

TO: All Coaches, 10U-19U
FROM: AYSO Region 345 Tournament Committee
RE: 2018 AYSO Region 345 Section 14 State Games Coach Application

The 2018 AYSO Section 14 State Games will be held over the Presidents Day Holiday weekend February 17-19, 2018. This year the tournament will be in Wellington. Due to the tournament being held during our Spring Season, we will take that weekend off for the recreational program, however, practices will be limited to Sundays once the Spring season has commenced. AYSO Region 345 has always been a strong supporter and successful participant in the AYSO Section 14 State Games. Boys and girls teams in the 10U, 12U, 14U, 16U/19U divisions are eligible to compete in this tournament. We need coaches, assistant coaches, and team managers (technical assistants) in each of these divisions. We want to make the AYSO Section 14 State Games experience available to as many players as possible.

A 2018 AYSO Region 345 Section 14 State Games coach application is attached. If you are interested in coaching or participating at the 2018 AYSO Section 14 State Games this year, please fill out the attached application and return it to AYSO Region 345 Tournament Committee (or email to region345@aol.com). The application can also be found at AYSO345.com by **Saturday, October 7, 2017**. All interested coaches are encouraged to submit an application. Participation as a coach at the AYSO Section 14 State Games is a rewarding and memorable experience. We are always looking for enthusiastic coaches willing to expand their commitment to this program. Please consider this an open invitation. All applications will be considered in all divisions. **All coaches and assistant coaches interested in coaching at the 2018 AYSO Section 14 State Games must have on file a current 2017 AYSO Volunteer Application, CDC Certified, and be certified at the level in which they are coaching(10U-12U certification, 12U-12U certification, 14U-Intermediate certification, 16U & 19U-Advance Certification).**

In the selection of coaches and assistant coaches, we are looking for coaches with a positive attitude, who believe in and have demonstrated their commitment to the six fundamental AYSO philosophies and will uphold and support these philosophies as a representative of AYSO Region 345 at the AYSO Section 14 State Games Tournament. **The 2018 AYSO Region 345 Section 14 State Games coaches and assistant coaches for each division will be selected on Monday, October 9, 2017.** There will be a mandatory organizational meeting for all coaches and assistant coaches selected to participate in the 2017 AYSO Section 14 State Games on **Wednesday, October 11, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.**

Tryouts for players interested in participating in the AYSO Section 14 State Games will be held on:

Sunday, October 15—10U & 12U Boys & Girls 3:00-4:30; 14U, 16U, & 19U Boys & Girls 4:30-6:00

Friday, October 21—10U & 12U Boys & Girls 6:00-7:30; 14U, 16U, & 19U Boys & Girls 7:30-9:00

Sunday, October 22—10U & 12U Boys & Girls 3:00-4:30; 14U, 16U, & 19U Boys & Girls 4:30-6:00

Teams will be picked the week of October 23 in the Activity Building (Coach of each team only) 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. As scheduled below:

Monday, October 23-U10 Boys & Girls Teams made 6:30-8 pm

Tuesday, October 24-U12 Boys & Girls Teams made 6:30-8 pm, (AYSO Tournament Committee reviews U10 Boys & Girls Teams and contacts coaches with final roster)

Wednesday, October 25-U14 Boys & Girls, U16 Boys & Girls, U19 Boys & Girls Teams made 6:30-8 pm, (AYSO Tournament Committee reviews U12 Boys & Girls Teams & contacts coaches with final roster)

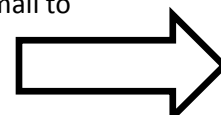
Thursday, October 26- (AYSO Tournament Committee reviews U14 Boys & Girls Teams and contacts coaches with final roster)

The 2018 AYSO Region 345 Section 14 State Games teams may practice on Sunday's starting October 30 until the end of the AYSO Region 345 Fall recreational season. However, the priority will be for the players to attend their recreational team practice. During the week practices will begin on Monday, November 20.

All monies and forms will be due to the office by Monday, November 20 between 6:30 pm to 8 pm. Id cards filled out with pictures attached, uniform order filled out completely, monies handed in by cash only (\$90.00 per player plus \$300 referee binder each team, extra items order and monies are due as well.

It has always been and will continue to be the policy of this region to include as many players as possible in this tournament. To achieve this goal, in any division where a sufficient number of players tryout to roster multiple teams, the region will be represented at the AYSO Section 14 State Games by the maximum number of teams permitted by the tournament organizers. These teams will be as evenly matched and balanced as possible.

If you have any questions concerning the 2018 AYSO Section 14 State Games, or the Coach Application, please call your division coordinator, Coach Administrator Mike James (254-9760), Assistant Coach Administrator Jim Cummins (601-4178), Boys Director Rachel Forberger (762-9069), or Girls Director Paul Picard 251-0329 or email to region345@aol.com



Special Note : Following the State Games, there may be an opportunity to participate with your same team in Section League Play. This allows your players the opportunity to travel and play other AYSO teams within our Section, which is Section 14. Here are the specifics:

- 01) Your commitment would be required approximately through the middle of June, 2018.
- 02) You would coach the same team as you coached in the 2018 AYSO State Games.
- 03) A maximum of 2 teams per division are allowed to participate, even though we will have 3 teams participating in some divisions at the 2018 AYSO State Games. During the coach selection process, if there are 3 teams in a division they will be given a number 1 through 3. Teams 1 and 2 will have the first opportunity to play in the Section League Play, and Team 3 will have the opportunity if either Team 1 or Team 2 declines.
- 04) There will be a participation cost per player which has yet to be determined.
- 05) During the Region 345 Spring Season, practices will be allowed 1x – on a Sunday. After the end of the Spring Season, practices will be allowed 2x per week, and 1x on the weekends that you do not have any games.
- 06) All games are scheduled on the weekend.
- 07) Travel can be as far as Key West and every attempt is made to schedule 2 games on that weekend.
- 08) If you have players that do not wish to participate and need to fill those spots, you must submit your player request to the Region 345 Tournament Committee. A player on another team that is participating in Section League Play cannot switch teams! If there is a 2018 AYSO State Games team that is not participating, then you may request for any of those players to fill your open spots. Please do not ask the players first as they may not be in good standing with the league and would not be able to participate!

Tournament Play in other tournaments: As a competitive team, the team would be allowed to play in other AYSO or USSF tournaments. However, notification must be given to the AYSO Region 345 Tournament Committee at region345@aol.com at least 30 days before the tournament but NO tournaments can be played during the Fall or Spring recreational season. Below is some tournaments that team may want to play in:

1. Wellington Cup (Martin Luther King weekend)
2. Inca Cola in Hialeah
3. Palm Beach Cup (not advisable as they take the money but usually do not let AYSO teams in)
4. Region 864 Key Largo usually has a tournament in December for 10U, 12U & 14U
5. Vero Beach Spring Classic in April
6. Orlando City in May
7. Various 5 v 5 tournaments in April, May, and June
8. Beach Soccer Tournaments (MBS Soccer and Beach Bums Sand Soccer) in May, June, and July (However, the team would not be covered by the AYSO Insurance due to beach soccer is not approved by AYSO.