

# AYSO Region 206

## News Trap

February 2008

### It's for the Kids!



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#### Registration for Fall 2008

Registration for Fall 2008 is \$85. Our early bird price for registering at our April 12<sup>th</sup> registration will be **\$75 (10\$ OFF PER CHILD)**

You don't want to miss out registering early. We will have free give aways at registration.

We will be having our UofA clinic on Sat. Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup> at Dan Felix park. So register early to reserve your spot in the clinic.

The season starts the end of August and goes through until the end of November



[www.206soccer.com](http://www.206soccer.com)

## CONTEST

### 30 Years and Still Kickin'

Are you creative? The Fall 2008 season will be Region 206's 30<sup>th</sup> season and we'd like your help to design a cool logo to use on the referee coins and other places. The coins are 1 3/8 inches in diameter and your design on the front will be printed in color. Here is an example of our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary coin:



We only received one design by Soccerfest last fall, so please take some time to help make 2008 a memorable season. Submit your ideas by May 1<sup>st</sup> either electronically to [jndsoccer@comcast.net](mailto:jndsoccer@comcast.net), or mail a hardcopy to

AYSO Region 206

P.O. Box 91226

Tucson AZ 85752

Thanks,

Jon Davis

AYSO Region 206 Referee Administrator

## Summer Season

### It's Back!

Region 206 will be holding a summer season this year at Dan Felix park. Anyone is invited to join us (other regions, new to soccer or returning players). Ages 5 and up.

- Games will be short sided games and there will not be any practices. Just 1-2 games a week of playing.
- It will start the week of June 23<sup>rd</sup> and go through the week of July 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Games will be played in the evenings Monday—Thursday (5:00pm to 9:00pm) under the lights.
- Solid colored T-shirts will be provided as the uniform. Shorts, socks and shoes are your responsibility.
- Our first registration for summer is April 12<sup>th</sup> at Thornydale school from 9am-12pm
- The cost is \$25 for 6 weeks of play for returning fall players. New players are welcome but must pay an extra \$15 for the required soccer insurance (total \$40)
- Teams will be formed by how many kids sign up. All age groups have the possibility of being coed if needed.
- We need parents to volunteer to be coaches. We can get you trained.

Any questions please email us at: [registrar@206soccer.com](mailto:registrar@206soccer.com) or call our registration hotline at: 780-9262



## Summer Soccer Camps

Do you love those UK trainers with their skill and cool accents?

Come and learn from the pros this summer at either of our camp dates held at Dan Felix fields (*Orange Grove and Camino de la Tierra*)

All camp information can be found on our league website [www.206soccer.com](http://www.206soccer.com).

- **June 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>** *Challenger camp (morning or afternoon options) age appropriate*  
[www.challengersports.com](http://www.challengersports.com) (sign up early on line for a free jersey) ball and t-shirt included.
- **June 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>** *AYSO Summer camp (morning or afternoon options) age appropriate*  
[www.aysosocccamps.org](http://www.aysosocccamps.org) (t-shirt included)

Sign up on the camps direct site on line or mail in your registration that you will receive in the mail next month.



# Travel Teams: How do they work?

At the end of every soccer season, in most AYSO regions, some coaches and players feel the compelling need to continue playing. Some might refer to this as obsession, but what do they know! In an effort to provide a program that would allow players and coaches an opportunity to continue competing, Travel Teams were created.

## The program

At the National Level, AYSO has guidelines for how these programs are conducted, funded, etc... Much of the actual administration and function of these teams is left to each region to decide. Some regions have tryouts for the team, while other regions can barely put together a team. Region 206 has been very fortunate over the years to have many gifted players and a high level of willingness to “keep the soccer going”. There is a considerable commitment of time, money, **Coaches** and *travel* involved. Teams will compete in tournaments here in Tucson, Phoenix, Prescott, New Mexico, and even California and Colorado.

Toward the end of every regular season, those coaches who have a desire to be considered as a Travel Team coach, fill out an application and send it into the board. On the specified board meeting night, the members of the board review all the applications and decide who will represent our region during that *Secondary Season*. There are no hard and fast criteria for choosing a coach, but their level of training, years of coaching, and consistent examples of being Positive, Encouraging, and Instructive all factor into the decision.



## Players

Once the number of coaches per division has been established and those coaches are notified of their acceptance, the process of putting together a team begins. All regular season coaches provide the region with an overall picture of each player using a rating system. This is used primarily to balance our regular season teams, but it also provides Travel Team coaches with a brief picture of every player. Coaches are given full discretion on who they decide to invite onto their team. Many factors from skill with the ball, ability to shoot, speed, field awareness, goal keeper abilities, and attitude all play a part in which players are asked. Another factor that all coaches mix-in is the parents. Since we are traveling to neighboring regions and represent Region 206 everywhere we go, that image must be a positive one. Individual parents who scream and yell from the sidelines to the officials, at their own children, or who are obnoxious or inappropriate can lead a coach to bypass a player.

## Limitations

No matter what system we use, good players are unfortunately sometimes not asked onto a team. In an effort to balance the hope to give as many players this opportunity with the need to take a competitive team to the tournaments, hard decisions have to be made. It is never the intention or desire of anyone in the region to make this experience negative or unduly competitive. As a region, we decided not to conduct player try-outs for just that reason. It is always the ultimate goal to give those players that have above-average skills and coaches who have shown their ability as soccer coaches as well as great examples of the AYSO philosophies, a chance to take their game to the next level and compete against some of the better AYSO and Club teams.

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## Calendar Corner



- *AYSO Region 206 Board meetings are held every second Monday of each month. Come and join the board or just come and give your input. We want to hear from you.*
- **March 6th—9th** Section Conference in Salt Lake City Utah (volunteer training)
- **March 17th—21st** Spring Break (Marana School District)
- **April 12th** Soccer Registration 9am—12pm Thornydale school. (Summer \$25, Fall \$75)
- **May 3rd** Soccer Registration 9am—12pm Thornydale school (Summer \$25, Fall \$85)
- **May 10th**—Mini Section Conference at Mountain View High School (training for all volunteers)
- **May 22nd**—Last day of school
- **May 26th**—Memorial Day

Calendar events for the whole year can be found on the league website at: [www.206soccer.com](http://www.206soccer.com) under “schedule”.

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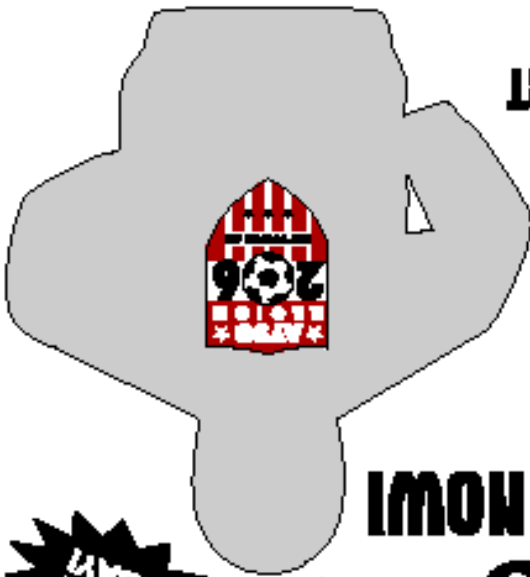
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