining player. Coach's children cannot be clipped with other players.



b. U10 and U08 Teams will be chosen using via blind draft using the following procedures:

- Players will be posted in **EAYSO** along with their performance rating
- The Registrar will use **EAYSO** to design teams using the following criteria:
- Players will be organized in two groups. First year division players and second year division players. Each group will be sorted first by rating and next by years of experience.
- Starting with team number one (1) second year division players will be distributed according to their rating first and those of equal rating will be assigned based on the player's years of experience.
- The players will be in team number order, the highest team number receiving two (2) players and the order of distribution reversing. When the distribution reaches team number one (1) two (2) players will be assigned and the order will reverse. This process continues until all second year division players have been distributed.
- After the first group of players is distributed, the second group consisting of first year division players will be distributed.
- After the **EAYSO** system assigns the teams the Registrar will insure that each team has been assigned a Coaches child. If a team does not have a Coach's child assigned to it, a Coach's child will be moved from a team with more than one Coach's child and swapped with a player of like rating and experience.
- Players clipped together will be marked accordingly. These players will be moved in the same manner as the Coach's child.

c. U05/U06 teams will be chosen using via blind draft using the following procedures:

The Registrar will randomly assign players.

Any changes to teams selected in conjunction of the above procedures will be accomplished prior to final assignment of teams. In divisions that involve children of the board members responsible for adjusting teams, the board member(s) will excuse themselves from the balancing process.

Once the teams have been handed to the coaches they become official teams. Any trading of players must be in accordance with Article 7 Paragraph 1.

Team assignments shall be made by those persons designated by the Regional Board. Retention of players on any team shall be limited to the head coach's child(ren). Except for the foregoing, there shall be no automatic retention of players from the previous season. Every attempt shall be made to balance the skill level of teams within each division. Once teams are formed, no transfer of any player from one team to another may be made without the approval of the coaches of both teams involved, the RC and the parent or guardian of the player.

4. Rating of Players

Region 106 rates players on a scale of one (1) to ten (10), ten (10) being highest. Players may be rated as a whole number or, when necessary, a percentage ending in .50. The sole purpose of rating players is



to provide as accurate a means as possible of balancing future teams. It is important that coaches be aware of the abilities of as many divisional players as possible, in order to accurately rate players.

Each player moving up a division will have their performance rating reduced by one (1) point. This is done in order to help balance the teams.

In the event a players rating is highly inaccurate, the Regional Commissioner, Assistant Regional Commissioner, Coach Administrator, Boy's Commissioner & Girl's Commissioner will have final authority to change any ratings.

5. Team Referee Responsibilities

It is imperative that AYSO Region 106 have enough referee volunteers to provide multiple officials for each game.

A. Team Referee Requirement

Each team is required to provide three Referees. The team's referees must consist of volunteers associated with the team. Associated volunteers are family members directly related to the players and/or coaches of the team.

Referees are required to complete, at a minimum, the Regional Referee Class, sign up for games at least one week in advance and to be at the selected game at least 15 minutes prior to the start of the match.

B. Referee Scheduling

Referees are to sign up using the scheduling systems/processes provided by The Region.

Referees are to attempt to officiate games outside of the flight or division in which they coach and or in which their children participate. For example, a Referee Associated with a U10 Boys team, should attempt to officiate outside of the U10 Boys Division, or outside of their teams flight in the instance there are two flights within the U10 Boys Division,

C. Referee Point System

Teams will be awarded Referee Points each time one of their associated Referees or Assistant Referees officiates a game and properly fills out the game card.

Referee points shall be accumulated throughout the year in the following manner:

Center Referee:

Under 8 – Under 14 - 2 Points earned for each match officiated

Under 16 & Under 19 - 3 Points earned for each match officiated



Assistant Referee (Linesperson):

Under 8 – Under 14 - 1 Points earned for each match officiated

Under 16 & Under 19 - 2 Points earned for each match officiated

Points will only be assigned to only to Teams for which the referees are associated. Referee Points are not transferable.

Referees are not allowed to sign up to referee matches in which a team they represent is participating. Referee points will not be awarded to referees who sign up for matches involving a team which they represent.

In the event a scheduled referee fails to show up to officiate a match and there are no other non-affiliated referees available, upon agreement of the two coaches, a certified referee representing a team participating in the match may officiate, as either a center or assistant referee. In this situation, the affiliated, certified referee will be eligible to receive referee points. The referee must wear official referee gear while officiating the match.

A team will be allowed to earn no more than seven (7) referee points per week. However, refereeing beyond the maximum points allowed is encouraged.

Earned points will be tracked and posted each week.

Notes:

For Referee Point Requirements associated with competition please see section 6. Competition.

For Referee Point Requirements associated with Player's Cup Participation please see Article 8. Player's Cup.

6. Competition

- a. Four (4) teams per division shall constitute the minimum required for Regional league competition.
- b. Regional league champions shall be determined on the basis of one of the following:
 1. Single season – overall record
 2. Split Season - two (2) halves with the winner of each half, if different team, playing one (1) game to determine regional champions. (if two teams eligible for area playoff both first place teams will attend)
 3. Split League Interlocking - Two (2) winners, one from each league, will play one (1) game playoff to determine Regional Champions. (if two teams are eligible for area playoff both first place teams will attend)

Note: The above will be determined by the Regional Commissioner prior to the start of the season.

Standings will be determined based on the following point system:



Win = two (2) points

Tie = one (1) point

Loss = zero (0) point

Teams failing to earn a minimum of sixteen (16) Referee Points for the season will have one (1) point deducted from their team standings for each point they are short.

c. In the event two or more teams in the same league finish the season with an identical record (same number of points) both teams will be recognized as having achieved the same position (example 1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc.). In the event one Area does not allow all the tied teams to participate in Area playoffs, the following tiebreakers will be implemented:

1. Player's Cup Eligibility
2. Regular season head to head play. (the outcome involving the tied teams)
3. Regular season goal differential (goals scored less goals allowed – with a maximum of three (3) per game.)
4. Post season playoff game(s) between the tied teams. The game duration and play format shall be the same as in regular season play with the following exceptions:

The Director of Special Games shall schedule the dates and times of the post season game(s) – based on approval of the Regional Commissioner.

If three or more teams are still tied after the review of all tiebreakers, playoff game(s) will be held utilizing the 10 point system.

Win = six (6) points

Tie = three (3) points

Loss = zero (0) points

Goals = one (1) point for each goal (3 maximum)

Shutout = one (1) point

In the unlikely event of a further tie, use post season head to head play, goal differential and lowest goals scored.

7. Practice

All players are required to wear shin guards and cleats or proper footwear in order to participate in a practice session.

Practice space is limited; therefore coaches must be considerate of other teams needs.

Teams may practice at any permitted field with the following restrictions:

No practice prior to 4:30 PM



Divisions U19 & U16 must practice no earlier than 6:30 PM
Esther Lindstrom Elementary School is reserved for Divisions U19, U16 & U14
only
Division U19, U16 & U14 teams are not allowed to practice at Stephen Foster
School.

In the event it becomes necessary, practice space will be assigned by the Field & Equipment
Director and or the Assistant Regional Commissioner.

Beginning in the month of October space becomes very limited. Coaches are instructed to practice
within a smaller space, thereby allowing room for all teams to practice.

If you are asked to move by a park or school employee, you must move.

NOTE: PRACTICE SPACE IS **NOT** TO BE RESERVED MORE THAN 15 MINUTES PRIOR TO
THE START OF PRACTICE.

8. Players Cup

ELIGIBILITY: Players cup is a post regular season tournament open to all Region 106 regular season
teams divisions U14 – U08.

FEE: The fee for participating in the Players Cup Tournament is twenty-five (25) referee points per
team.

For additional information on referee points, see Section .C.

AWARDS: Each player participating in the Players Cup Tournament will receive a medal. The top
four teams will receive medals designating their teams standing.

FORMAT: The format of the tournament will depend on the number of teams in the division and will
be announced one month prior to the tournament.

The points system will be as follows:

Win = six (6) points

Tie = three (3) points

Loss = zero (0) points

One (1) point will be awarded for each goal scored. (up to a maximum of three (3) per game)

One (1) point will be awarded for a shutout (a 0-0 tie shall be considered a shut-out for each team)

Two (2) points per game will be deducted for a red card received by a player or the dismissal of a coach
from the match.

Division U08 teams will participate in a “friendship” tournament, with awards for Sportsmanship.



9. U05 & U06 Friendship Tournament

During the month of December, The Region will host a Friendship Tournament for U05 & U06 teams. Each player participating in the Tournament will receive a medal and awards will be rewarded to the teams displaying the highest level of Sportsmanship during the tournament.

There is no fee for teams to participate in the Friendship Tournament.

For additional information on referee points, see Section 4.C.

10. All-Star Program

Region 106 participates in the All-Star program within divisions U14, U12 and U10. Each division will provide one team for participation in Area, Section and Tri-Section All-Star playoffs.

a. Selection of players

“All-Star” caliber players are those players who have shown an exceptional ability for the game, have provided positive leadership amongst their peers and consistently displayed a good attitude towards coaches, referees, team-mates and opponents.

All-Star players will be selected in the following manner:

In Divisions U14, the top ten (10) rated players in the division will automatically be selected as All-Star players. The All-Star Coach will then be able to choose the next five (5) All-Star players. If one of the top ten (10) players is unable or chooses not to participate in the All-Star program, the All-Star coach may choose any other divisional player to fill the vacated spot. Each team must carry the maximum number of players allowed, for their division, by Area Z. Final Rosters are due 10 days prior to the Area All-Star Tournament.

In Division U12, the top eight (8) rated players in the division will automatically be selected as All-Star players. The All-Star Coach will then be able to choose the next four (4) All-Star players. If one of the top eight (8) players is unable or chooses not to participate in the All-Star program, the All-Star coach may choose any other divisional player to fill the vacated spot. Each team must carry the maximum number of players allowed, for their division, by Area Z. Final Rosters are due 10 days prior to the Area All-Star Tournament.

In Division U10, the top six (6) rated players in the division will automatically be selected as All-Star players. The All-Star Coach will then be able to choose the next four (4) All-Star players. If one of the top six (6) players is unable or chooses not to participate in the All-Star program, the All-Star coach may choose any other divisional player to fill the vacated spot. Each team must carry the maximum number of players allowed, for their division, by Area Z. Final Rosters are due 10 days prior to the Area All-Star Tournament.



In the event that there are more than ten (10) players in Division U14, more than (8) players in Division U12, or more than six (6) players in Division U10 that fall in the top ratings band, the All-Star Coach will be allowed to choose which players within the last of the top rating bands will fill out the first ten (U14), or eight (U12), or six (U10) All Star Spots.

Example: If U12 Boys has two players rated 9.5, three players rated 9 and five players rated 8.5, the players rated 9.5 & 9 must be asked. At a minimum, three of the players in the 8.5 rating band must be invited to play All-Stars.

The All-Star Team must be selected and notified by the fifteenth (15) of December.

b. Selection of Coaches

It is a privilege to coach an AYSO team and an honor to be selected as an All-Star Coach.

All-Star Coaches will be selected by a committee consisting of the Regional Commissioner, Assistant Regional Commissioner, Boy's Commissioner, Girl's Commissioner, Spring Season Coordinator, Coach Administrator and Referee Administrator. A minimum of five committee members must be present during the selection process. Coaches will be selected based on the following criteria:

- An All-Star coach must have coached a minimum of two years and completed the AYSO youth and intermediate coaching clinics.
- An All-Star coach must currently coach a team within the division. (Exception: if no eligible coaches desire to coach the All - Star team an eligible coach from another division may coach the team.)
- A candidate for All-Star Coach will be deemed ineligible if He or she is ejected from more than one game during the regular season, or consistently displays poor sportsmanship towards players and or referees.

The All-Star Coach will be selected and notified by the fifteenth of November.

c. Practice

All-Star practice will be considered secondary to regular season team practice.

d. Expectations of the Coaches

- All Star coaches are expected to represent AYSO Region 106 in the best light, at all AYSO functions.
- Coaches refusing to follow the All Star and AYSO guidelines may be removed from this coaching assignment. Removal may affect future coaching requests



11. Spring Select Program

a. SELECTION of Players

On Ratings night each coach will provide a list of players that have expressed an interest in participating in the Spring Select Season.

In those divisions that are able to support more than one team, multiple Spring Select teams will be allowed. The number of Spring Select teams for each division should be based on 25% of the Fall Season team count for that division.

If more than one team is created from a single division a player draft will be held. The following draft procedures will be utilized:

Each Spring Select Coach will be able to protect up to six (6) players off of his/her regular season team. If the coach chooses an assistant coach from another team he/she may protect the assistant coach's child. However, if an assistant coach's child from another regular season team is protected, the Spring Select coach may only protect five (5) players from his/her regular season team. All Spring Select Assistant Coaches must meet the Spring Select Coach requirements and must be approved by the Spring Select Coach Selection Committee prior to the draft.

Each Coach will attend a draft meeting and the remainder of their Spring Select team will be selected via an open draft. The Coach with the larger number of protected players will not have an opportunity to draft additional players until all teams have an equal number of players. At that point the draft will begin in the same manner that Division U19, U16, U14 & U12 regular season draft.

After the draft is complete, the selected coach will fill his/her roster using the following priority system:

1. The coach will call all of the players on the list of players he/she drafted until the roster is complete (NO EXCEPTIONS).
2. The minimum number of players on the Spring Select roster is equal to one less than the Area Z maximum in divisions U8-U14, and two less than the Area Z maximum in divisions U16 & U19.
3. If after calling all the players on their drafted list a coach cannot complete their roster, the coach may consider player not drafted by other coaches or drafted but not utilized by other spring coaches.
4. Coaches calling players on another teams draft list must have the permission of the other coach and the spring coordinator.

Any player declining to participate in the Area Spring Select season is ineligible to participate in any Area Spring Select games and the Area Spring Select Tournament. Players can be utilized by any Spring Select team for up to two (2) tournaments, excluding the home hosted tournament.



NOTE: After drafting teams, the coaches may only hold the players they have drafted until the initial Spring Select Rosters are completed.

All Spring Select Teams must be selected and notified by the fifteenth (15) of January.

b. Selection of Coaches

It is a privilege to coach an A.Y.S.O. team and an honor to be selected as a Spring Select Coach.

Spring Select Coaches will be selected by a committee consisting of the Regional Commissioner, Assistant Regional Commissioner, Boy's Commissioner, Under 8 & Below Boys Coordinator (Under 8 only), Girl's Commissioner, Under 8 & Below Girl's Coordinator (Under 8 only), Spring Season Coordinator, Regional Referee Administrator and the Coach Administrator. A minimum of five committee members must be present during the selection process. Coaches will be selected based on the following criteria:

- A Spring Select coach candidate must have coached a minimum of two years and must have completed AYSO Safe Haven Certification and both the youth and intermediate coaching clinics.
- A Spring Select coach must currently coach a team within the division. (Exception: if no eligible coaches desire to coach the Spring Select team an eligible coach from another division may coach the team.)
- A candidate for Spring Select Coach will be deemed ineligible if he/she is ejected from more than one game during the regular season, or consistently displays poor sportsmanship towards players and or referees.

The Spring Select Coaches will be selected and notified by the fifteenth (15) of November.

c. Practice

Spring Select practice will be considered secondary to regular season & All-Star team practices.

d. Expectations of the Coaches

- All Spring Select coaches are expected to represent AYSO Region 106 in the best light, at all AYSO functions.
- **Coaches refusing to follow the Spring Select and AYSO guidelines may be removed from this coaching assignment. Removal may affect future coaching requests**

12. Designated Funds



The Regional Board of AYSO Region 1-6 hereby establishes a special lighting fund (as allowed in Article 8.4). The fund shall hold all monies raised for lighting and shall be distributed only when the fund amount exceeds \$250,000 and an adequate field(s) site has been secured.

The project shall include, but not be limited to the following:

- Appointment of a non-board member as Project Coordinator to work on the project.
- Establishment of a project consisting of five (5) individuals to develop, plan and oversee project progress.
- Fund raising activities, each to be presented and approved by the Regional Board prior to initiation. (Includes Fox & the Hare Soccer Tournament excess funds.)
- Project planning with lighting vendors, contractors, AYSO National Office, school district(s), cities and all appropriate parties.
- Reports to Regional board on a quarterly basis (minimum).

All expenditures and/or contractual agreements must be approved by a 2/3 majority of the Regional Board.

13. Short Sided Games (Division U08 & U05/U06)

- a. Division U08 and Division U05/U06 games will be governed by “Short Sided Rules as adopted by the Regional Board.
- b. The Short Sided Rules Committee shall be empowered to review and make changes in the Short Sided Rules as necessary. The Short Sided Rules Committee shall consist of the Boys & Girls Under 8 & Below Coordinators, the Boys & Girls Commissioners and a fifth member of the board as appointed by the Regional Commissioner.
- c. The Regional Commissioner must approve all rule changes made by the Short Sided Rules Committee. The board may override the Regional Commissioner’s veto of any recommended rules changes by a 2/3 vote members present at a regular Board Meeting where a majority of the Board Members are present.
- d. All items suggested by the Short Sided Rules Committee that require an expenditure of funds must be approved by a majority vote at a regular Board Meeting.

14. Parental Participation

AYSO Region 106 is a volunteer organization. Each Coach, Referee, Team Parent & Board Member gives their time to ensure the Region has a solid foundation. In order to ensure the Region is able to provide the very best youth sports environment and keep registration costs at a minimum, each player’s family is encouraged to participate in the functioning of the region by completing a minimum of three (3) hours parental participation per season per registered player in the family.



- a. Parent Participation opportunities will be made available throughout the season and will be assigned on a first come first serve basis.
- b. Parent Participation opportunities and fulfillment will be tracked throughout the season.
- c. Players of families who fail to fulfill the parent participant requirements will not be eligible for the following secondary season programs; All-Stars, Area Playoffs & Spring Select.
 - a. Families unable to fulfill their Parent Participation Requirement due to league or organization restrictions will be exempt from penalty upon review by CVPA and Regional Commissioner.



APPENDIX

APPENDIX A List of the Members of the Regional Board

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