



AMERICAN YOUTH
SOCCER ORGANIZATION

Fall 2020 Coach Meeting

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EVERYONE PLAYS® BALANCED TEAMS OPEN REGISTRATION POSITIVE COACHING GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

Message from Our Regional Commissioner

Welcome

What's going on:

- National
- JCYSL

Regional Executive Board

Commissioner – Lisa Blankenship (rc@jcysl.org)

Coach Administrator – Karlo Llamado (rca@jcysl.org)

Referee Administrator – Lonnie Thomas (rra@jcysl.org)

Registrar – Chrissy Dugger (registrar@jcysl.org)

Safety Director – Mike Hanscom (safety@jcysl.org)

VACANT

- Treasurer
- Secretary
- CVPA

Treasurer - Vacant

The Treasurer is responsible for acting within the scope of AYSO's financial policies, procedures and guidelines to safeguard the Region's monies and assets.

Primary responsibilities include:

- Managing accounts receivable (revenue) and accounts payable (expenses).
- Providing timely financial reports to the Regional Board and the national Finance department.
- Coordinating the annual budget preparation.
- Overseeing player registration fee handling, payments.

Secretary - Vacant

The AYSO volunteer position of the Regional Secretary is intended to help with Regional matters as needed.

Primary responsibilities include:

- Organize and schedule Regional meetings
- Record minutes of Region meetings and transcribe them for distribution to the Regional staff
- Attend Region meetings to record minutes, and perform other duties as requested.

CVPA - Vacant

The CVPA, Child and Volunteer Protection Advocate, serves as the Safe Haven program representative our region

Primary responsibilities include:

- Ensure all approved volunteers are registered and assigned to their specific positions.
- Ensure that all volunteers are properly trained and certified.
- Serving as a contact for child abuse, child protection concerns.

Board Members

Field Director – Jose Hernandez (fields@jcysl.org)

Uniform Coordinator – Sarah Brantley (uniforms@jcysl.org)

Tournament Team Director – Eric Smith (ttd@jcysl.org)

Division Directors

U5/U6 Division Director– Chrissy Dugger (registrar@jcysl.org)

U8 Division Director – Heather Mate-Llamado (8u@jcysl.org)

U10 Division Director – Sarah Brantley (10u@jcysl.org)

U12 Division Director – Brenda Kells (12u@jcysl.org)

U15 Division Director – Tracy Willauer (15u@jcysl.org)

U19 Division Director – Lisa Blankenship (rc@jcysl.org)

Division Director Vacancies

Division Directors handle activities and communications within their division.

Primary responsibilities include:

- Team formation and balancing
- Ensuring each team has a coaching staff
- Serve as liaison between the board, coaches, and parents regarding questions, problems, or general information throughout the season

Division Director Vacancies *(continued)*

Vacancies:

- U5 Division Director
- U6 Division Director
- U12 Division Director
- U19 Division Director

Volunteer Requirements for Coaches

All Coaches & Assistants must:

- Notify Division Director for team assignment
- Register as volunteer at jcysl.org
- Complete background check with Sterling
- Complete Safe Haven online
- Complete Concussion Awareness training online
- Complete Division Coach Training online
- Complete Coach Training session (in person)

Volunteer Requirements for Team Parents

All Team Parents must:

- Notify Division Director for team assignment
- Register as volunteer at jcysl.org
- Complete background check with Sterling
- Complete Safe Haven online

Things to Note

- Must pass background check and complete Safe Haven training to receive roster
- Must complete Division Coach Training (online) to start practice

Return to Play

Overall – Standard Practice

- ***Healthy Participants Only:*** Any players, coaches, spectators who are sick will not be allowed at practices or games.
- Parents, and family members will abide by social distancing regulations and are strongly encouraged to remain inside their vehicles during practice.

Return to Play *(continued)*

Masks/Physical Distancing

- Maintain physical distancing requirements from coaches, players and family members.
- Wearing a face mask is recommended for the duration of practice or game
- Limit contact between players
- Players and spectators will be on opposite sides of the field during games and should allow for 6 ft separation
- Players may remove masks during physical activity

Return to Play *(continued)*

COVID-19 Screening Form

- Must be completed for all volunteers and participants within 2 hours of activity
 - If approved to participate, email sent to coach and parent
 - If denied participations, email sent to coach, parent and Safety Director.
 - Safety Director will follow up with coach and parent.
 - Participant cannot participate in the activity until cleared by Safety Director

Return to Play *(continued)*

Practices

- Parents encouraged to stay at vehicles during practice. When outside vehicle they should adhere to social distance requirements
- No physical greeting of players. No handshakes or fist bumps after game
- No scrimmages allowed
- No shared equipment in use. No sharing snacks or water.
- Coach should be the only person to handle coaching equipment (e.g. cones, disks, etc)
- Clear field promptly after practice. No lingering.
- No switching fields.

Return to Play *(continued)*

Games

- Limit spectators at games and follow social distancing guidelines.
- Parents should sit on the same half of field as their team (opposite side)
- No sharing snacks or water.
- Goalies should bring their own gear.
- Clear field promptly after game. No lingering.

What if...

- Parents should notify their team parent or coach ASAP if a player or family member is diagnosed with COVID-19. (Team parent reports case to coach)
- Coach should complete an incident report immediately and send to Safety Director
- Safety Director will contact parent and work with local health officials
- Safety Director will notify Regional Commissioner
- Regional Commissioner notifies coach/team parent/affected families with health official instructions

What if...

- Any participant who reports symptoms of COVID19, tests positive for COVID19 or who is exposed to someone with COVID19, must report to the Region in keeping with Health department requirements
- Anyone receiving report of COVID19, must protect the privacy and confidentiality of the parties involved except as required to report to the Health Department.

Player Registration Forms

- Division Directors will email forms to each coach
- Must have forms at every AYSO activity or event for emergency treatment authorization and contact information
- COVID Waiver

Communications/Privacy

- Communicate all messages about practices, games or other events to parents using team app, emails, text and voice messages
- Protect player identities by not posting names with pictures or jersey numbers and rosters on social media
- Support Kid Zone by reviewing the Coach, Player, and Parents Codes of Conduct with your team members and families

Key Documents

- AYSO Incident Report Forms to report illness or injuries requiring medical treatment, possible concussions, misconduct, AYSO property damage or loss, threats or lawsuits.
- AYSO Player Participation Release Form for parents to sign after a child has been ill or injured.
- Concussion Release Forms for doctor to sign, authorizing coaches to allow a child to participate in practice and games.

Lightning & Weather Policy

- Fields are to be cleared for 30 minutes.
 - Clock starts after the last person clears the fields.
- The 30 minute timer resets after each lightning flash or thunder clap.
- If lightning or thunder occurs during your game:
 - U-6 and U-8 – The game is over.
 - U-10, U-12; U-15
 - Before Half Time – Wait as the 2nd half may be completed.
 - After Half Time – The game is over.
 - U-19 – Wait for Region's decision.

Lightning & Weather Policy *(continued)*

- Field Status
 - On practice days, field status will be posted at approximately 4PM.
 - On game days, field status will be post at approximately 7AM.
 - Please have patience as some Regional board members work and live outside the county and time is needed to get to our field locations for an inspection.

Other Safety Issues

- Goalposts should be inspected before every activity to ensure they are securely anchored, counter-weighted and that nets are safely attached. No one should be allowed to climb or play on goalposts and children should not help move portable goals.

Coaching Guideline

- Team Meeting
 - Specify your team goal and expectations for the season
 - Ask for volunteer for team parent. This will aid with tracking completion of screening form and COVID-19 reporting
- Games are a time for observation and evaluation. Base practices on what you see during games.
- Always stay positive and promote good sportsmanship.
- No player can play a full game unless all other players have played $\frac{3}{4}$ of the game

Referee Information

- Required player equipment
 - 5 S's: Shirt, Shorts, Shin guards, Socks, Shoes
- Each team should complete a game card and turn in after games
- If no referee is assigned to your game, coaches should share the duties by one taking each half
- New Referees
- Zero Tolerance Policy of Referee Abuse
- No Jewelry

Uniform Distribution

- Uniform Coordinator will distribute first aid kits to each coach when distributing uniforms.
 - These should be turned in to Division Directors at end of season to be restocked.
 - If need to restock before end of season, please contact your Division Director
- Due to no sharing equipment, league furnished pinnies will be distributed with uniforms. These are for players to keep.
- Uniform coordinator will distribute uniforms directly to parents

Fields

- Field use is limited this season
 - Only practice on half the field assigned for the time assigned
 - Contact your Division Director if fields need to be switched
 - Clear fields immediately after practice/game.
- Check anchoring of goals before each practice and game
- All fields need to be marked on regular basis
- Home teams are responsible for set up and return of corner flags
- Remove all trash from sidelines after practice and games

Calendar

8/31 – Practices Start

9/8 – Referee Meeting (7:30pm -
Online)

9/12 – Games (Week 1)

9/19 – Games (Week 2)

9/26 – Games (Week 3)

10/3 – Games (Week 4)

10/4-11 – No practice or games

10/12 – Practices resume

10/17 – Games (Week 5)

10/24 – Games (Week 6)

10/31 – Games (Week 7)

11/7 – Games (Week 8)

Going Forward

- Sign up for practice times online
- Division Directors will send out rosters
- Notify teams of practice times
- Keep an eye out for email notifications
 - Late Registrations
 - Weekly coach notes and newsletters
 - COVID updates

Questions?