

AYSO Region 624 Basic Referee Course



Module 2 The Game of Soccer



The Five Tenets of AYSO

- ***Open Registration*** – any child can register to play regardless of ability.
- ***Balanced Teams*** – Every attempt is made to make sure every team is competitive.
- ***Everyone Plays*** – Everyone plays 3 quarters in Region 624, half the game nationally.
- ***Positive Coaching*** – Coaches are to use Positive Instruction and Encouragement (PIE)
- ***Good Sportsmanship***



Tobacco and Alcohol Policy

“Present a healthy, athletic environment for players by, in the case of coaches and referees, neither consuming alcoholic beverages nor using tobacco products during practices or games or in the immediate vicinity of the soccer fields.”

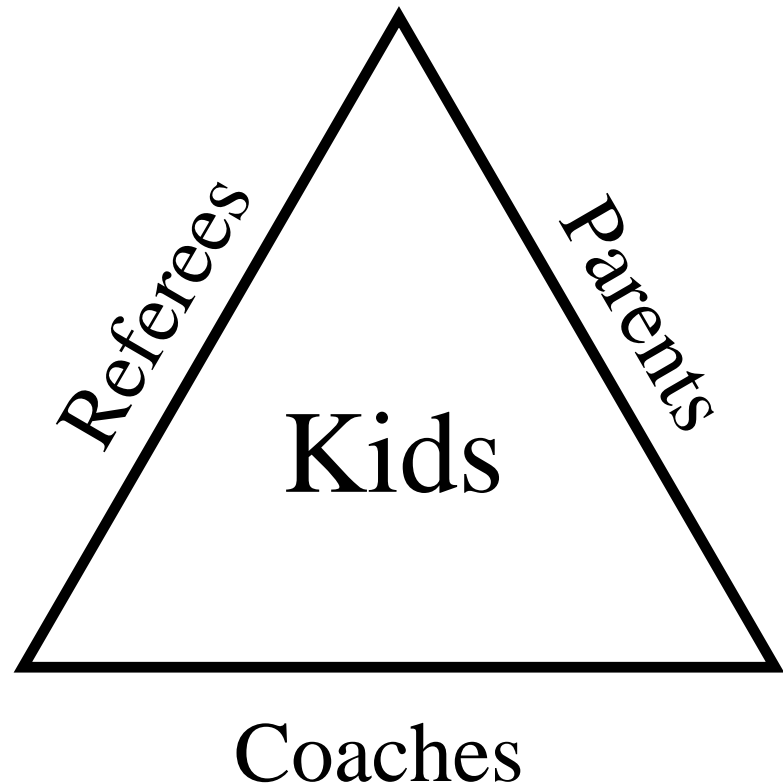
Section E article 8 of the AYSO National Rules & Regulations



AYSO Team

AYSO Team Rules

- Work together
- Help each other
- Protect each other
- Do your best





AYSO Team



- The Triangle, a fundamentally strong form, represents how the kids of AYSO are protected by the AYSO team provided ALL THE TEAM WORKS TOGETHER.
- Coaches are the foundation of the program because they spend more time with and serve as a role model.
- Referees are the guardians of the game by making sure games are FUN, FAIR and SAFE.
- Parents have the power to exemplify good sportsmanship and serve as a role model.



History of the Game

- “Laws of the Game” were produced as the result of a 1863 meeting, in Fleet Street, London, between a number of “gentlemen’s schools” that wanted to play against each other with a single set of rules/laws.
- There are 17 Laws in all.
- There was one school who declined to participate and produced laws for a game of their own. The declining school was Rugby.



FIFA & USSF



For the Good of the Game

- FIFA was created in Paris, France, in 1904 and moved to Zurich, Switzerland in 1974.
- FIFA administers, develops, maintains and controls The Laws of the Game worldwide.
- The United States Soccer Federation (USSF) administers the Laws of the Game in the United States.
- AYSO is a direct affiliate of USSF.



Laws of the Game

- AYSO Laws of the Game are exactly the same as FIFA Laws.
- AYSO modifications are necessary due to the ages and sizes of AYSO players and are specifically permitted and addressed by FIFA on page 3.
- Modification are made for field size, ball size, number of players, and duration of game.



Spirit of the Game

- The over-riding Spirit of the Game is Fair Play
- To maintain fairness a soccer referee is given the “full authority to enforce the Laws of the Game.” This includes the power to “stop, suspend or terminate the match, at his discretion, - - etc.”
- Referees need to “see” an infraction to punish it.
- “The laws of the Game are intended to provide that games should be played with as little interference as possible, and in this view it is the duty of the referee to penalize only *deliberate* breaches of the Law.



Fair, Fun & Safe

- The primary goal for AYSO referees is to keep the game Fair, Fun & Safe for the kids.
- In U6 & U8, the referee should function like a “friendly uncle.”
- The Laws should be applied in an even-handed and “gentle” manner so that a “fun” learning environment is maintained.
- Young players committing infractions such as an incorrect throw-in or kick-off should be given a “second chance” before awarding the restart to the opposite team.



U6 & U8

- Very few U6 & U8 fouls are intentional, however they need to be called so that the “fouled” players receive fair play and the “foulers” learn what they should not do.
- Young players should never be subjected to the trauma of a “public carding.” If serious action becomes necessary, to protect other players, etc., request that the coach take the player aside for individual ***Positive Instruction*** and ***Encouragement!***



Module 2 Review

- What are AYSO's 5 philosophies/ tenets?
 - Everyone Plays, Open Registration, Balanced Teams, Positive Coaching, Good Sportsmanship
- Where were the laws of the game first written?
 - London, England, in 1863.
- As guardians of the game, referees should ensure what three basic elements are part of each match they referee?
 - FUN, FAIR, and SAFE