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AYSO Region 206



News Trap

JULY 2006



FINAL FALL 2006 REGISTRATION

Don't miss out!

We will not be accepting late registrations this year. Only a waiting list for spots that open up with be provided after Aug. 5th*

Date: Saturday August 5th

Time: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Location: Coyote Trail Elementary

Registration times and dates are for players, volunteers, coaches, referees and sponsors. We need everyone's help!

Who can play?

All Children who will be 4 as of July 31st to 19 years old as of July 31st, 2006

What is needed?

*Registration fee \$65

After 3 children additional siblings are Free

*Birth Certificate

Not required for Returning 2005 Fall players

Required for all other players

*Player Registration Form:

Pre-printed available at registration for returning Fall 2005 players.

Can be done on line ahead of time, bring two copies with you to registration

Region 206 V.I.P program

Our V.I.P Program provides a quality soccer experience for children and adults whose physical or mental disabilities prevent them from a successful participation on a mainstream team. This program offers acceptance and carries out the AYSO philosophy that Everyone Plays. Our primary goal for the children is this program is to provide a safe and fun environment to help your child improve social skills while having fun learning the fundamentals of soccer.

For more information on this program please contact our V.I.P. coordinator Mary Ferber at

mferber@comcast.net

**AYSO Region 206 Registration Hotline 780-9262 or
email us at: board@nwasl.org for registration questions**



PLATINUM PERFORMANCE AWARD

Recently our AYSO Region 206 was given special recognition at an award banquet during our annual section meeting held in Las Vegas, Nevada. This award was given in recognition of our Region's "successful implementation of AYSO program, supporting AYSO philosophies and policies, striving for constant improvement and demonstrating a commitment to train its volunteer's." We still have areas to improve upon; however, we are honored to receive this award for the 5th year in a row!! Big thanks to all of our players, parents, and volunteers that have given the time and energy to make this region a great one. I would also like to pay a special thanks to all of the board members and their families for the commitment and passion they put into the region. And thanks again to all of you that have provided a good soccer experience for our children.

Julie Smith
Regional Commissioner

WHAT DOES THE "U" MEAN?

When you registered your child to play soccer this year, you were advised that he or she was in the U6, U8, U10, U12, U14 or U16 division. Some parents have asked what the " U " means and how is the division number determined ?

The " U " stands for " Under ". The number, ie: 6, 8, 10, 12, 14 and 16 stands for the players age on July 31 of the year of registration. As examples:

- a) A player that is still 9 years old on July 31 of this year would be in the U10 division since the player is under 10 as of July 31, 2006.
- b) A player that is 10 years old on July 31 of this year would be in the U12 division since the player is under 12 and not under 10 on July 31



During the registration process, every effort is made to make sure that a Child's birth date is verified so that he or she is placed in the correct age group. The " U " process is important to make sure that children are playing within their correct age group.

HEY ALL YOU U17 & U19 PLAYERS

There will be a special registration for all High School aged players that want to sign up for the Fall 2006 AYSO season coming up. Thurs. July 27th from 6-8pm at Mountain View High School New Gym.

Your season starts earlier than the younger kids (3rd week in Aug) so that the season can be finished up by Oct. 30th to accommodate High School Soccer.

U19 will be coed and pick up style on a week night, and it will only cost \$25

U17 will be played on Mon. and Wed. nights area wide.

Contact Julie Smith with any questions at: 256-7721



AYSO Refereeing: Give it a whirl!!!

By Bill Oppenheimer

Have you ever thought about refereeing an AYSO soccer game? It's a fun and easy way to get involved in our soccer program without the time commitments of coaching.

Here are the characteristics of a good AYSO soccer referee.

You have to like people,

You specifically have to like kids. We aren't there to punish the players.

You have to fundamentally believe that a fair game is a lot better than an unfair one.

You have to be able to make decisions. After all, officiating does involve some quick thinking.

You need to have a little free time on Saturday mornings.

If you fit this profile, you just might want to consider joining Region 206's corps of volunteer referees for next season. Something that you don't need is knowledge of the rules of soccer (we call them "Laws"). We will teach you that part.

Time commitments are minimal. Region 206's referees sign up for the games that they want to do; typically one to two games per weekend. Nobody forces you to take games and you will never be scheduled for a time slot where you have to miss your own child's game. It's really pretty light duty.

Currently Region 206 sports approximately 75 certified referees on its roster. We normally count on 15 to 25 percent turnover every year for a variety of reasons, so every year we start to look for a few more interested people to become AYSO referees. This year we're looking for a total of 20 new referees. Here are the requirements:

- 1) You must be at least twelve years old (I prefer thirteen years old).
- 2) You must take the Basic Referee course. (Darn, there's always a catch.)

AYSO requires that all referees must complete the Basic referee course in order to officiate at the Under 10 level, the age group that we start to supply referees in Region 206. The course is approximately seven hours plus one hour for Safe Haven certification. Right now, we have one class scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 19th from 8am to 4pm at Thornydale Elementary School. We even feed you, in return for taking the class. Once you pass this course, we supply you with a uniform and referee supplies, and you are certified to officiate AYSO games. It's that simple. But you have to take the course to get your yellow jersey and badge!

For years, I have been telling people, "If you think that you might like refereeing, you probably will." I've been refereeing in Region 206 for eight years and I haven't had a bad time of it yet. If you would like to sign up for either of the scheduled Basic Referee classes or if you have any questions, please call me at 744-3239 or email me at bopperheimer@comcast.net. You can also contact Commissioner Julie Smith at sjsmith1@comcast.net. It's a great way to participate in your child's soccer experience, and we'd love to have you join us.



ALERT!

You are entering an



AYSO
kids zone

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!

...because we PLAYSOCCER

The AYSO Region 206 fall 2006 soccer season will soon be here! Please note the following important date for final registration, Sat. Aug. 5th from 9am-3pm at Coyote Trail Elementary School. We will not be accepting late registrations this year, so don't miss out. If you have any questions or need additional information, feel free to call our Registration Hotline at: 780-9262 or email the registrar at: board@nwaso.org—someone will contact you ASAP!

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