



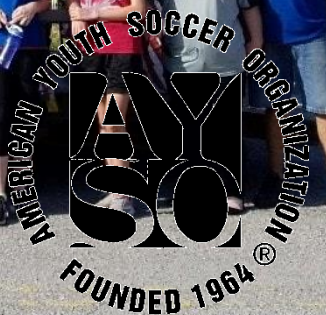
AYSO Preseason Newsletter

FALL 2019

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About AYSO

AYSO VISION

To provide world class youth soccer programs that enrich children's lives.

AYSO Mission

To develop and deliver quality youth soccer programs which promote a fun, family environment based on AYSO's six philosophies.



AYSO's Philosophies

- **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 percent of every game. It's no fun to spend the game on the bench...and that's no way to learn soccer.
- **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.
- **Open Registration:** Our program is open to all children between 3 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.
- **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.

Complex Rules

- No smoking/vaping allowed, including parking lot and concession areas.
- No pets allowed.
- Obey all traffic signs, **especially the ONE WAY sign!**
- Parking lot speed limit is 12 MPH.
- No alcoholic beverages are allowed.
- Obey the Kids Zone Rules. (*See next page*)
- We reserve the right to excuse anyone who does not follow these rules.

NO SMOKING



OR VAPING



Kids Zone®

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The national media has focused on the negative, even violent, behavior of players, coaches and parents involved in youth sports. As part of AYSO's education agenda, Kids Zone® is a dynamic program targeted to eliminate negative sideline behavior. It is aimed toward producing a thoroughly positive impact on everyone involved in youth soccer. To execute this program, three basic elements are involved:

- 1) **The Sign.** A large sign, which lists positive behavior standards, will be posted at the entrance of participating fields. Parents and spectators who will abide by these standards are welcome – all others are not.
- 2) **The Pledge.** We request AYSO parents to sign a pledge that holds them to the Kids Zone® standards.
- 3) **The Video.** This is a 12-minute documentary that introduces AYSO's principles and its Kids Zone® action plan to new participants. Viewers will also watch another parent intervene to change another parent's negative behavior.

As a support to these elements, we also have a special Kids Zone® Promise. It's a simple pledge, but we encourage all AYSO members to consider these words:

"I promise to Honor the Game. I will respect all participants, encourage good sportsmanship and keep soccer fun."

ALERT!

You are entering an



By entering this kids zone, you agree to the following:

- Kids are #1
- Fun - not winning - is everything
- Fans only cheer, and only coaches coach
- No yelling in anger
- Respect the volunteer referees
- No swearing
- No smoking
- Leave no trash behind
- Set a proper example for our children

**If you can agree to the above, we welcome you.
IF NOT, WE ASK THAT YOU PLEASE LEAVE NOW.**

AYSO – it's for the kids!

Play It Safe

Safety is a big part of keeping things fun. Here are a few safety tips to keep in mind:

- **Buddies**—Advise your child never to leave a practice or game alone. Walk with two buddies whenever possible.
- **Goal Posts**—NEVER let your children play on soccer goals. Portable goals have been known to tip over when people play on them, resulting in serious injury and even death.
- **Code Word**—If you normally pick your child up from the field, but have to send someone else, use a code word. That way, if someone comes up and says, "Your mother sent me to pick you up," but they don't have the code word you and your child have established, your child knows not to go with the stranger.

WATCH THE VIDEO

www.ayso969.org



Frequently Asked Questions

When do the coaches get their teams?

Rosters are given to coaches at the Coach Meeting & Clinic. We ask coaches to contact their players by the following Wednesday.

What should I do if my coach hasn't called by Wednesday?

First, check all forms of contact: missed calls, voicemail, text, and email. If your child has not been contacted, then text (405) 741-2976 or email contact@ayso969.org starting on Thursday.

When and where are practices and games?

All practices and games are at our AYSO Soccer Complex (*see map below*). Each coach sets the practice days and time. Please do not panic if you see teams practicing and your child has not been called. Not all teams begin practice at the same time.

How often are practices and games?

Practices are held 1-2 times per week, which are determined by the coach. Games are scheduled on Saturdays.

How long are practices?

Typically, practices are between 30-90 minutes long. Young players will practice 30-60 minutes. All Playground activities (practice & scrimmages) are 60-75 minutes and are scheduled on Saturdays.

What do players wear to practice?

Typical practice attire is shorts and a t-shirt (or sweatshirt for cooler weather). Players should wear their cleats and **MUST** wear their shin guards with socks pulled up to completely cover the shin guards. Additionally, please remove all metal hair accessories, jewelry, and/or hair beads. This is a safety issue.

What do players wear to games?

Playground Players (3 & 4 year old's): Wear the AYSO issued t-shirt tucked into any shorts and athletic shoes (no toe cleats). Players **MUST** wear their shin guards with socks pulled up to completely cover the shin guards.

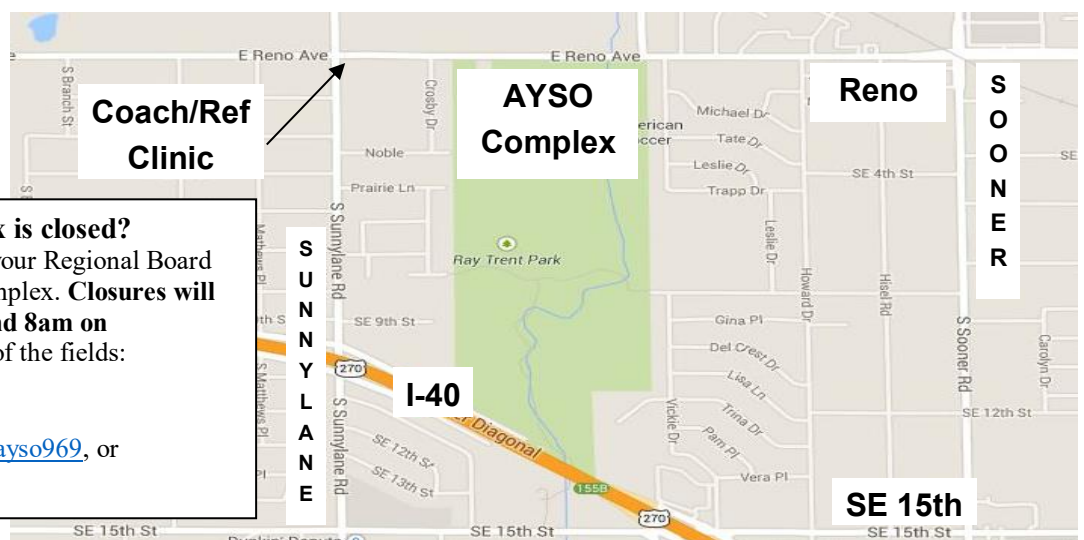
Core Players (4 – 18 year old's): Wear the reversible jersey (red/home & blue/away), shorts, and socks sold by AYSO Region 969. Also, players **MUST** wear their shin guards with socks pulled up to completely cover the shin guards. In cooler weather, wear long sleeves **UNDER** jersey, gloves, and/or ear muffs. **NO JEWELRY** is allowed, including earrings.

Where and when do we get a uniform?

Parent Orientation is the first opportunity! If unable to attend, email contact@ayso969.org to schedule a time that works for you and one of our volunteers. The uniforms for players that sign up after primary registration may not be in stock, so please allow time for those uniforms to be ordered.

Where do we get a ball, cleats and shin guards?

Dick's Sporting Goods in Midwest City or Academy Sports and Outdoors! Coupons are available at checkout on our saving weekends. The more the coupon is used, the more they will donate to our region!



Become a Volunteer



Concession Stand & Complex Upkeep Volunteers

- 1) Click link: <http://signup.com/go/QypaCHg>
- 2) View positions and shifts.
- 3) Login and signup accordingly to your availability or send your choice(s) to (405) 458-0496 or volunteer@ayso969.org.

Referee Volunteers

- 1) Visit www.ayso969.org to create an account.
- 2) On the next screen, click "I want to be a coach or other team personnel."
- 3) Select the correct season and signup for your volunteer positions.
- 4) Complete volunteer form and submit for a background check.
- 5) Take note of your AYSO ID# found on your volunteer form when e-signing.
- 6) Visit www.aysou.org to take two online courses (CDC Concussion Awareness & AYSO Safe Haven).
- 7) Attend Clinic for in-person training and/or take an optional two-part online course.

Coach Volunteers

- 1) Visit www.ayso969.org to create an account.
- 2) On the next screen, click "I want to be a coach or other team personnel."
- 3) Select the correct season and signup for your volunteer positions.
- 4) Complete volunteer form and submit for a background check.
- 5) Take note of your AYSO ID# found on your volunteer form when e-signing.
- 6) Visit www.aysou.org to take two online courses (CDC Concussion Awareness & AYSO Safe Haven).
- 7) Attend Coach Clinic for in-person training for age-specific coaching.

Volunteer Position Summary

Head Coach

Responsible for running the team practices and making line ups at games. No experience needed! We have FREE training including online courses, clinic and training manuals to help you along the way.

Assistant Coach

Responsible for assisting the Head Coach. No experience needed! Complete the FREE training just like the head coach and cover for the head coach when he/she is not available.

Team Parent

Organize the snack schedule and remind about special events (like picture day and end of season activities).

Referee

Knowledge of the game is helpful! We offer FREE training including online course, clinic and pamphlets. We now have a beginner's clinic too! Simply start in 8U and do just a few games this season.

Complex Grounds Keeper Team

Upkeep of the complex including mowing, trash, bathroom, & gardening.

Field Lining Team

Setting up the size in the beginning of the season and lining of assigned fields during the season. Contact your Field Engineer for more information.

Concession Stand Worker

Help to raise money for the program by serving food at soccer games.



Meet Regional Board

Regional Commissioner	Tim Rossiter	tim@ayso969.org	(405) 741-2976 ext. 4
Coach Administrator	Damian Conn	damian@ayso969.org	(575) 218-2658
Referee Administrator	Daniel Maxey	danielm@ayso969.org	(405) 741-2976 ext. 6
Treasurer	Peter Sherwin	peter@ayso969.org	
Registrar & Volunteer Coordinator	Kristin Rossiter	volunteer@ayso969.org	(405) 741-2976 ext. 2
Child & Volunteer Protection Advocate	Stefanie Stroud	contact@ayso969.org	(405) 517-3907
Field Engineer	Rich Moio	rich@ayso969.org	
Playground Coordinator	VACANT	VACANT	CONTACT US TODAY TO VOLUNTEER!
Event/Communications Coordinator	Corinne Williams	corinne@ayso969.org	(405) 582-0505
Uniform Coordinator	Dawn Williams	contact@ayso969.org	
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Concession Stand Coordinator	Ashley McClain-Carroll	amcclain@cnpschools.org	
Safety Director	Larry Savage	contact@ayso969.org	
Sponsor Coordinator/Area Director	Brad Edgar	brad@ayso969.org	



*If you are interested in doing more to keep this amazing organization running, please email volunteer@ayso969.org.

NEVER MISS AN UPDATE!

SCAN THIS CODE TO
SIGN UP FOR AYSO 969
UPDATES!



To Scan:

1. Go to Facebook App
2. Go to Messenger (top right)
3. Go to People (bottom)
4. Go to Add Contacts (top right)**
5. Go to Scan Code
6. **BE SURE TO CLICK "GET STARTED"**

**if needed



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Positive Coaching | Good Sportsmanship | Player Development



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**3V3 TOURNAMENT
FALL 2019**

INCLUDES EXCLUSIVE
TOURNAMENT JERSEY

***OPEN TO CURRENT AYSO PLAYERS IN 10U, 13U, AND 19U DIVISIONS**

FOR MORE INFO: 1-(405)-741-2976 * WWW.AYSO969.ORG

AYSO Region 969 Sponsorship Tier Details (Per Season)

<h3 style="color: #4a7ebb;">Platinum (\$3,000)</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Category Exclusivity Full Page Ad in Season Newsletter Large Banner Display at Fields (Up to 4 – company provided) 2 Free Player Registrations 2 Half Price Player Registrations 3 Promotional Emails 1 Promotional Text 2 Paid Facebook Ads Logo on 3v3 Tournament Shirt Sponsor Listing on Website 	<h3 style="color: #4a7ebb;">Gold (\$1,500)</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Half Page Ad in Season Newsletter Large Banner Display at Fields (Up to 2 – company provided) 1 Free Player Registration 1 Half Price Player Registration 2 Promotional Emails 1 Paid Facebook Ad Logo on 3v3 Tournament Shirt Sponsor Listing on Website 	<h3 style="color: #4a7ebb;">Silver (\$1,000)</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quarter Page Ad in Season Newsletter Yard Sign Display at Fields (Up to 4 – company provided) 1 Half Price Player Registration 1 Promotional Email 1 Facebook Post Logo on 3v3 Tournament Shirt Sponsor Listing on Website 	<h3 style="color: #4a7ebb;">Bronze (\$500)</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yard Sign Display at Fields (Up to 2 – company provided) 1 Promotional Email 1 Facebook Post Logo on 3v3 Tournament Shirt Sponsor Listing on Website

Other Sponsorship Opportunities:

\$200 3v3 Tournament Sponsor – Logo on 3v3 Tournament Shirt

\$100 3v3 Tournament Sponsor – Company Name on 3v3 Tournament Shirt

****Custom Sponsorship Packages Also Available. We are able to accept certain services in lieu of funds for some sponsorship tiers. Contact us today to discuss! 918.851.9964 or tim@ayso969.org****



IMPORTANT DATES*

- Save 20% at Dick's Sporting Goods in Midwest City on 8/23-25 and 8/30-9/2
- Parent Orientation:
8/26 & 8/29 @6-7:30PM
(Del City Community Center—
3701 SE 15th St., Del City, OK 73115)
- Coach Meeting & Clinic: 9/7 @ 9AM
(Howard Memorial Baptist Church—
4216 E Reno Ave, OKC, OK 73117)
- Referee Clinic: 9/7 @ 1PM (Youth Refs Welcome) (Howard Memorial Baptist Church)
- Coach Player Contact Deadline: 9/11
- Complex Clean Up: 9/14 @ 9AM
- Schedules Available Online: 9/14
- First Day of Games/Energy FC Party: 9/21
- AYSO Night @ OKC Energy Game: 9/22
- Team Pictures: 10/5
- 3v3 Tournament: 10/12
- Pink Out Day: 10/19
- Fundraiser Deadline: 10/26
- Elk Shoot Out: TBD
- Last Day of Games: 11/2 (PG/6U/8U)
11/9 (10U/13U/19U)

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Checklists & Important Dates

PLAYGROUND (3 & 4 year olds)

- Playground T-Shirt (provided by AYSO).
- Shin guards (**required**). Any color. Any style.
- Soccer socks/shorts (not provided). Any color. Any style.
- Water bottle (optional).
- Soccer ball (optional—see chart below).
- Soccer cleats (optional – any athletic shoes will be fine).

SOCCER BALL SIZE



- Size 3 (PG/6U/8U)
- Size 4 (10U/13U)
- Size 5 (19U)

CORE: 6U/8U/10U/13U/19U

- Reversible jersey, socks and shorts (purchase from AYSO).
- Shin guards (**required**). Any color. Any style.
- Water bottle (optional).
- Soccer ball (recommended—see chart above).
- Extra socks (optional).
- Soccer cleats (highly recommended).



See store for details. No minimum purchase required.



August 23rd – 25th



Aug 30th – Sep 2nd

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