

Region 17 Addendum B
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1.0 Refund Requests

A player may withdraw from Region 17 by having the parent or guardian of the player send a written request to the Region 17 Treasurer.

Refund requests should be sent via mail to **AYSO Region 17 P.O. Box 2586 Redondo Beach, CA 90278** or via email to treasurer@ayso17.org.

<u>Refund Request Date</u>	<u>Refund Amount</u>
Prior to Team Formation	Full Refund less processing fee
1 week prior to starting games	Half Refund
After 1 week prior to starting games	No refunds are given

2.0 Extra Guidelines

A. Jurisdiction

We are participating in Section 1 West Playing Circuit and therefore our program falls under the jurisdiction of the Area Director, Circuit Director, and Section Director. The Section 1 Guidelines take precedence if there is any conflict.

B. Player Eligibility and Selection

All try outs will be widely publicized by e-mail and posted on the Region's web site. In order to try out for an EXTRA team, players must be registered with AYSO. There is no requirement that EXTRA players have previously played as AYSO players.

All players must be newly selected each membership year. Teams will be reformed and balanced each membership year. It is possible that not all players who try out will be selected.

The Region will hold at least 2 try outs in May and/or June with player selection completed by July 15th.

Evaluators are to be completely impartial. They may include the EXTRA Coordinator, Coach Administrator, and other qualified coaches and instructors providing they do not have any relatives trying out in the division they are evaluating.

After the tryout the Region will calculate the scores and/or ranking of participants in each division taking into account the needs to have a balance of players at each position.

The selection committee may consist of the Regional Commissioner, Regional Coach Administrator, Regional EXTRA Program Coordinator, and any other designees of the Regional Commissioner subject to the provision that they do not have any relatives trying out in that division. All members on the selection committee must be neutral and impartial.

Each player that participates in the selection process will be notified by July 22nd of the outcome with the assurance they will be placed on a standard primary program team.

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C. Coach Eligibility and Selection

Coaches participating in EXTRA must:

- Have a current volunteer application
- Have taken AYSO's Safe Haven, CDC Concussion Awareness, and Sudden Cardiac Arrest training.
- Be an active participant in the Region's primary program as a coach, referee, board member, mentor, or instructor.
- Have completed the age specific training/certification levels;
- Be in good standing with the Region, Area, Playing Circuit, Section, and National
- Be evaluated and renewed each year by the selection Committee

Those wishing to coach must notify the Regional Commissioner and/or EXTRA coordinator by April 15th. The coach selection committee may consist of the Regional Commissioner, Regional Coach Administrator, Regional EXTRA Program Coordinator, Regional Referee Administrator, and any other designees of the Regional Commissioner. No member of the Coach Selection Committee shall have a child trying out for an EXTRA team in that division. All members on the selection committee must be neutral and impartial.

3.0 Disciplinary Procedures

All AYSO games will be conducted in accordance with the current FIFA Laws of The Game and Decisions of the International Football Association Board as modified by any exceptions detailed in the AYSO National Rules and Regulations, Section 1 Rules and Regulations, and applicable Area 1-D Beach Cities Rules & Regulations.

DISCIPLINARY ACTION for matches in Region 17

(Play in Section 1 Area D Tournament is covered by Section 1 Area D Rules and Regulations for Fall 16U/19U and Spring play)

A. PLAYERS

- i) It is an objective of the Region that all players be given the maximum chance to play all scheduled matches during the season.
- ii) It is an objective of the Region that players not be punished for the actions of their coach, parents, or team's spectators.

B. ON FIELD DISCIPLINE

- i) It is the policy of the Region that referees are to handle disciplinary situations on the field in a manner which encourages the players to improve their play and behavior through discussion and instruction. Use of warnings and discussions during the course of the game are encouraged when disciplinary situations arise.

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- ii) Should discussions with the player fail to produce the desired change in behavior, the referee is encouraged to notify the coach that continued infringement by the player will not be permitted. In this situation, though not required, it is strongly recommended that the Coach (or acting Coach) substitute for the player involved. The center referee will allow such substitution, even if it is not a normal “substitution” opportunity. In that this is a preventative measure being taken in the best interest of the player in question, the other team may not substitute at this time.
- iii) Occasionally during the course of the match, especially at the 14U level, actions may occur which would normally require either a caution or a send-off in a higher-level match.
 - a. Referees are encouraged to caution players when these occur. Within the Laws of the game, referees are given broad discretion on how to interpret statements and actions. For example, some language directed at a referee or opposing player could be interpreted as Abusive (requiring send-off) or alternately, as Dissent (if directed toward the referee) or Unsporting Behavior (if toward an opponent). At the 10U, 12U and 14U levels, referees are encouraged to interpret actions in a way which avoids a send-off and where use of a caution is preferable. In this situation it is strongly recommended, but not required, that the coach (or acting coach) substitute the player involved. The center referee will allow such substitution.
 - b. A player who has been cautioned and who continues to play or behave in a manner which is in violation of the laws of the game, especially if the behavior is reckless or endangering, should be sent-off at the second cautionable offense (no change to Law 12 Misconduct). At the 10U and 12U levels, ideally, a send-off should not occur without a previous caution. At the 14U level, certain actions such as extreme violence (fighting, or clear violent intent to injure) or extremely abusive language and/or gestures directed at the referee, may require a send-off without a prior caution. Referees are encouraged to recognize that these situations are extremely rare, but when they occur, must be addressed immediately. In these rare circumstances, a send-off without a prior caution is merited.
 - c. All 10U level, misconduct should be handled by the Coach at the direction of the Referee. There is no need to display the red or yellow card to the player.
 - d. A player or team member sent off or expelled, including a send-off for receiving a second caution in the same match, shall be suspended from all participation in the current and next match played by the team.
 - e. Each caution received (including the second in a game) over the course of the season (including Regional and any inter-regional games, but not Area playoff games) counts as one “disciplinary point” (DP) against the player. Each send-off received for denying an obvious goal scoring opportunity also counts as one DP. Each send-off for serious foul play, violent conduct, abusive language/gestures, or spitting counts as two DPs. A send-off for receiving the second caution in a game does not add any additional DPs beyond the two DPs for the two cautions. In addition to any one-game suspension related to a send-off, a player will be suspended for one game upon receiving a cumulative total of five (5) DPs over the course of the season. Additional two-game suspensions will then occur upon reaching the levels of seven (7) DPs and eight (8) DPs. Upon receiving a ninth DP, the player will be suspended for the remainder of the season.
 - f. All discipline listed above is considered routine and automatic, and is therefore not appealable by a Disciplinary Review Proceeding.

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- g. Cases of extreme misconduct may be subject to additional discipline at the discretion of the Regional Commissioner, subject to right of appeal at a Disciplinary Review Proceeding in accordance with AYSO procedures.
- h. Any disciplinary suspensions will be served immediately after their occurrence, including during any Regional or Area playoff games, if applicable. Suspensions will carry over to any post-season or secondary play (All-Stars, Spring League, Tournament teams, etc.) or subsequent season until the suspension is fully served.

C. COACHES, PARENTS, AND SPECTATORS

- i) In addition to players, the Laws of the Game allow for the disciplining of coaches and spectators by the referee.
- ii) On field discipline.
 - a. It is the policy of the region that referees are to handle disciplinary situations on the field in a manner which encourages the coaches and parents to improve their behavior through discussion and instruction. Use of warnings and discussions with the coach regarding their behavior or their parents' and/or spectators' behavior during the course of the match are encouraged when disciplinary situations arise.
 - b. Should discussions with the coach fail to produce the desired change in behavior, the referee is to respond in accordance with the Laws of the Game. Referees are encouraged to recognize that these situations are extremely rare, but when they occur, must be dealt with.
- iii) A coach that is sent-off or parent/spectator that is expelled, shall be suspended from all participation in the current and next scheduled match. Such suspension is automatic and not subject to appeal by a Disciplinary Review Proceeding.
- iv) In the event that a coach or parent/spectator, who has been suspended from a game previously, receives another send-off (coach) or expelled (parent/spectator), that coach or parent/spectator will be banned from participation for the remainder of the season.
- v) In the event that a coach declines to leave the field at the request of the referee, or violates a suspension, that coach will be banned from participation for the remainder of the season.
- vi) In the event that a parent/spectator declines to leave the field at the request of the referee via the coach, or violates a suspension, that parent/spectator will be banned from the AYSO participation for the remainder of the season.
- vii) A suspended PLAYER may attend his team's games (although not in uniform), a suspended coach or parent/spectator may not. A suspended coach or parent/spectator must remain outside the fenced area of the field, and must not speak such as to be heard within the fenced area for a period beginning 30 minutes before the start of the match for which he/she is suspended, and continuing until 15 minutes past the end of the match.

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D. REFEREE

A referee is required to complete a disciplinary report for all send-offs that occur during a match. Blank copies of the report are available from the Regional Referee Administrator, the regional website (www.ayso17.org), or from the Area 1D website (www.ayso1d.org). Completed copies of this report should be sent to the Regional Referee Administrator, Coach Administrator, the Division Commissioner of the division involved, and the Regional Commissioner. For cautions issued during the game, the referee should indicate on the back of the game card the reason for the caution.

E. DISCIPLINARY ACTION – 16U and 19U Matches in Region 17

i) Players

- a. The disciplinary sections of the AYSO Section 1 Area D policy are in effect and will govern all matches played at the 16U and 19U levels including Area tournaments.
- b. Repeated or very serious disciplinary issues by players may result in a suspension of secondary play privileges, such as Spring League, Tournament teams, etc. All disciplinary suspensions are in full-force and effect until fully served. Hence, a suspension could carry over to the following season until fully served.

ii) Coaches, Parents and Spectators

The disciplinary sections of the AYSO Section 1 Area D policy are in effect and will govern all matches played at the 16U and 19U levels including Area tournaments.

iii) Referee

A referee is required to complete a disciplinary report for all send-offs that occur during a match. Blank copies of the report are available from the Regional Referee Administrator or from the Area 1D website (www.ayso1d.org). Completed copies of this report should be sent to the Area Director, Regional Referee Administrator, Area Referee Administrator, Regional Coach Administrator, the Division Commissioner of the division involved, and the Regional Commissioner. Additionally, the player's ID card for send-offs must be retained by the referee at the conclusion of the game and forwarded to the Area Director or the person designated by the Area Director to receive the cards. For cautions, the referee should indicate on the back of the game card the reason for the caution.

4.0 Program Information

A. Team formation

- i) Once teams are formed, no transfer of any player from one team to another may be made without the approval of the DC and the Regional Commissioner, after consultation with the parent or guardian of the player unless the player is 18 years of age at the time.
- ii) For 6U through 8U teams, the DC shall assign players to teams. Player ratings (if available) may be used, otherwise, assignments will be generally random.
- iii) For 10U, 12U, and 14U teams; the DC will form teams using available ratings to achieve balanced teams.

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- iv) In 16U and 19U teams, the DC conducts a player draft among the head coaches in each division. In order to make the teams as balanced as possible, if any head coach is unfamiliar with the players, such coach shall be aided by another neutral person knowledgeable of players in that division.
- v) Division Transfers
 - a. The Region and National do not allow playing up or down in a different division from the player's age except in very specific and defined circumstances.
 - b. Mental or physical disability. Such players are generally placed into the separate VIP (Very Important Player) division, but in certain cases may be approved by the Board to play down one division, unless there is a chance of injury to other players due to size differential. If a parent wishes a player to play down in a lower division, they must attend a Board meeting **PRIOR TO TEAM FORMATION** and discuss why such placement is in the best interests of the player. Such player will then be allowed to play down only upon a majority vote of those Board members present.
 - c. Other than in the cases listed above, no placement is allowed in a division other than that specified by the player's age. If a parent wishes a player to play up in a higher division, they must attend a Board meeting **PRIOR TO TEAM FORMATION** and discuss why such placement is in the best interests of the player. Such player will then be allowed to play up only upon a majority vote of those Board members present.

B. Participation

- i) At the 8U level, players are limited to no more than $\frac{1}{4}$ of each game as goalkeeper. Players should each play approximately the same number of quarters as goalkeeper over the course of the season. At the 10U level, players are limited to no more than $\frac{1}{2}$ of each game as goalkeeper. At the 12U and above levels, there is no restriction on goalkeeper play.
- ii) Each player is strongly urged to attend every team practice. Any player who misses over half of his/her team's practices regularly may have his/her playing time limited, but only with the advance approval of the DC, after ongoing communication with the player's parents.

C. Protests

- i) No protest of games is permitted.
- ii) However, coaches are encouraged to file with the Regional Referee Administrator a written report within 48 hours after a game of any misapplication of the Laws of the Game or rules and regulations by a game referee. This procedure shall not be used as a means of complaining about or criticizing any judgment call of a referee or assistant referee.
- iii) If, after investigation by the Regional Referee Administrator, it is found that a law, rule, or regulation was misapplied, such referee shall be so informed in order to ensure that no further misapplication occurs.

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D. Conduct during Games

- i) The highest standards of conduct and good sportsmanship must be maintained at all times by players, coaches, referees, spectators, and all other participants.
- ii) Coaches are expected to be positive role models and set the best possible example for the participants. Excessive coaching from the sidelines shall not be permitted, and the function of the coach is to provide positive instruction and encouragement to the players. 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).
- iii) 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. Spectators are expected at all times to act positively around players and to demonstrate respect for opponents, officials, and all other volunteers. **Under no circumstances should they attempt to coach or address remarks derogatory to players, coaches, or the referees.**
- iv) Coaches should make substitutions and rotate players into positions so as to avoid “running up the score” on an opponent. In divisions 10U-14U where standings are kept, such standings shall consist of only wins, losses, and ties, with any benefit derived from creating a large goal differential minimized (e.g such as goal differential used as a tie breaker and capped at 3 per game). The DC shall review various methods to avoid running up the scores with the respective coaches. Repeat occurrences shall be referred to the Regional Coach Administrator for further instruction.
- v) 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 assistant referees. Exception to this is during a pandemic (e.g COVID) or similar health situation, where shaking of the hands may be replaced by clapping or other recognition of the opposing team and referees.
- vi) Discipline shall be up to the referee at each game. The referee shall have the power and authority to caution and send-off players and coaches, and warn and expel spectators from the playing area, or terminate the match if their conduct violates the Laws of the Game, the policies in this Addendum, or otherwise interferes with the course of play.
- vii) A player who is sent-off for violation of the Laws of the Game shall be suspended for the duration of that game and shall not participate in the team’s next scheduled game. A player who is cautioned or sent-off may be subject to additional disciplinary action (e.g., parent conferences, additional game suspensions, expulsion) at the discretion of the Regional Board upon thorough review of the incident following the procedures outlined in Article 9 (Dispute Resolution). A coach or assistant coach who is sent-off or spectator who is warned or expelled from the field may also be subject to similar or additional disciplinary action at the discretion of the Regional Board upon thorough review of the incident following the procedures outlined in Article 9 (Dispute Resolution).

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E. Parental Participation

As AYSO is an “all-volunteer” organization, each parent or guardian who has a player in the Region shall be strongly encouraged to volunteer his or her valuable time in some way.

F. Facilities

- i) It shall be the responsibility of both teams for the first game each day to set up the fields. This includes setting up the goals, nets, and corner flags; anchoring the goals, lining the field, and opening the bathrooms. It shall be the responsibility of both teams for the last game each day to clear the fields. This includes taking down and locking up the goals, nets, and corner flags and locking the bathrooms.
- ii) No trash should be left at the facility except in designated containers. Parking shall be limited to those areas designated at the fields. Dogs are not allowed at any RBUSD fields. No food or drinks are allowed on turf fields, except for water. All posted field rules shall be followed.

G. Equipment

- i) The Region shall supply each player with a shirt with the original AYSO logo properly affixed thereto, a pair of socks, and shorts.
- ii) Each player is expected to provide his/her own appropriate footwear and shin guards. No player may participate in a game without such shirt, socks, shorts, appropriate footwear, and shin guards. Shin guards must be worn under the socks.
- iii) Players may not wear jewelry of any kind (including chains, watches, body jewelry, and earrings), bandanas, other ornamentation, or anything else that may, in the opinion of the referee, create an increased risk of injury to himself or herself or to other players during the game.
- iv) Medical information bracelets should not be removed, but can be covered with a soft wrist band or temporarily modified to fit more snugly.
- v) Prescription eyeglasses may be worn, but must remain firmly on the wearer’s head. A restraining strap may be worn. Non-prescription eyeglasses and sunglasses are not permitted to be worn by a player during a game.
- vi) Hard casts (including padded casts), splints, helmets, and hard padding are not permitted to be worn by a player during any game or practice.
- vii) During inclement weather, the following additional guidelines shall be observed:
 - a. Players may wear sweatshirts, sweat pants, and/or similar garments. Other than the team uniform, it is not required that all team members wear similar garments.
 - b. Sweatshirts, when worn, shall be worn under the team jersey. Hoods on hooded style shirts must be tucked in the jersey, not outside or on the head.
 - c. Sweat pants, when worn, shall be worn under the team shorts.

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H. Team Roster Size/Number of Players on the Field

The number of players on the field and maximum roster size shall be as indicated below. The maximum roster size may be adjusted by mutual agreement between Division Commissioner and Regional Commissioner.

- 6U: 3 v 3 – 5 player maximum roster
- 7/8U: 5 v 5 – 7 player maximum roster
- 10U: 7 v 7 – 9 player maximum roster
- 12U: 9 v 9 – 12 player maximum roster (11 recommended)
- 14U: 11 v 11 – 14 player maximum roster
- 16U: 11 v 11 – 18 player maximum roster
- 19U: 11 v 11 – 20 player maximum roster