

**The following are the AYSO Region 345 Tournament Rules and Regulations that all Region 345 Tournament Team Coach's are to follow as voted on by AYSO Region 345 Regional Board of Directors October 7, 2003.**

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***AYSO Region 345 Tournament Committee***

The AYSO Region 345 Tournament Committee has the responsibility to be the final authority with decisions regarding participation in all tournaments, including but not limited to AYSO Section 14 State Games, AYSO National Games, FYSA, USSF sanctioned tournaments or any other tournament participation for teams representing AYSO Region 345.

***AYSO Region 345 Tournament Committee Members***

The AYSO Region 345 Tournament Committee will consist of; AYSO Region 345 Assistant Commissioner(s) (chairs), AYSO Region 345 Assistant Coach Administrator, AYSO Region 345 Assistant Referee Administrator, AYSO Region 345 Boys Coaching Director, AYSO Region 345 Girls Coaching Director, and AYSO Region 345 Child & Volunteer Protection Advocate.

***AYSO Region 345 Tournament Rules***

All teams are required to abide by the AYSO Rules & Regulations, AYSO Section 14 State Games Rules and Regulations, AYSO Section 14 Area I guidelines, AYSO Region 345 Tournament Rules and Regulations and AYSO Region 345 Rules and Regulations (including disciplinary rules). A copy will be provided to each coach. Failure to follow rules and regulations will result in forfeiture of coaching position(s).

***AYSO Region 345 Tournament Participation***

**NO TEAM WILL BE PERMITTED TO PLAY IN ANY TOURNAMENT THAT CONFLICTS WITH THE FALL AYSO REGION 345 CORE SEASON OR SECONDARY SPRING AYSO REGION 345 SEASON.** This includes dates between the first practice/team meeting and the last game of the season.

***AYSO Region 345 Team Disband***

All AYSO Region 345 tournament teams will be disbanded at the end of the AYSO calendar year (July 31) that the team was created. AYSO Region 345 tournament teams wishing to continue beyond this date will need to start the AYSO Region 345 tournament team formation process once again.

## **AYSO SECTION 14 STATE GAMES**

***AYSO Region 345 Section 14 State Games Coach Selection Committee***

The AYSO Region 345 Section 14 State Games Coach Selection Committee will consist of AYSO Region 345 Commissioner, AYSO Region 345 Assistant Regional Commissioner(s), AYSO Region 345 Coach Administrator, AYSO Region 345 Assistant Coach Administrator, AYSO Region 345 Boys Coach Director, and AYSO Region 345 Girls Coach Director.

All designated members of the AYSO Region 345 Section 14 State Games Coach Selection Committee must excuse themselves from the selection of a coach in a certain division, for any reason of nepotism.

Coaches will be selected by majority vote of the AYSO Region 345 Section 14 State Games Coach Selection committee (in case of a tie, the AYSO Region 345 Regional Commissioner will decide). Where applicable, the AYSO Region 345 Section 14 State Games Coach Selection committee will select 2 coaches per age division for boys and girls. In a situation where there are not enough players to make two teams, the 2 coaches will coach the one team. One will be head coach and one will be assistant coach as determined by the AYSO Region 345 Section 14 State Games Coach Selection Committee.

EXCEPTION: If the Tournament Committee votes to have the parent of a U16 age-eligible player coach a U19 State Games or National Games Team, that coach's child will be allowed to play in the U19 Division.

## ***AYSO Region 345 Section 14 State Games Eligibility of coaches***

Eligibility requirements are set by the AYSO Section 14 State Games Rules and Regulations. In addition, AYSO Region 345 will require that AYSO Region 345 Section 14 State Games coaches:

- \*Be AYSO Trained and Certified in proper age division (U10 and U12-U12 Coach, U14-Intermediate Coach, U16 and U19-Advanced Coach)
- \*Have current AYSO volunteer application on file at the National Support & Training Center
- \*Be AYSO Coach Safe Haven Certified
- \*Have completed an AYSO coach clinic for current Fall AYSO Region 345 season
- \*Have participated as a coach or assistant coach during current Fall AYSO Region 345 season

### **Criteria for coach selection**

- Actively follows the 6 AYSO philosophies
- Demonstrates a positive & motivating approach to coaching
- Has not had any disciplinary issues during the last calendar year
- Negative behavior during prior tournaments will also factor into selection criteria

### ***AYSO Region 345 Section 14 State Games Application process for coaches***

AYSO Region 345 Section 14 State Games coach and assistant coach applications will be distributed via the team mailboxes during the month of September. All interested applicants must submit application by specified deadline date. No late applications will be accepted unless no applications have been submitted for the specific division.

### ***AYSO Region 345 Section 14 State Games Assistant Coaches***

Depending on the number of AYSO Region 345 Section 14 State Games applications received, the AYSO Region 345 Section 14 State Games Coach Selection Committee may assign an assistant coach to each AYSO Region 345 Section 14 State Games team as deemed appropriate. If an assistant coach has been assigned, that appointment is provisional depending on the requisite number of AYSO Region 345 Section 14 State Games teams available to send to the AYSO Section 14 State Games. If qualified assistants are not available, the coach may select an assistant coach who meets the eligibility requirements above. The assistant must be approved by the AYSO Region 345 Section 14 State Games Coach Selection Committee.

### ***AYSO Region 345 Section 14 State Games Player Eligibility***

We will follow the AYSO Section 14 State Games rules and regulations regarding player eligibility. Please see AYSO Section 14 State Games Rules and Regulations.

Each player entering the AYSO Section 14 State Games must have played no less than 50% of the just completed core season (Fall) AYSO Region 345 game schedule and must have been registered and paid for at the National Support and Training Center by October 1st of the current Fall AYSO Region 345 Season. If a region is unable to fill a team or a player was unable to participate in 50% of the regular season, the Area I Director may provide a variance providing that the AYSO Region 345 Regional Commissioner submits in writing a sufficient justification. This written request shall then be submitted to the AYSO Section 14 State Games Tournament Rules Committee for final approval.

### ***AYSO Region 345 Section 14 State Games Tryouts***

Every child must tryout for the current division that they are currently playing in (i.e., if they are a U12 player playing up in the U14's during the Fall AYSO Region 345 season, they must try out for the U14's).

Three separate dates for tryouts will be scheduled. Flyers will be posted and put in the team mailboxes for distribution to all players.

All players must attend and actively participate in at least one of the tryouts. No one will be allowed to just sign-in without actively participating in the tryouts. AYSO Region 345 Tournament Committee will review individual situations when a player is not able to participate in tryouts because of temporary medical restrictions or injury (in this case the player must sign-in and observe a minimum of one of the tryouts). Also, the AYSO Region 345 Tournament Committee will review individual situations when a player is not able to participate in tryouts due to other special circumstances deemed acceptable by the AYSO Region 345 Tournament Committee.

### **AYSO Region 345 Section 14 State Games Communication to players**

All players who have tried out for AYSO Section 14 State Games need to be called within one week of AYSO Region 345 Regional Commissioner & AYSO Region 345 Tournament Committee approval. AYSO Region 345 Section 14 State Games coaches must bring in the list of all players that have tried out for AYSO Section 14 State Games during the formation of the AYSO Region 345 Section 14 State Games teams meeting.

During the initial phone call to AYSO Region 345 Section 14 State Games' players/parents by the Coach, please communicate that they need to provide the following at your first team meeting:

- 2 passport size pictures
- Cash for registration fees

### **AYSO Region 345 Section 14 State Games Number of teams**

We will have (2) two AYSO Region 345 Section 14 State Games teams in every age group, if possible. If we have 16 players trying out for the U10's, 20 players trying out for the U12's and 26 players for the U14, U16 and U19 there will be (2) two AYSO Region 345 Section 14 State Games teams.

Per AYSO Section 14 State Games Rules and Regulations: each region is guaranteed placement of two teams in each age group. Regions desiring to send more than two teams per age group must get permission from the AYSO Section 14 State Games Tournament committee and will be determined by a first-come, first served basis based on field availability.

### **AYSO Region 345 Section 14 State Games Formation of teams**

When we have two AYSO Region 345 Section 14 State Games teams, they shall be evenly balanced. Exception: In the year that we have an AYSO National Games Team in a division with (2) two teams, the AYSO Region 345 National Games Team will be the stronger team. For any divisions that have a National Games invitation prior to the selection of the State Games Teams, players will be chosen to participate in the State Games in the following manner: The National Games Team will choose all rostered players first (excluding alternates) and will participate in the State Games. Next, the second team that will play State Games only will choose all of their rostered players and alternates. The National Games Team will not have any alternates while participating in the State Games. For the purpose of participation in the National Games, the National Games team will designate 3 of the players from the State Games team as the alternates for their team. These choices must be made at this time. In the case of the U19 Divisions - the U19 National Team will choose 3 alternates from the U19 State Games Team who are U19 age-appropriate. If there aren't 3 U19 age-appropriate players, the National Team may choose the remaining alternates from the U16-eligible players. However, if the region is awarded a U16 National Team subsequent to the initial formation of the teams, a new tryout for the U16 National Games Team will be held and any U16-eligible alternates from the National Team will be allowed to participate in the tryout.

If during the fall season there exists only a U19 division (valid for Boys and Girls) but the league is able to offer both U16 and U19 State Games Teams, the team selection will go as follows:

We highly suggest players tryout for their age-appropriate State Games Team, however if a U16-eligible player decides to tryout for a U19 team, they may. If a U16-eligible player attends the tryouts for the U19 teams, they will not be eligible to make the U16 team. All U19 age-appropriate players (those who cannot play in U16) must be chosen first. If the league will be represented by 1 team, if there are 15 U19 age-appropriate players, then no U16-eligible players may be chosen. If the league will be represented by 2 teams, if there are 30 U19 age-appropriate players, then no U16-eligible players may be chosen. If any U19 team does not have 15 U19 age-appropriate players, then they will choose from the U16-eligible players that tried out for the U19 teams. Once all those players are exhausted, if any U19 team does still not have 15 U19 age-appropriate players, they can choose from U16 players that only tried out for U16 but only after the U16 team(s) have the same number of players chosen as the U19 team with the least players (i.e. If there are 2 U19 teams and one has 14 players and the other has 13 players, the U16 team(s) will choose the first 13 players for their team(s) from the U16 tryouts). After that, if there exists a U19 team with less players than the other U19 team, they will be granted the first pick of the remaining U16-eligible players. Remaining picks will

alternate between all teams with the U19 teams having the first selection and continuing in the same order as already established by the coin toss (round-robin style).

The AYSO Region 345 Section 14 State Games teams will be balanced as follows: If there are 2 teams in any division, then the first 3 picks must be coach's child, assistant coach's child, goalkeeper (or technical assistant's child). If one team has more players than the other after these first 3 picks, then the team with less players will choose as many players as needed to equal the number of players the other team has.

**THIS CONSTITUTES FIRST SELECTION SO ONCE THE TEAMS ARE EVEN, THE TEAM THAT HASN'T MADE ANY PICKS WILL RECEIVE THE NEXT PICK AND THEY WILL HAVE CHOICE OF UNIFORM COLOR.** All other teams not in the above situation, will flip a coin determining first pick or uniform color choice.

All AYSO Region 345 Section 14 State Games Head Coach(es) will make their AYSO Region 345 Section 14 State Games team(s) at the designated time in the soccer building with at least (2) two of the following – AYSO Region 345 Regional Commissioner, AYSO Region 345 Assistant Commissioner(s), AYSO Region 345 Coach Administrator, AYSO Region 345 Assistant Coach Administrator, AYSO Region 345 Gender Director, or AYSO Region 345 Age & Gender Division Coach Coordinator. Coaches must bring in the list of all players that have tried out for the AYSO Region 345 Section 14 State Games during the formation of AYSO Region 345 Section 14 State Games teams meeting.

Before final teams are notified, the AYSO Region 345 Regional Commissioner must approve the roster.

#### ***AYSO Region 345 Section 14 State Games Alternates***

All AYSO Region 345 Section 14 State Games teams may have (3) three alternates. Please clearly communicate to the alternates that they will only play if someone drops out. Do not collect monies from alternates.

#### ***AYSO Region 345 Section 14 State Games Team Roster***

U10 AYSO Region 345 Section 14 State Games teams will roster a minimum of 7 and a maximum of 10, U12 AYSO Region 345 Section 14 State Games teams will roster a minimum of 9 and maximum of 12, U14 AYSO Region 345 Section 14 State Games teams will roster a minimum of 11 and maximum of 15. U16, & U19 AYSO Region 345 Section 14 State Games teams will roster a minimum of 11 and a maximum of 18. (Anything below the maximum must be approved by the AYSO Region 345 Regional Commissioner and (2) of the following: AYSO Region 345 Assistant Commissioner(s), AYSO Region 345 Coach Administrator, AYSO Region 345 Assistant Coach Administrator, AYSO Region 345 Gender Director, or AYSO Region 345 Age & Gender Division Coach Coordinator.

#### ***AYSO Region 345 Section 14 State Games Playing up a division***

No child will be allowed to play up a division without the express approval of the AYSO Region 345 Tournament Committee & the AYSO Region 345 Regional Commissioner.

#### ***AYSO Region 345 Section 14 State Games Referee Binder***

Each AYSO Region 345 Section 14 State Games team will be required to pay the referee binder. The referee binder is set by the AYSO Section 14 State Games Rules and Regulations. Each AYSO Region 345 Section 14 State Games team will have a commitment to have a referee or referees to cover 12 spots. The AYSO Region 345 Regional Commissioner & AYSO Region 345 Tournament Committee will assign all referees that do not have any children playing. The referee binder will be refunded after verification from the AYSO Section 14 State Games Referee Administrator that appropriate coverage was completed and was refunded to the AYSO Region 345 Tournament Account by the AYSO Section 14 State Games Treasurer.

#### ***AYSO Region 345 Section 14 State Games Sponsorships***

All forms that go out for sponsorship must be approved by the AYSO Region 345 Regional Commissioner.

#### ***Current AYSO Region 345 Sponsors***

Do not approach any of the AYSO Region 345's current sponsors for additional sponsorships for Tournaments. Our first and foremost responsibility is the region as a whole. The region relies on the financial assistance from the sponsors each season. The region cannot lose sponsorships we already have.

### **What can sponsorships pay for?**

Sponsors may also be obtained to help in covering the cost of hotel rooms, water & fruit, bags, & warm-ups. Sponsorships should be for things that are really needed by the team. Sponsorships can be used to cover AYSO Region 345 Section 14 State Games referee binder fees.

### **AYSO Region 345 Tournament Checking Account**

All AYSO Region 345 Section 14 State Games fundraising, entry fees, and sponsorship monies must go through the AYSO Region 345 Tournament Checking Account. The AYSO Region 345 Tournament Checking Account will be set up with the signers being those of AYSO Region 345's main account. The AYSO Region 345 Tournament Treasurer will have a separate tracking for each AYSO Region 345 Section 14 State Games team's funds, but each AYSO Region 345 Section 14 State Games team must maintain their own records. Bills must be submitted for approval of funds and for reimbursement **(to be used with preparation and participation in any tournament(s) or others event(s) not associated with the Fall or Spring AYSO Fall or Spring season-NO alcohol or items not in following of the AYSO principles)**. The AYSO Region 345 league does not cover the cost for any tournament. Each team is to be self-sufficient in raising their own money for entry fees, etc.

### **AYSO Region 345 Section 14 State Games Uniforms**

The AYSO Region 345 Section 14 State Games registration fee will cover the following for each AYSO Region 345 team:

A uniform for each AYSO Region 345 Section 14 State Games player with an alternate long-sleeve t-shirt, the registration fee for the AYSO Section 14 State Games tournament, an AYSO Region 345 Section 14 State Games coach shirt, an AYSO Region 345 Section 14 State Games assistant coach shirt, an AYSO Region 345 Section 14 State Games technical assistant shirt, AYSO Region 345 Section 14 State Games ID cards for players and coaching staff.

You will receive a form with sizing for uniforms and t-shirts. If the sizing form is not turned in, we will order the uniforms and t-shirts, as suggested by uniform sizing chart.

### **AYSO Region 345 Section 14 State Games Extra Items**

If an AYSO Region 345 Section 14 State Games team would like to have bags the maximum cost allowed is \$25 per bag and if they want warm ups, the maximum cost allowed is \$75 per warm-up (even if sponsorship is obtained for these items).

### **AYSO Region 345 Section 14 State Games Coaches bags and supplies**

We will reissue AYSO Region 345 Section 14 State Games coach's bags on the Monday following the Fall AYSO Region 345 recreational season ending. AYSO Region 345 Section 14 State Game Coaches will be issued a bag, pinnies, first aid kit, practice ball, and cones. These bags need to be turned back in after AYSO Section 14 State Games are over. The AYSO Region 345 Tournament Committee will issue a game ball to each AYSO Region 345 Section 14 State Games coach when uniforms, rosters, and ID cards are given out.

### **AYSO Region 345 Section 14 State Games Entry Fees, team paperwork and deadlines for submitting**

After the AYSO Region 345 Section 14 State Games teams are formed, each AYSO Region 345 Section 14 State Games team must provide the following:

- AYSO Region 345 Section 14 State Games player registration fees (PAYABLE IN CASH ONLY) Do not collect from alternates
- Referee binder and AYSO Section 14 State Games referee applications
- AYSO Region 345 Section 14 State Games Official rosters
- AYSO Region 345 player registration forms
- Signed AYSO Region 345 Section 14 State Games players cards with pictures attached

All paperwork for your whole AYSO Region 345 Section 14 State Games team must be turned in at the same time, on the Monday following the last game of the Fall season by either, the AYSO Region 345 Section 14 State Games Coach, AYSO Region 345 Section 14 State Games Assistant coach, or AYSO Region 345 Section 14 State Games Technical Assistant.

All of these forms must be turned in **COMPLETE BY DEADLINE DATE, OR THE TEAM WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PLAY.**

### ***AYSO Region 345 Section 14 State Games Practice days and times***

Practices will be limited to Friday or Sunday's, provided there is field space, during the current recreational season. If an AYSO Region 345 Section 14 State Games team is found practicing on days not permitted during the current recreational season, the team will not get approval to participate in the AYSO Section 14 State Games tournament.

AYSO Region 345 Section 14 State Games coaches must submit in writing any preferences regarding AYSO Region 345 Section 14 State Games team practices. AYSO Region 345 Section 14 State Games practice days and times and field assignments will be determined by the AYSO Region 345 Tournament Committee Chair(s) and the AYSO Region 345 Regional Commissioner.

Scrimmages must be approved and scheduled with the AYSO Region 345 Tournament Committee Chair(s) and the AYSO Region 345 Regional Commissioner one week in advance, based on available field space. All scrimmages must have a certified AYSO referee for the game. The AYSO Region 345 Referee Administrator must be contacted to schedule a referee.

These AYSO Region 345 Section 14 State Games team(s) must abide by all AYSO Rules and Regulations, AYSO Region 345 Rules and Regulations, AYSO Section 14 Area I Guidelines, and AYSO National Tournament Rules and Regulations. However, if an AYSO Region 345 States Games team does not abide by these rules, the team will not be able to enter the AYSO Section 14 State Games Tournament or any other tournament. The AYSO Region 345 Tournament Committee & the AYSO Region 345 Regional Commissioner will start the process of selection of a new coach.

# AYSO Region 345 Full-Sided Tournament Teams Rules

Section revised 1/31/07 Effective 4/8/07 Revised 6-4-09, 9/3/09

***The AYSO Region 345 Tournament Committee has the responsibility to be the final authority with decisions regarding participation in all tournaments, including but not limited to AYSO Section 14 State Games, AYSO National Games, FYSA, USSF sanctioned tournaments or any other tournament participation for teams representing AYSO Region 345.***

Only AYSO Region 345 Section 14 State Games teams will be allowed to participate in non-AYSO tournaments with the approval of the AYSO Region 345 Tournament Committee, AYSO Region 345 Regional Commissioner & AYSO Section 14 Area I Director. However, behavior displayed by AYSO Region 345 Section 14 State Games coaches, players, and parents, at AYSO Section 14 State Games will be considered when requests are made to play in other tournaments. In addition, teams will have to abide by all AYSO Rules & Regulations, AYSO Region 345 Rules and Regulations, AYSO Section 14 Area I guidelines and the following:

## **AYSO Region 345 Full-Sided Tournament Participation**

AYSO Region 345 Section 14 State Games teams wishing to participate in tournaments must submit a written request via e-mail or hard copy to the AYSO Region 345 Regional Commissioner **30** days in advance of the tournament deadline for registration.

**NO AYSO REGION 345 SECTION 14 STATE GAMES TEAM WILL BE PERMITTED TO PLAY IN ANY TOURNAMENT THAT CONFLICTS WITH THE FALL AYSO REGION 345 CORE SEASON OR SECONDARY SPRING AYSO REGION 345 SEASON.**

## **AYSO Region 345 Full-Sided Tournament Players Playing time**

Each AYSO REGION 345 full-sided tournament team must abide by the AYSO Rules and Regulations regarding length of player game time. All players in attendance at games must participate and play at least half of the games, excluding overtime.

## **AYSO Region 345 Full-Sided Tournament Eligibility of coaches**

Only AYSO Region 345 Section 14 State Games coaches or assistant coaches that participated in AYSO Section 14 State Games tournament may request to coach in post AYSO Section 14 State Games tournaments.

## **AYSO Region 345 Full-Sided Tournament Team Formation**

1. AYSO Region 345 Section 14 State Games team players and their alternates will be contacted by the AYSO Region 345 Section 14 State Games Coach of the specific team regarding desire/availability to participate in tournament. Then, an AYSO Region 345 Tournament Committee member shall call all those that the AYSO Region 345 Section 14 State Games Coach said told them "No" regarding desire/availability to participate in tournament. This will ensure that every member of the AYSO Region 345 Section 14 State Games team (including alternates) has been notified.
2. When only one of the two AYSO Region 345 Section 14 State Games teams, from the same division, wishes to participate in a tournament and they have vacant player slots (that have been confirmed by the AYSO Region 345 Tournament Committee), an open tryout would be held for AYSO Region 345 Section 14 State Games players and alternates of the second AYSO Region 345 Section 14 State Games team to fill these open slots.
3. If two AYSO Region 345 Section 14 State Games teams from same division wish to participate in a tournament and either AYSO Region 345 Section 14 State Games team has vacant player slots (that have been confirmed by the AYSO Region 345 Tournament Committee), an open tryout will be held for all AYSO Region 345 eligible players from previous core Fall AYSO Region 345 season.
4. No outside players shall be used and all players must be from AYSO Region 345 who played in the just completed core Fall AYSO Region 345 Season.
5. Final rosters must have approval from the AYSO Region 345 Tournament Committee & the AYSO Region 345 Regional Commissioner to verify player eligibility.
6. Each team needs the permission of the AYSO Region 345 Tournament Committee, AYSO Region 345 Regional Commissioner & AYSO Section 14 Area I Director to be able to participate in all non-AYSO tournaments.

## **AYSO Region 345 Full-Sided Tournament Practices**

Practices will be limited to Friday or Sunday's, provided there is field space, during the current recreational season. If a an AYSO Region 345 Full-Sided Tournament team is found practicing on days not permitted during the current recreational season, the team will not get approval to participate in the tournament.

**AYSO Region 345 Full-Sided Tournament** Coaches must submit in writing any preferences regarding **AYSO Region 345 Full-Sided Tournament** team practices. Practice days and times and field assignments will be determined by the AYSO Region 345 Tournament Committee Chair(s) and the AYSO Region 345 Regional Commissioner. Scrimmage games must be approved and scheduled with the AYSO Region 345 Tournament Committee Chair(s) and AYSO Region 345 Regional Commissioner one week in advance, based on available field space. All scrimmages must have a certified AYSO referee for the game. The AYSO Region 345 Referee Administrator must be contacted to schedule a referee.

## **AYSO Region 345 Full-Sided Tournament Rosters and Forms**

All **AYSO Region 345 Full-Sided Tournament** rosters and forms for non-AYSO tournaments, shall be turned into the AYSO Region 345 Tournament Committee Chair(s) or AYSO Region 345 Regional Commissioner at least (30) thirty days in advance of tournament. It is the **AYSO Region 345 Full-Sided Tournament** coach's responsibility to make sure that all of these forms are correct.

## **Current AYSO Region 345 Sponsors**

Do not approach any of the AYSO Region 345's current sponsors for additional sponsorships for Tournaments. Our first and foremost responsibility is the region as a whole. The region relies on the financial assistance from the sponsors each season. The region cannot lose sponsorships we already have.

## **What can sponsorships pay for?**

Sponsors may also be obtained to help in covering the cost of hotel rooms, water & fruit, bags, & warm-ups. Sponsorships should be for things that are really needed by the team.

## **AYSO Region 345 Full-Sided Tournament Sponsorships**

All forms that go out for sponsorship must be approved by the AYSO Region 345 Regional Commissioner.

## **AYSO Region 345 Full-Sided Tournament Registration Fees**

The AYSO Region 345 recreational league does not cover the cost for any tournament. Each AYSO Region 345 Full-Sided tournament team is to be self-sufficient in raising their own money for entry fees, etc. This money must go through AYSO Region 345's Tournament Checking Account.

## **AYSO Region 345 Full-Sided Tournament Uniforms**

If additional jerseys or t-shirts are needed, orders must be received and paid for to the AYSO Region 345 Tournament Committee at least (30) thirty days in advance. Uniform shirts or t-shirts must comply with the AYSO regulations with the AYSO logo on the left front of the shirt.

## **AYSO Region 345 Tournament Checking Account**

All AYSO Region 345 Full-Sided Tournament team(s) fundraising, entry fees, and sponsorship monies must go through the AYSO Region 345 Tournament Checking Account. The AYSO Region 345 Tournament Checking Account will be set up with the signers being those of AYSO Region 345's main account. The AYSO Region 345 Tournament Treasurer will have a separate tracking for each AYSO Region 345 Full-Sided Tournament team's funds, but each AYSO Region 345 Full-Sided Tournament team must maintain their own records. Bills must be submitted for approval of funds and reimbursement **(to be used with preparation and participation in any tournament(s) or others event(s) not associated with Fall and Spring AYSO Region 345 season-NO alcohol or items not in following of the AYSO principles)**. The AYSO Region 345 league does not cover the cost for any tournament. Each team is to be self-sufficient in raising their own money for entry fees, etc.

These AYSO Region 345 Full-Sided Tournament team(s) must abide by all AYSO Rules and Regulations, AYSO Region 345 Rules and Regulations, AYSO Section 14 Area I Guidelines, and AYSO National Tournament Rules and Regulations. However, if an AYSO Region 345 Full-Sided Tournament team does not abide by these rules, the team will not be able to enter the any tournament. The AYSO Region 345 Tournament Committee & the AYSO Region 345 Regional Commissioner will start the process of selection of a new coach.

# AYSO Region 345 National Teams

AYSO has National Games every (2) two years with sites all over the country. Each AYSO region is allowed to submit teams for the U10's, U12's, U14's, U16's, and U19's for both boy and girl divisions. Each AYSO region can submit multiple teams for each division. The teams are picked on a lottery system and then (1) one team from each division from each AYSO Section is picked first and then they go back to the order that each team was selected.

The lottery is held (1) one year before at the AYSO National Annual General Meeting (NAGM) on Memorial Weekend and must be submitted by the AYSO Regional Commissioner (90) ninety days before the NAGM meeting.

## ***Application process for AYSO Region 345 National Games Team Coaches***

Once AYSO Region 345 is notified of their selection to participate in the AYSO National Games in writing, applications will be distributed to all qualified trained and certified AYSO Region 345 coaches. Deadline to submit application to the AYSO Region 345 Regional Commissioner will be listed on the AYSO Region 345 National Games Coach Application. No late applications will be accepted unless there are none turned in for a specific age group. Exception: If AYSO Region 345 receives an invitation to participate in the AYSO National Games after AYSO Region 345 Section 14 State Games teams are made, applications will be distributed to all qualified trained and certified AYSO Region 345 Coaches for the AYSO Region 345 National Games Team with priority to AYSO Region 345 Section 14 State Games Coaches.

## ***AYSO Region 345 National Games Coach Selection Committee***

AYSO Region 345 National Games Coaches will be selected by majority vote of the AYSO Region 345 National Games Coach Selection committee.

The AYSO Region 345 National Games Coach Selection Committee will consist of AYSO Region 345 Regional Commissioner, AYSO Region 345 Assistant Regional Commissioner (s), AYSO Region 345 Coach Administrator, AYSO Region 345 Assistant Coach Administrator AYSO Region 345 Boys Coach Director, and AYSO Region 345 Girls Coach Director.

## ***AYSO Region 345 National Games Eligibility of coaches***

Eligibility requirements are set by the AYSO National Games Rules and Regulations, in addition AYSO Region 345 will require that coaches:

- \*Be AYSO Trained and Certified in proper age division (U10 and U12-U12 Coach, U14-Intermediate Coach, U16 and U19-Advanced Coach.
- \*Have current AYSO volunteer application on file at the National Support & Training Center
- \*Be AYSO Coach Safe Haven Certified
- \*Have completed an AYSO coach clinic for current Fall AYSO Region 345 season
- \*Have participated as a coach or assistant coach during current Fall AYSO Region 345 season

## ***AYSO Region 345 National Games Criteria for coach selection***

- Actively follows the 6 AYSO philosophies
- Demonstrates a positive & motivating approach to coaching
- Has not had any disciplinary issues during the last calendar year
- Negative behavior during prior tournaments will also factor into selection criteria

## ***AYSO Region 345 National Games Team Tryouts***

- Once the region receives written confirmation of which AYSO Region 345 National Games team(s) have been picked in the lottery, open tryouts will be scheduled. Exception: If AYSO Region 345 receives an invitation to participate in the AYSO National Games after AYSO Region 345 Section 14 State Games teams are made, there will be an open tryout for the AYSO Region 345 National Games Team with priority to AYSO Region 345 Section 14 State Games Teams.
- The AYSO Region 345 National Games tryouts will be held after July 31 of the year prior to the AYSO National Games to help with fundraising.
- Invitations for AYSO Region 345 National Games tryouts will be distributed in various formats: flyers in team mailboxes for coach to distribute during current season, flyers will be posted, information will be on website, information will be in newsletter mailed to all registered AYSO Region 345 players homes.
- Three separate dates for tryouts will be scheduled. Flyers will be posted and put in the team mailboxes for distribution to all players.
- All registered AYSO Region 345 players must attend and actively participate in at least one of the tryouts. No one will be allowed to just sign-in without actively participating in the tryouts. AYSO

Region 345 Tournament committee will review individual situations when a registered AYSO Region 345 player is not able to participate in tryouts because of temporary medical restrictions or injury. *(In this case, the registered AYSO Region 345 player must sign in and observe a minimum of one tryout).* Also, the AYSO Region 345 Tournament Committee will review individual situations when a player is not able to participate in tryouts due to other special circumstances deemed acceptable by the AYSO Region 345 Tournament Committee.

### ***AYSO Region 345 National Games Player Eligibility***

We will follow the AYSO National Games rules and regulations regarding player eligibility. Please see AYSO National Games Rules and Regulations.

Each player entering the AYSO National Games tournament must have played no less than 50% of the just completed core season (fall) AYSO Region 345 game schedule and must have been registered and paid for at the AYSO National Support and Training Center by October 1st of the current Fall AYSO Region 345 Season. If a region is unable to fill a team or a player was unable to participate in 50% of the regular season, the AYSO Section 14 Area I Director may provide a variance providing that the AYSO Region 345 Regional commissioner submits in writing sufficient justification.

### ***AYSO Region 345 National Games Volunteer Requirement***

AYSO Region 345 Volunteer Requirements for National Games held in Section 14

#### ***AYSO Region 345 National Games Players***

Each AYSO Region 345 National Games team player is responsible for volunteering a minimum of (3) three hours to be eligible to be a member of the AYSO Region 345 National Games Team. This requirement must be fulfilled by a parent and/or guardian (with a current AYSO Volunteer form on file) for all player/participants under the age of 12. All AYSO Region 345 National Games team players 12 and older must fulfill the required (3) three hours personally.

AYSO Region 345 National Games Coach, AYSO Region 345 Assistant Coach and AYSO Region 345 Technical Assistant

Each AYSO Region 345 National Games Coach, AYSO Region 345 Assistant Coach and AYSO Region 345 Technical Assistant are responsible for volunteering a minimum of (3) three hours to be eligible to be a member of the AYSO Region 345 National Games Teams.

### ***AYSO Region 345 National Games Replacing dropped players***

If an AYSO Region 345 National Games team is not fully rostered, open tryouts are required for the remaining open positions.

### ***AYSO Region 345 National Games Tournament Fees***

If an AYSO National Games team is selected from AYSO Region 345, it is up to the AYSO Region 345 National Games team to pay all tournament fees and travel arrangements. AYSO Region 345 recreational league does not cover the cost for any tournament. Each AYSO Region 345 National Games team is to be self-sufficient in raising their own money for entry fees, etc.

### ***AYSO Region 345 National Games Uniforms***

If additional jerseys or t-shirts are needed, orders must be received and paid for to the AYSO Region 345 Tournament Committee at least (30) thirty days in advance. Uniform shirts or t-shirts must comply with the AYSO regulations with the AYSO logo on the left front of the shirt.

### ***AYSO Region 345 National Games Fund Raising***

Since, most of the sites are out of state, the team can be formed before the Fall AYSO Region 345 season begins to help in fundraising. All fundraising must be approved by the AYSO Region 345 Tournament Committee & AYSO Region 345 Regional Commissioner before commencing.

### ***AYSO Region 345 National Games Sponsorships***

All forms that go out for sponsorship must be approved by the AYSO Region 345 Regional Commissioner.

### ***AYSO Region 345 National Games Practice days and times***

Practices will be limited to Friday or Sunday's, provided there is field space, during the current recreational season. If an AYSO Region 345 Section 14 National Games team is found practicing on days not permitted during the current recreational season, the team will not get approval to participate in the AYSO National Games tournament.

AYSO Region 345 Section 14 National Games coaches must submit in writing any preferences regarding AYSO Region 345 Section 14 National Games team practices. AYSO Region 345

National Games practice days and times and field assignments will be determined by AYSO Region 345 Tournament Committee Chair(s) and AYSO Region 345 Regional Commissioner.

Scrimmages must be approved and scheduled with the AYSO Region 345 Tournament Committee Chair(s) and AYSO Region 345 Regional Commissioner one week in advance, based on available field space. All scrimmages must have a certified referee for the game. The AYSO Region 345 Referee Administrator must be contacted to schedule.

### ***AYSO Region 345 Tournament Checking Account***

All AYSO Region 345 National Games Team(s) fundraising or sponsorship money must go through the AYSO Region 345 Tournament Checking Account. The AYSO Region 345 Tournament Checking Account will be set up with the signers being those of AYSO Region 345's main account. The AYSO Region 345 Tournament Treasurer will have a separate tracking for each team's funds, but each team must maintain their own records. Bills must be submitted for approval of funds (to be used with preparation and participation in any tournament(s) or other event(s) not associated with the Fall and Spring AYSO Region 345 season-NO alcohol or items not in following of the AYSO principles may be submitted).

Each AYSO Region 345 National Games team must meet once a month with the AYSO Region 345 Tournament Checking Account Treasurer to reconcile the account. If a discrepancy occurs between AYSO Region 345 Tournament Checking Account and AYSO Region 345 National Games team(s) records, no funds will be disbursed until the issue is resolved for AYSO Region 345 National Team(s).

These AYSO Region 345 National Games team(s) must abide by all AYSO Rules and Regulations, AYSO Region 345 Rules and Regulations, AYSO Section 14 Area I Guidelines, and AYSO National Tournament Rules and Regulations. However, if an AYSO Region 345 National Games team does not abide by these rules, the team will not be able to enter the AYSO National Games Tournament or any other tournament. The AYSO Region 345 Tournament Committee & the AYSO Region 345 Regional Commissioner will start the process of selection of a new coach and schedule an AYSO Region 345 National Games Team tryout for this age level.

## **AYSO Region 345 Small-Sided Teams**

All AYSO Region 345 players are eligible to play in small-sided Tournaments as representatives of AYSO Region 345 as long as they have registered and played in the current AYSO membership year August 1 thru July 31. Any AYSO Region 345 team which wishes to enter a small-sided tournament must submit a written request via email or hard copy to the AYSO Region 345 Regional Commissioner (30) thirty days in advance of the tournament deadline for registration. These teams are bound by the AYSO Rules and Regulations as well as AYSO Region 345's Rules and Regulations and AYSO Section 14 Area I guidelines. The AYSO Region 345 Small-Sided team will be responsible for all tournament entry fees and travel arrangements.

**NO AYSO REGION 345 SMALL SIDED TEAM WILL BE PERMITTED TO PLAY IN ANY TOURNAMENT THAT CONFLICTS WITH THE FALL AYSO REGION 345 CORE SEASON OR SECONDARY SPRING AYSO REGION 345 SEASON.**

### ***AYSO Region 345 Small-Sided Teams-Eligibility of coaches***

Eligibility requirements are set by the AYSO National Rules and regulations. In addition, AYSO Region 345 will require that AYSO Region 345 Small-Sided Team coaches:

- \*Be AYSO Trained and Certified in proper age division (U10-U10 Coach, U12-U12 Coach, U14-Intermediate Coach, U16 and U19-Advanced Coach.
- \*Have current AYSO volunteer application on file at the National Support & Training Center
- \*Be AYSO Coach Safe Haven Certified
- \*Have completed an AYSO coach-clinic for Fall AYSO Region 345 or Spring AYSO Region 345 season of the current membership year of August 1 thru July 31.
- \*Have participated as a coach or assistant coach during the-Fall AYSO Region 345 or Spring AYSO Region 345 season of the current membership year of August 1 thru July 31.

### **AYSO Region 345 Small-Sided Teams Criteria for coach selection**

- Actively follows the 6 AYSO philosophies
- Demonstrates a positive & motivating approach to coaching
- Has not had any disciplinary issues during the last calendar year
- Negative behavior during prior tournaments will also factor into selection criteria

### **AYSO Region 345 Small-Sided Teams Player Eligibility**

Each player on an AYSO Region 345 Small-Sided team must have played in the AYSO Region 345 Fall or Spring season of the current membership year August 1-July 31.

### **AYSO Region 345 Small-Sided Teams Practice days and times**

Practices will be limited to Friday or Sunday's, provided there is field space, during the current recreational season. If an AYSO Region 345 Small-Sided team is found practicing on days not permitted during the current recreational season, the team will not get approval to participate in the tournament.

AYSO Region 345 Small-Sided Teams Coaches must submit in writing any preferences regarding AYSO Region 345 Small-Sided team practices. AYSO Region 345 Small Sided practice days and times and field assignments will be determined by AYSO Region 345 Tournament Committee Chair(s) and the AYSO Region 345 Regional Commissioner. Scrimmage games must be approved and scheduled with the AYSO Region 345 Tournament Committee Chair(s) and AYSO Region 345 Regional Commissioner one week in advance, based on available field space.

### **AYSO Region 345 Small-Sided Tournament Fees**

All AYSO Region 345 Small-Sided Team(s) fundraising, entry fees, or sponsorship money must go through the AYSO Region 345 Tournament Checking Account. The AYSO Region 345 Tournament Checking Account will be set up with the signers being those of AYSO Region 345's main account. The AYSO Region 345 Treasurer will have a separate tracking for each AYSO Region 345's Small-Sided team's funds, but each AYSO Region 345 Small-Sided team must maintain their own records. **Bills must be submitted for approval of funds and for reimbursement (to be used with preparation and participation in any tournament(s) or others event(s) not associated with the Fall and Spring AYSO Region 345 season-NO alcohol or items not in following of the AYSO principles may be submitted).**

The AYSO Region 345 league does not cover the cost for any tournament. Each Small-Sided tournament team is to be self-sufficient in raising their own money for entry fees, etc. This money must go through AYSO Region 345's Tournament Account.

These AYSO Region 345 Small-Sided Tournament team(s) must abide by all AYSO Rules and Regulations, AYSO Region 345 Rules and Regulations, AYSO Section 14 Area I Guidelines, and AYSO National Tournament Rules and Regulations. However, if an AYSO Region 345 Small-Sided Tournament team does not abide by these rules, the team will not be able to enter any tournament. The AYSO Region 345 Tournament Committee & the AYSO Region 345 Regional Commissioner will start the process of selection of a new coach.

***The AYSO Region 345 Tournament Committee & the AYSO Region 345 Regional Commissioner are responsible for the implementation and interpretation of these rules and regulations. Anything not covered under these rules, must be submitted in writing or email to all members of the AYSO Region 345 Tournament Committee & the AYSO Region 345 Regional Commissioner for discussion.***