

# AYSO Region 206

## News Trap

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### It's for the Kids!



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#### First games

**this Sat. Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>.**

Game schedules now available on line at: [www.206soccer.com](http://www.206soccer.com) Click on "Schedules".

Any website questions please contact Wayne Wilson at:

[webmaster@206soccer.com](mailto:webmaster@206soccer.com)

We need your help. Our region has volunteer jobs beside the board positions if you are able to help. Right now we are looking for:  
*Spring season coordinator, Summer Camp Coordinator, Skills day organizer, Picture day coordinator, and UofA clinic organizer.*

\*Email us at: [Commissioner@206soccer.com](mailto:Commissioner@206soccer.com) if you are interested in getting more details.

Handbooks are being mailed this week to each family. Look for it in the mail. Handbooks are also available on the website: [www.206soccer.com](http://www.206soccer.com) under "Players".

#### HANDBOOKS

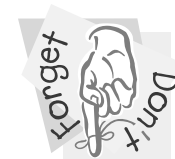
Website address: [www.206soccer.org](http://www.206soccer.org) for more information and calendar items check us out!  
U5, U6 (Richardson-2, Twin Peaks-1), U8 Girls (Richardson-1), U10 Girls and Boys, U12 girls and boys

- Openings in Region 206 for kids interested in signing up still:
- Snapshots can be turned in on picture days for yearbook submission. (write age group on back)
- as picture ordering information. Bring your canned food for our food drive for the food bank.
- Oct. 6th and Oct. 13th Picture days. Schedule will be available on line starting Mon. Sept. 17th as well
- Sat. Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> first games of the season
- to parents and program will be explained.
- Thurs. Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> U5 parent meeting at 6:30pm at Thornydale Elementary - uniforms will be handed out

#### New Dates for Region 206



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everyone plays

Games start this Sat. Sept. 8th  
Game schedules available at:  
[www.206soccer.com](http://www.206soccer.com)  
U5 parent meeting this Thurs.  
Sept. 6th

# Parent's Information

## U5 Division PARENTS

U5 Parent meeting for all parents of U5 players (only one parent required and no children please) we will be talking about the program and how it works. Game schedules and uniforms will be handed out. **Meeting on Thurs. Sept 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at Thornydale school in the cafeteria.**

### Meet Manny

Manny is going to be taking pictures of the kids this season while they are playing games. He will have the pictures available for sale, like they do in tournaments, at a minimal price at the end of the season at Skills day/Soccerfest on Nov. 17th. Manny owns Manny's Photography and will be wearing an a shirt to identify himself, so you know that he has been approved and checked out for taking pictures in our region.



We are excited to have this service provided this season to all the parents that would like action pictures of their kids playing soccer.

## Team Parents,

### Did you miss the meeting?

Any team that didn't send a representative to the Team Parent meeting last week needs to contact Amy Aguilar at: [TeamParent@206soccer.com](mailto:TeamParent@206soccer.com) for your team's packet.

### Show Me The "Money" !

Our fearless Region Commissioner acted on your suggestions and eliminated our chocolate fundraiser this season. No chocolate bars means a few pounds lighter for me, and lost revenue for our region. You might be wondering will our program suffer because of it. How can we make up the lost revenue ? What can we do as a parent to help ?

Coaches and referees do their part on the field. Parents can do your part by securing a sponsor for your team. It's easy as ABC. You can start by asking other parents on your team that owns a business to sponsor your team. Perhaps your mechanic, dry cleaner, hair dresser, accountant, dentist, etc. If you know of a sponsor that contributed last year, why not give them another chance to donate to a worthwhile cause.

Your registration fee covers the purchase of equipments, uniforms, rental fees for fields and lights, insurance, training materials, etc.



Only a small portion remains in our region for operation. Your Region 206 wants to provide a world class experience for your family. It is vital that we replace the short fall of funding by sponsorships. Or else, we will have no choice but to go back to fundraisers for next season.

Our goal this year is to have 100% participation. One sponsor for each team. \$ 200.00 sponsors will receive an appreciation plaque with team photo, and a listing in our yearbook that is distributed to over 1000 players. \$ 350.00 sponsorship will receive the above items, plus a half page advertisement in our yearbook. Additional levels are listed on our website. Deadline is Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>. So, Let's go out there and get One Sponsor.

Thank you very much,  
John Fung Sponsorship Coordinator

## The best teacher of the game of soccer; is the game itself...

In my opinion, and many around the globe, there is no greater game than SOCCER! The game of soccer has all the strategy of American Football, all the flow and speed of Basketball, and is played in more countries of the world than Baseball. What separates soccer from all other sports is the simplicity of the game itself and the fact that it is first and foremost a players' game.

"A players' game..." In that simple phrase is the heart of what makes soccer so different from any other sport and concurrently defines the roles that coaches, referee's, and parents were intended to have. In all referee training, it is stressed that soccer is a game of flow and that a referee should do his/her best not to interfere with that flow, except to maintain safety and fairness. As coaches are trained, we stress to them that training sessions, practices, are coach centered. This is their time to explain, direct, and instruct. When Saturday comes, the game is **player centered!** Games are where players experiment, try, fail, and learn the game of soccer. Unlike Basketball, Baseball, and American Football, where the rules and the coach are very much the center of attention during a game, soccer only has 17 Laws and the coach is called upon when needed by the referee; otherwise, a coach should be sitting in a chair observing and planning what he/she will be working on at the next training session, a.k.a. practice. Where do parents fit in all of this?

Parents are the connection between the coach and the players. Parents insure that their children are at and on time to every training session and game. They make sure that their player has all the necessary equipment and fluids. Parents make the game very exciting and energized by cheering both teams, having a great time, and encouraging their child to do their best and be proud of that effort. A.Y.S.O. is for the kids! We make them the center of every decision, every idea, and every change. Whatever makes the experience more enjoyable, more exciting, and enhances the mission of providing the best possible program, we do it.

Please keep this in mind when you go out on Saturday's. Being at a game where parents or coaches are screaming or berating the referee, or yelling at the players where to be, what to do, or how to do it, takes away from the positive and educational experience for the players. You are not helping your child by constantly being in their ear the whole game. Don't rob your player of the chance to really understand and enjoy the game of soccer by making yourself the center of attention on game day. Soccer is a *players' game and the best teacher of the game; IS THE GAME ITSELF!*

Bill Ward - Asst. Regional Commissioner (ARC)

# Coach's Corner



By : Bill Oppenheimer

### Let the Referees Make the Calls

We are all looking forward to the new AYSO season and the referees are no different.

Let's start this season on a positive note and never lose focus of AYSO's main mission: to provide "Safe" and "Fair" soccer to our children. The "Fun" part is typically supplied by the players so let's do everything in our power not to undermine them. How they perform on the field as a team is much more important than the final score of the game, especially early in the year. Here are a few guidelines that will help you help us get through the first few weeks of the season:

**Handling** – One of the most common fouls with younger players is "handling" the ball. The concept is that no player is allowed to manipulate the ball to his or her advantage by handling the ball with any part of their upper extremities (fingertip to clavicle). However, if the ball hits the player's hand or arm and there is no intent on the players part to guide the ball, then it's not a foul. We, referees, commonly hear the crowd shout, "Hands! Hands! Hands!" every time a molecule of the ball touches a molecule of skin. Please do your best to . The referees have been trained to know what to look for, even if they don't appear to call it every time.

**Offside-** Another common misconception among spectators and coaches is the "Offside" infraction. This foul is called when a player who is Offside Position becomes involved in play. Players are allowed to be in Offside Position; they can sit there all day until they become an active part of the play, either by receiving the ball or interfering with their opponents or play. Let's try not to influence the referees by calling out "Offside!" P.S.: It's not "OFFSIDES" with an "S". That's only for American football. When we hear coaches yelling "Offsides!" we suspect that they don't know the Offside Law.

**Dangerous Play** – This foul is a catch-all for all play that the doesn't quite qualify as a penal foul like pushing, tripping, or handling but is still dangerous to the opponent. Some examples of dangerous play are: high-kicking, kicking the ball while lying on the ground, or slide tacking at U10s. The restart for dangerous play is always an indirect free kick for the opponent. The key to dangerous play is that it is only called when the referee judges that the infraction is truly dangerous, i.e. ANOTHER PLAYER IS CLOSE ENOUGH TO GET HURT. It is allowable to kick the ball while lying on the ground as long as no other player is close enough to kick the player on the ground. These calls are highly judgmental so expect there to be some differences of opinion.

The Bottom Line is: Let the referees make the calls. They've been trained and they've got the badge. Even if you're right, it won't help to dissent the referee's calls, especially with the newer and younger referees. Sometimes, it undermines a young referee's confidence to get so much unsolicited help. We referees are truly on your side by doing our absolute best for your players. Help us by letting us make the calls.

## For the Kids!

### WORD SEARCH

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R	C	O	U	N	T	A	E
V	D	E	F	E	N	S	E

Kick, youth, soccer, fun, games, defense, corner, guards, goalie, count