



# Section 11 Area E Handbook For Coaches And Parents



Welcome to AYSO Section 11 Area E for the 2009—2010 fall season, League and All Star Competition and the Spring Select program.

We look forward to another great season of competition both in our Regional and Area programs.

This Fall Season will see the implementation of the U5 Program and also the introduction of the 9 vs 9 program at the U12 level. I have to stress that a lot of thought and preparation has gone into this program. We expect a lot of dissent over it but we have to stress that this program has been developed by the top youth coaches and is being implemented across the world, not just in AYSO. Before you all rush to judgment because it isn't, in your opinion, real soccer, I ask you to try it and coach it per the guidelines that you will receive and then give us an honest evaluation at the end of the season.

Abuse of referees and players by coaches and parents continues to plague this sport. This is behavior that must be stopped. (Please note the Code of Conduct on the back page).

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Director Area E

The American Youth Soccer Organization is a nationwide non-profit organization that develops quality youth Soccer programs in a fun, family environment based on AYSO's SIX philosophies:

- Everyone plays
- Balanced teams
- Open registration
- Positive Coaching
- Good sportsmanship
- Player Development

We strive to create a positive environment based on mutual respect rather than a win - at - all - costs attitude, and our programs are designed to instill good sportsmanship in every facet of AYSO.

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## Area E League Playoffs

### *A. Regional Responsibilities*

1. Each region shall publish a listing of their playoff teams denoting coach's names, phone number, email address, division, uniform color and home field locations. **Coaches must have age appropriate coaching certification to participate in Area and Section League Playoffs and All-stars**
2. If a team decides to withdraw from the playoffs after schedules have been published, it is the responsibility of that region's RC to notify ALL affected parties as soon as possible.
3. Each facility used for hosting playoff games should have a refreshment stand, restrooms, and an official check-in/welcome station to greet the teams and referees as they arrive and to answer any questions.

### *B. Player Authenticity*

1. All Players must have been registered for the current soccer year (August 1 - July 31), and must have played in a minimum of 75% of their AYSO team's league games except in cases of a verified injury.
2. Each player and coach must have a laminated ID card that includes a current picture – **No card, no play**

### *C. Regional Reporting Responsibilities*

1. Each hosting region (usually the RRA) must report results (input into web system) and referee misconduct reports by the end of the day.
2. Misconducts must be filed using the Misconduct Report located on the Area E website

### *D. Team Placements*

Where applicable, league teams will be noted in playoffs as follows:

1. A Team is the Region's First Place Team
2. B Team is the Region's Second Place Team
3. A wild card will be drawn in each division for the final position.

### *E. Length of Games:* Games will be the same duration as during season (as posted on the game cards):

U10: 2 - 25 minute halves

U12: 2 – 30 minutes halves

U14: 2 – 35 minutes halves

### *F. Regular game substitution:*

During the regular time of the match, the referee will stop the match approximately half way thru the first and second halves for substitutions (time will continue to run). Each player is required to play at least 2 quarters (half of each half). This time is to substitute players ONLY – it is NOT for coaching. It is expected that the “quarter break” will last less than 1 minute – long enough for the coach to tell the players who is off and who is on (this should be done before the game). Players may go to the sideline for a drink but must do it quickly be back on the field – players may not leave the field and coaches/parents may not step on the field.

### *G. Injured players: NEW RULE*

Injured players requiring coach assistance (the coach comes on the field) will be REQUIRED to leave the field of play. The referee will restart the match. The injured player must leave the field and wait for the Referee to motion them back on the field. This may take place immediately or after a period of time for the player to recover (normal USSF/FIFA process) – referee will decide. If the injured player is substituted for, that player must sit out the entire period until the next quarter, half, or overtime. The injured player receives credit for playing the entire quarter, regardless of the time during the period they became injured and left the field.

## ***H. Overtime / Kicks from the Mark (PK) ONLY USED IN SEMIFINALS AND FINALS***

1. League Playoff games will not end in a tie. Overtime rules are as follows:

a. Coin toss to decide possession. Normal coin toss applies – winner selects direction, loser gets the ball  
b. Free substitution is permitted during Overtime. Substitutions may be made at ANY STOPPAGE of play (ie: Throw in, Goal Kick, DFK/IFK, and injury). Normal substitution procedures are in effect – referee and AR MUST be notified and approve the substitution – doing just send player on the field. Injured player or player being brought is as substitute must go to half-way line to be motioned in by the referee.

No limitation on the number of players who can be substituted. Clock is NOT stopped for substitution.

c. Length of Overtime:

I. U10 - 2 five-minute periods

II. U12 - 2 seven-minute periods

III. U14 - 2 nine-minute periods

IV. U19/U16 - 2 ten-minute periods

Clock is NOT stopped for substitution.

d. At the end of the first overtime period, the teams immediately switch ends of the field and resume play with a kickoff by the team who did not kick off to begin overtime.

e. There is NO sudden victory in overtime. Both periods must be played.

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II. Each team shall alternately take five (5) kicks at the same goal. A different player shall take each kick. The team scoring the most goals is declared the winner.

III. If the score is still tied at the end of the initial kick from the mark\ phase, then each team shall alternate kicks from the mark, using players on the field that have not yet participated, until a winner is secured.

g. Players who do not participate during the regulation portion of a game due to illness or discipline reasons are not eligible to participate in the overtime periods of a game or the taking of kicks from the mark.

Players who are unavoidably late who do not play half or even none of the regulation game are eligible, though not required to play during the overtime periods and the taking of kicks from the mark.

### ***I. Referees***

1. Should be qualified and must be a three-person team on each game.

**NO TWO-PERSON TEAMS ARE PERMITTED.** Get a "Club Linesman" for the match or **NO GAME** will be played.

a. U10 games must have at least an Intermediate referee assigned .AR's may be lower level

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2. Regions will be asked to supply a minimum of 3 of your best referees at each level (Regional, Intermediate, and Advanced). The referees should be instructed to arrive at least one-half hour before the scheduled game time and to dress in proper uniforms (proper shorts, socks, and shirts – be professional, these are the playoffs). Each referee must have a least 3 jersey colors (Yellow, Red, Black) – Regions should provide these to referees. If late or not properly attired, R/AR may lose there position in that match and future matches.

3. The referee teams will be picked and assigned by the Area staff. The referee teams will be mixed with refs coming from different regions to form the team. This is being done to ensure referees get to know and learn from each other. We need to develop camaraderie among the refs

– These should be your best and be looking to move up the referee ranks.

4. RC's should refrain from officiating Area Playoff games unless they are properly certified for that level of play.

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### ***J. Miscellaneous***

Area 11-E reserves the right to allow or not allow any team, coach, or Region to participate in regular season, the Area 11-E League Playoff or All-Star tournaments, the Section League Playoff or All-Star tournaments, the California State Championships League Playoff or All- Star tournaments, and/ or the Spring Soccer league.

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1. The format will be 7 teams playing each other once in league play.
2. In the event of a head to head tie at the end of league play, those teams will playoff on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday.

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Ties are will be counted during Pool Play (no overtime)

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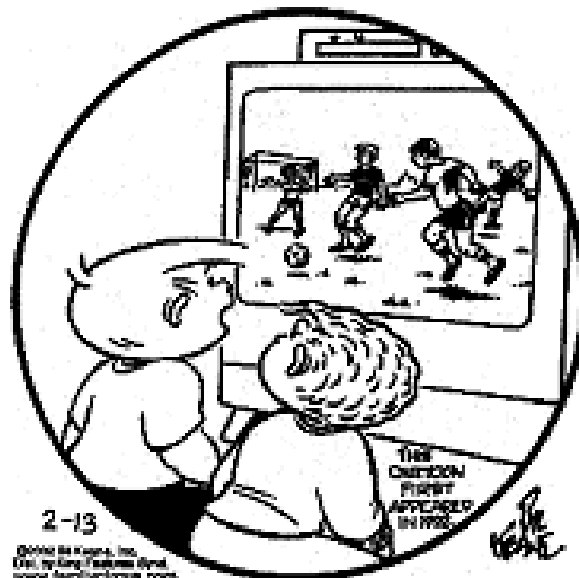
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**"The reason they can play that good is their parents aren't yelling at them from the sidelines."**

**Useful links**

Area E Website: [www.area11e.org](http://www.area11e.org)

Section 11 Website: <http://www.aysosectioneleven.org>

National Website: [www.soccer.org](http://www.soccer.org)

AYSO help website: [www.aysohelp.org](http://www.aysohelp.org)

## Area 11-E Code of Conduct 2009 - 2010

### **This season, the following code Of conduct will be enforced:**

#### **Players:**

□□□□ No fighting. If a player is red carded for fighting, his/her playing season is terminated. The offending player may also be subject to a disciplinary hearing, possibly leading to being banned from playing AYSO again.

□□□□ Respect the calls made by the officials. No form of abuse is permitted. The first verbal abuse will result in a yellow card. Any second abuse/offense will result in a red card and a minimum one (1) game suspension. Physical abuse will be treated as per “fighting” – above.

□□□□ Respect your opponent. Over the course of the season, if a player receives three (3) yellow cards for abusing either his opponents or officials, a disciplinary hearing will be held to determine if his/her playing season (and perhaps his/her future involvement in AYSO) will be terminated. That player will be ineligible for play until the results of the hearing have been determined.

#### **Parents / Spectators:**

□□□□ *Support, or at a minimum be silent regarding the calls of the referee.* Parents can “fuel the fires” from the sidelines and spectator behavior encouraging poor sportsmanship will result in removal of the offending party from the field. Based on the match report, a decision will be made as to the possibility of additional sanctions against the offending spectator.

□□□□ *do not challenge any official, opposing team’s coach, players or parents.* If any parent or spectator does make such a “challenge” anytime or anywhere during the game or afterwards (example: in a parking lot), then they will not be allowed to attend future games. If they persist in being present, their team’s match will be suspended until such time as they leave the field or their team may possibly be forced to forfeit the match.

**Coaches:** It is the responsibility of the coaches to ensure proper conduct on the part of themselves, their players and spectators. If not, the coach (as) also may face disciplinary action.

These actions are for everyone's benefit. Soccer is a game and we should respect it and enjoy it. If anyone has questions regarding these "standards", please feel free to contact your respective Regional Commissioner and/or your Area Director. If you choose not to abide by these principles of good sportsmanship, AYSO is not the right fit for you. We look forward to making all matches a pleasure to watch. Thank you in advance for your support and compliance to these matters.

**Disciplinary matters:**

**A player receiving a red card for any offence will receive an automatic one (1) game suspension. The discipline will be reviewed by a disciplinary review board and the suspension may be adjusted by this review board.**

**A player receiving 3 yellow cards during a season will be subject to a disciplinary review hearing and may receive a one game suspension.**

**The disciplinary review board will be assembled by the Assistant Regional Commissioner and will normally consist of 3 members.**