

**TO: All Coaches certified U12 and above**  
**FROM: AYSO Region 345 Tournament Committee**  
**RE: 2016 AYSO Region 345 National Games, Coach Application**

Every two years, AYSO sponsors its National Games Tournament. The 2016 AYSO National Games will be held the week of July 5-July 10, 2016 in Wellington, Florida. A team from the **U12 Girls division** has been selected to represent AYSO Region 345 at next year's tournament. This will be the seventh time AYSO Region 345 has participated in AYSO's premier event. Coaching and participating in the AYSO National Games will require significant commitments of time and effort. A coach must be willing to dedicate the next four months to the preparations necessary to a successful AYSO National Games experience. The monetary costs associated with participation in this event are significant (example: \$250 to \$300 per player towards entry fees, extra tournaments, extra uniforms, bags, sweatsuits, water bottles, etc. ) Coaches must be willing to commit to planning and participating in a variety of fundraising activities that can begin immediately and continue right up to the time the team plays. Each team representing AYSO Region 345 will be responsible for raising all the money necessary to participate in this tournament. The region will not be responsible for fundraising or subsidizing these teams. The region will pay the entry fee to the AYSO National Games, however, if the team withdraws after a refund can be secured, the team will be responsible in paying the entry fee back to the region. Please keep this requirement in mind when submitting your application.

A 2016 AYSO Region 345 National Games Coach Application is attached. If you are interested in coaching or participating at the 2016 AYSO Region 345 National Games this year, please fill out the attached application and return it to AYSO Region 345 Tournament Committee at the AYSO Soccer Building at Okeeheelee (or email to [region345@aol.com](mailto:region345@aol.com)) by **5:00 pm on April 10, 2016**. All interested coaches are encouraged to submit an application. Participation as a coach at the AYSO National 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 2016 AYSO National Games must have on file a current 2015 AYSO Volunteer Application and be certified at the level in which they are coaching (U10-U12 certification, U12-U12 certification, U14-Intermediate certification, U16 & U19-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 2016 AYSO National Games Tournament. The 2016 AYSO Region 345 National Games coaches and assistant coaches for each division will be selected on Monday, April 11, 2016. There will be a mandatory organizational meeting for all coaches and assistant coaches selected to participate in the 2016 AYSO National Games on Wednesday, April 13, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. to verify team, uniform colors, fundraising ideas, etc.

Tryouts for players interested in participating in the 2016 AYSO National Games will be held on:

**Saturday, April 16, 2016—1:00 to 2:30 pm**  
**Sunday, April 17, 2016—1:00 pm to 2:30 pm**

Team selection will be emailed to the Regional Commissioner at [region345@aol.com](mailto:region345@aol.com) by April 18, 2016.

The AYSO Region 345 2016 National Games teams may practice up to (3) three times per week inclusive of games. Practices need to be scheduled with Todd Masi at [toddism@msn.com](mailto:toddism@msn.com) and copied to Rose Arsenault at [polar4321@aol.com](mailto:polar4321@aol.com). Any and all practices, games, or scrimmages must be approved in order for the players to be covered by the insurance of AYSO.

If you have any questions concerning the 2016 AYSO National Games, or the Coach Application, please call your division coordinator, Coach Administrator Mike James (254-9760) or [coachmikejamesayso@yahoo.com](mailto:coachmikejamesayso@yahoo.com), Assistant Coach Administrator Jim Cummins (601-4178) or [cumminsjs4@aol.com](mailto:cumminsjs4@aol.com), Boys Director Rachel Forberger (795-0044) or [rachforb@comcast.net](mailto:rachforb@comcast.net), or Girls Director Bert Winkler (371-9301) or [winklerlaw@yahoo.com](mailto:winklerlaw@yahoo.com) or email to [region345@aol.com](mailto:region345@aol.com)