



American Youth

Soccer Organization

Area 3T
Extra Program Handbook
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I. EXTRA PROGRAM MISSION STATEMENT

To provide additional playing opportunities that comply with AYSO core policies, create excellence in soccer performance, and promote individual achievement within the AYSO environment.

Our goal for the Extra Program is to not select players, but to allow players to select themselves. It is our responsibility to provide every player with an environment that suits his or her needs, abilities and goals, and to provide excellence in all adult volunteer support roles to enhance the player's experience.

II. PURPOSE OF THIS HANDBOOK

This handbook is designed to clearly outline and articulate the criteria and requirements Regions shall abide by for participation in the Extra program, and to provide a common structure and understanding of how our Extra program operates. A key attraction feature of the Extra program is the ability to compete on a level playing field with teams from neighboring Regions. In order for inter-regional play to flourish and remain a core attraction, it is critical that all Regions abide by a common set of standards.

It should be noted that the common set of standards outlined herein:

- ❖ Is completely consistent with existing AYSO doctrine; in some areas more specific direction is provided for the purpose of standardizing the experience across Regions. Our existing standard Regional Guidelines provide governing principles within Regions and by definition allow for some latitude so that individual Regions can customize their program to the local environment. More specific structures are required to ensure that inter-regional play, in this case the Extra program, is not subject to different rules and conditions depending on where the matches are played.
- ❖ Is also consistent with the way all quality youth sports organizations operate as far as their equivalent of inter-regional play is concerned. For example, Little League Baseball, Pop Warner Football, CYO basketball, etc., all abide by relatively strict doctrine when it comes to rules and structures governing competition.

Participating in the Extra Program will require adherence to the criteria and requirements contained in this

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handbook. This includes prior and annual approval by the Area Director and compliance with all reporting and other requirements. The purpose of these requirements is not to add bureaucracy to what should be a player-focused program, but to ensure that all parties involved are sharing the same set of standards and methods of program implementation.

III. AYSO PHILOSOPHY IN RELATION TO THE EXTRA PROGRAM

The Extra Teams Program is, by definition, "Extra" soccer. At no time should the program be construed as an alternative or anything other than a supplement to traditional ("core") AYSO play. The Extra Program in Area 3T falls under definitions that include "Advanced Play" and "Supplemental Play" in AYSO National parlance.

All AYSO Rules and Regulations, National Board of Directors policies and Extra Teams Program administrator's decisions shall be followed. The guiding principal of the Extra Program is the five core AYSO philosophies. This describes the practical applications of the five philosophies in the Extra environment:

Everyone Plays

Every player must play at least half a game. No player may play four "quarters" until all players have played three "quarters" and no player may play more than half a game as goalkeeper.

It is the responsibility of the coaches to plan playing rotation in such a way as to ensure playing time is distributed in this manner, regardless of game situation. Game situations, or the desire to make tactical player moves in "close" games are not acceptable criteria for failing to abide by the playing time rule.

Open Registration

Programs should seek to include as many players as possible, thus registration must be open to all interested players willing to make the additional commitment, who are actively enrolled and playing in the AYSO Program. The Extra Program year shall be defined as beginning on August 1 and finishing on July 31 in the next calendar year.

In cases where the number of interested players exceeds maximum roster requirements for any given age level, recruiting to create an additional team is the preferred

solution. "Cutting" players based on perceived skill or merit is contradictory to AYSO Philosophy.

Players who wish to be eligible in Extra teams play MUST be not only currently registered in an AYSO Region, but must also be active participants in core AYSO. The minimum standard for participation in Extra is defined as co-participation in more than 50% of the player's core AYSO team activities.

Balanced Teams

In cases where more than one team is to be formed within a Region, the Region shall form balanced teams. "A/B" teams will not be accommodated and creation of such teams is prohibited.

Balancing of teams within a match setting will also be achieved by correct coaching approach during games as specifically defined under Good Sportsmanship.

Positive Coaching

Existing AYSO rules and guidelines apply. Nothing new is required for Extra program coaches, other than the addition of sanctions, which will be applied to non-positive behavior by coaches, assistants or parents/spectators associated with the coach's team.

Sanctions: Any coach or assistant coach cited for non-positive behavior in a game report by or verified by the referee will be:

- ❖ For the first offense: Given a warning - will go to both the coach and appropriate Regional Commissioner
- ❖ For the second offense: Suspended from the Program for one game.
- ❖ For the third offense: Suspended from the Program for one full season.

Due process will be afforded as outlined in existing AYSO procedures and guidelines.

Coaches are also reminded that they are responsible for the behavior of parents and spectators associated with their team, which may require heightened sensitivity due to the level of "competitiveness" that is expected in a program of this nature. (A pre-season team meeting to state the policy clearly and to affirm Kids Zone principles is strongly recommended).

Good Sportsmanship

Existing rules and guidelines apply with the one addition. For the Extra Program, one measure of Good Sporting Behavior is to be defined by the goal margin of any game. Since it is impossible to balance teams across Regions when the player pool for any team is by definition restricted to an individual Region, Extra team coaches need to have a heightened awareness to the possibility of an imbalanced match, and reminded that per AYSO philosophy, one-sided games (aka "blowouts") are not acceptable outcomes for any AYSO match. As such, sanctions will be applied to lack of good sporting behavior as determined by the goal differential of the match.

A maximum goal differential in the score line of SIX goals is mandatory, i.e. no team may win a game by more than six goals e.g. 6-0, 7-1, 8-2, etc. It is the responsibility of the Regions to ensure that program coaches are well versed in the various means available to manage the goal differential in a match.

Any coach allowing his/her team to exceed such a goal differential will be subject to the following sanctions:

- ❖ For the first offense: Warning to coach and region from the Program.
- ❖ For the second offense: One game suspension for coach and \$50 fine to the team's region for each goal in excess of the allowed six goal differential.
- ❖ For the third offense: One season suspension for coach from the Program and \$100 fine to the team's region for each goal in excess of the allowed six goal differential.

As noted above, coaches will be held responsible for any such behavior on the part of players, parents/spectators or any other individual associated with their team. If such behavior is cited in game reports and verified, a warning will be issued and the team/Region is expected to handle the situation as per AYSO Policy. If the Team/Region fails to take appropriate the Area reserves the right to impose sanctions as per the goal differential violation.

Due process will be afforded as outlined in existing AYSO procedures and guidelines.

Note regarding payment and collection of fines:

It is hoped that no such fines will be collected. Sanctions are intended as a deterrent to non-positive behavior, not as a source of revenue. In the event that fines are imposed, it is the Region's discretion whether the fine is

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to be sourced from Regional Extra program funds or directly from the offending coach/team; however the Regions are responsible for payment of fines to the Area regardless of the internal decision. Any fine funds collected will be used to support Area-level Volunteer Training Programs (such as SuperCamps), consistent with the belief that excellent and accessible training is the best way to foster elimination of non-positive or unsporting behavior.

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IV. AREA STAFF - EXTRA PROGRAM MANAGEMENT TEAM

The Area Director will select the following Area-level volunteers to administer the program in conjunction with him or her self: the Area Extra Program Coordinator (AXPC), Extra Program Coaching Coordinator (AXCC), and Extra Program Referee Coordinator (AXRC).

This team, together with the Area Inter-Regional Play Director (AIPD), will administer the program, support the Regions in achieving the goals and mandates of the program, and serve as the main compliance and review mechanism for all program requirements.

Area Extra Program Coordinator (AXPC)

The criteria for selection as Program Coordinator should include the following:

- ❖ Trained to the highest level of the coaching program (Advanced or preferably National Coach).
- ❖ Have at least eight years experience as an AYSO volunteer
- ❖ Have highly developed organizational skills and motivational ability

Area Extra Program Coaching Coordinator (AXCC)

Trained to the highest level of the coaching program (Advanced or preferably National Coach).

- ❖ Have at least five years experience as an AYSO volunteer
- ❖ Have highly developed organizational skills and motivational ability

Area Extra Program Referee Coordinator (AXRC)

- ❖ Trained to the highest level of the referee program (Advanced or preferably National Referee).
- ❖ Have at least five years experience as an AYSO volunteer
- ❖ Have highly developed organizational skills and motivational ability

Any issues or concerns regarding the program shall be brought to the appropriate Area Extra Program volunteer.

V. TEAMS AND TEAM CREATION

A. Coach Selection

Having our best-trained and most motivated volunteers coaching teams in the Extra Program is a critical part of ensuring the success of the program. Highly trained AYSO Coaches are a second to none in terms of their ability to train and motivate players, as well as manage matches in full accordance with AYSO principles. We have found that in 90%+ of the cases involving game disputes, the issues which generated those disputes could have been mitigated with proper training and commonly understood principles on the part of the coaches. As is the case with other youth sports programs, and also in other youth soccer programs (where the USSF or USYS mandates coaching licenses acquired through training), coaching in the AYSO Extra Program is a privilege that requires proper training.

All program coaches must be in place prior to any selection of players. Coach selections must be handled well and sensitively. Coaches will be selected within the Regions using the following criteria:

- ❖ All coaches must fill out an Extra Program Coach Application.
- ❖ The Regional Board shall approve the team coaches.
- ❖ All coaches must be age-appropriately trained, but be at least a U12 level coach, be Safe Haven certified, and have a current Volunteer Application on file at the NSTC.
- ❖ All coaches must have demonstrated the abilities and positive behavior that properly qualify them to coach Extra Program players.
- ❖ Coaches must have demonstrated commitment to the Regional core program, to be defined by the Region.
- ❖ Coaches must have exhibited the highest standards of the AYSO philosophy.
- ❖ Upon completion of the mandatory Extra Coach's Orientation Course, coaches will be issued with an Extra Program ID card which must be carried at all Extra Program games and be produced on demand by game officials. Only coaches with ID are allowed to coach and Extra game. Should no other Extra Program coach WITH an ID card be available to substitute for the ejected coach, the game will be abandoned.
- ❖ All Coaches must attend the mandatory Extra Coaches meeting to be held not less than 14 days before the beginning of each Extra season in order to obtain the above cited ID Card.

Note: There will be no waivers of coach qualifications. Coaches may apply to coach a team prior to securing the necessary credentials, but those credentials must be achieved prior to the start of the season.

B. Player Eligibility and Assignment

In order to be eligible, a player must be registered in the current year in the core AYSO program, and be an active participant in the core program (minimum standard defined as participating in more than 50% of the team's activities). Player selection must be open to any player who is eligible and between the ages of 8 and 18 as of July 31 immediately prior to the start of the season (U9 to U19 divisions).

No tryouts in which players' skills are used as a tool to select an Extra team will be permitted under any circumstances. Skill evaluations may only occur in the interest of balancing teams. Any region conducting such tryouts will be suspended from the Extra Program indefinitely. Should there be any local requirement (e.g., by a town Parks and Recreation Department) for tryouts, criteria for such tryouts will be established by the AXPC.

The Area will seek to create division based on one-year (e.g. U9, U10, U11, etc.) increments based on soccer age as is universally established and reflected in AYSO regulations. Regions are encouraged to form teams based on precise soccer age eligibility; however players will be permitted to play "up" at a maximum of one age-year increment, in cases where distributing players this way will support balanced teams ideal or provide Extra team opportunities for more players by allowing formation of another team. Any exceptions to the one-year up regulation must be approved in writing by the AD, the AXPC, and the AIPD.

Teams may be formed based on a two-year mix of soccer ages, as is done in the core program. Of course, the overall team division designation is based on the age/division status of the oldest player on the team.

C. Parent Participation

The Extra Program cannot be successful without proper support from the players' parents. This means that the parents do what is required of them, while keeping the goals of the Extra Program and AYSO in view. Again, it is critically important that parents involved with this program understand that the more self-selecting nature of

the program does NOT mean that AYSO philosophies can be compromised.

To that end, parents of Extra Program players will be required to attend a pre-season team or program meeting conducted by the Region, where information, requirements and expectations are to be discussed. As is already the case in the core program, failure by parents to comply with any aspects of the Program may jeopardize their child's ability to participate.

D. Team Formation

The number of divisions and teams therein should be based on the number of players electing to participate in the program and the availability of fields and volunteers. The core program is the primary focus of AYSO. To support the continued health and well being of the core program, failure of a Region to observe the requirement that Extra Program players participate in the current core season each year will result in that Region's indefinite suspension from the Extra Program.

Should there be a sufficient number of teams registered in a division, the AXPC will create tiered divisions, so that teams of roughly equal ability will play each other. However, regions that create multiple teams in the same division shall attempt to create balanced teams, as previously outlined.

AYSO Extra teams will be encouraged to participate in non-AYSO tournaments that do not conflict with regular AYSO schedules. If any Extra team wishes to participate in a non-AYSO tournament or other program, written permission from the Regional Commissioner and the AXPC will be required. Without such permission, the team will not be considered as an AYSO team for any reason, including insurance coverage, and shall not use uniforms bearing the AYSO logo. Any properly authorized AYSO team playing in any non-AYSO event shall abide by AYSO guidelines at all times including "Everyone Plays" rules, even (and especially) if it is not required by the event.

E. Uniforms

The uniforms worn by the Extra Program teams must conform to AYSO National Rules and Regulations including the requirement for the AYSO logo be prominently displayed on the left breast of the shirt. All existing AYSO regulations regarding marking of the uniform must be followed (including the prohibition on player names). Regardless of the style of uniform chosen it will be

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imperative that all players suit up in identical uniforms for a match (i.e. matching jersey, shorts, and socks) so teams or Regions need to take this into account when budgeting for the cost of uniform items. The only acceptable (and required) variation from one uniform to the next is the jersey number.

F. Disputes

In the event that a dispute arises concerning the formation or conduct of Extra team, that complaint must be filed in writing with the AXPC and the AIPD. The AXPC and the AIPD then have the right to discuss this matter with the relevant Regional Commissioners and/or the Area Director. If the matter is not resolved to the satisfaction of the AXPC and the AIPD, the Area Director will take appropriate action in accordance with the Area Guidelines and the Extra Program rules.

VI. REFEREES

A. Referees-Requirements

A referee plan is required and careful preparations should be made in order to provide sufficient referees at the proper levels.

- ❖ Referees must be certified with AYSO and have a current Volunteer Application on file at the NSTC.
- ❖ Referees may only officiate games in divisions for which they are already certified based on their badge level. The Referees for the Extra Program must be as follows:
- ❖ U9/10 - Regional Referee or higher
 - U11/12 - Intermediate Referee or higher
 - U13/14 - Advanced or National Referee
 - U15,16 & U19 - National Referee
- ❖ Referees must have exhibited the highest standards of the AYSO philosophy.
- ❖ The Regional Referee Administrators will determine which referees are eligible according to badge level.
- ❖ The RRAs and Regional Directors of Assessment of those regions will determine which of those referees are capable of handling these higher-level games.
- ❖ The RRAs will submit their lists of eligible and capable referees to the Regional Extra Program Director and through to the AXRC, who has full program responsibility once a sufficient roster of referees is presented.
- ❖ The Regions will be responsible for ensuring that a qualified, uniformed referee is provided for each game it hosts.

B. Referees - Game Management

All authority, duty, and responsibility of the referee in core AYSO apply in the Extra Program as well.

Extra Program referees will be asked to perform one additional item, specifically a formal pre-game meeting of the referee and the opposing coaches for a brief discussion away from the players. At this pre-game routine, the match referee will reinforce to the opposing coaches that:

- ❖ They are expected to exhibit AYSO sportsmanship and positive coaching protocols.
- ❖ They are responsible for the actions and behaviors of their players and spectators associated with the team.

- ❖ The six-goal margin is in effect, and that the coaches should work together to take corrective measures in the event of an imbalance.
- ❖ Any other relevant information/discussion at the discretion of the referee.

The spirit of the meeting is to provide a reminder that the coaches and referee need to view themselves as a team that must "play together" to provide a positive experience for the players. It is also meant to be a visible reminder to players, parents, and spectators, that the adult volunteers running the match are exhibiting proper sportsmanship and thus setting the proper tone from the very beginning.

Additionally, Referees will have the discretion to temporarily suspend play in a match that is approaching or at the maximum goal differential, if in the opinion of the referee the differential is not being recognized or appropriately acted upon (this should not be interpreted as a mandatory stoppage at a certain point in play; this is totally at the referees' discretion). This temporary halt in play, which, if taken, should occur at a natural stoppage, is for the purposes of conferring with both coaches on strategies to be employed to manage the remainder of the game in an ongoing sportsmanlike manner.

VII. REGIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS

A. Regional Extra Program Staff

Each region/area/section must have an adequate number of experienced, trained, and certified volunteers to run an Extra program. Following is a list of positions required:

- ❖ Regional Extra Program Director
- ❖ Regional Extra Program Referee Coordinator
- ❖ Regional Extra Program Coach Coordinator

Additional Extra Program positions at the Regional level are permitted and encouraged. The creation of such positions is at the discretion of the regional Commissioner and the guiding principal shall be to ensure a top quality product within the Region.

The AXPC will be responsible for the Extra Program and is at all times accountable to the Area Director. Regional staff will be accountable to the AXPC, the AIPD, and to the RC.

B. Regional Staff Requirements - Authorization to Participate

Authorization is mandatory to be able participate the Extra Program. Regions must submit all required documentation with the application form to the Area to be reviewed and approved annually. Additionally, the Regions are responsible for ensuring that its volunteers acquire required training as outlined and attend all Area-mandated events (such as pre-season meetings, etc.)

The following items must accompany the Extra Program Application:

- ❖ Regional Guidelines for registration and player selection process.
- ❖ Verification that any Extra Program funds are separate from the Core Program account (see below).

Authorization to continue participate in the Extra Program is subject to the submission of required report forms by August 1 each year for review by the AXPC and subsequently the approval of the Area Director.

C. Regional Reporting Requirements

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Game reporting is an important tool for Area Management to monitor the status of the program. The area schedule database makes game reporting a simple task to complete. As such, all Coaches and Referees are required to complete an on-line game report not more than 24 hours after the completion of any game. If technological considerations occasionally make this impractical, a verbal report must be relayed to the AXPC and followed up with an online entry as soon as is technologically feasible.

The Area Extra Team staff and the Area Director of Inter-Regional Play will regularly monitor all game reports.

Should a game be postponed for any reason other than weather, a game report should be filed to this effect and date for the rescheduled game MUST be determined within seven days of the originally scheduled match and provided to the AXPC and the AIPD.

Coaches are to be reminded by regional Management that cancellation of a match is not a decision that is in their purview. Since standings and records are not kept, "forfeits" are likewise not an option or a reason to cancel a match. Existing Area rules and procedures on how to adapt to and play in a condition of low player turnout apply (e.g. mixed-squad scrimmage, short-sided game, etc.).

Failure to file a game report within the specified time will result in the following sanctions:

- ❖ For the first offense: A warning from the Program Director
- ❖ For the second offense: \$10 fine to the Region
- ❖ For the third offense: \$50 fine to the Region
- ❖ For each subsequent offense: One Game suspension from the Extra Program and \$50 fine per occurrence.

NOTE: Any Region failing to impose sanctions applied to any individual or Region (including game suspensions and/or fines) will be subject to suspension from the Extra Program.

D. Regional Eligibility Requirements

This section outlines the items that must be in place at the Regional level prior to filing an application to run or participate in the Extra Program.

It is important to re-state that all of these requirements are consistent with AYSO guidelines; nothing new or

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arbitrary has been added. In the case of the Extra Teams program, these "regional guidelines" are raised to the level of "requirements" specifically because providing a common, consistent, and positive experience for all players and volunteers consistent across Regions is critical to health and success of the Extra Teams program. Promoting inter-regional play (as in the Extra Program) requires that all participating Regions agree to abide by a common set of standards even where their own intra-regional practices or historical preferences differ.

The elements required for Extra Team program participation, which will be confirmed via an affidavit form to be submitted annually (see appendix) are:

- ❖ Compliance with National Coaching Policy and Short-Sided games program, including:
 - All coaches in the region (not just Extra Program Coaches) must have filed a Volunteer Application for the current year, be Safe Haven Certified and age appropriately trained.
 - Region must be playing short-sided games at the U6, U8 and U10 levels as recommended by the National Coaching Commission (including keeper-free play at U6 and U8 and no heading training until U12).
- ❖ The Region shall have Kids Zone in place.
- ❖ In compliance with Area and Section requirements, e.g. dues paid, reports submitted, etc.
- ❖ All players must be registered with the NSTC and fees paid prior to the start of the most recent regular season.
- ❖ Region must have been represented at at least 75% of prior year's Area Meetings.
- ❖ RC must have voted at the most recent NAGM either in person or by proxy
- ❖ Region must be chartered and in good standing.
- ❖ Regional Reporting and Monitoring
- ❖ All Regions must monitor all Extra Program participation to ensure compliance with all AYSO philosophies, its Rules and Regulations, and Bylaws.

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- ❖ All Regional Commissioners are responsible for the timely reporting of Extra Program play to the Extra Program Management team as outlined in reporting requirements above.
- ❖ It will be the responsibility of the Area Director to ensure that the appropriate reporting and monitoring requirements, as established by the National Board of Directors under the Advanced Play Program Guidelines, are met in the time frame designated and to ensure that the Extra Team Program are conducted in the approved format.

F. Finances

Financial Responsibilities of the Regional Staff:

- ❖ If funds are collected to support Extra Team program activities at the Regional level, the Regional Treasurer (or Extra Program Treasurer, if the Region wishes to create such a position) must set up and maintain a separate checking account.
- ❖ The Extra Program financials must be independent and funded separately from the core program. Core AYSO Registration funds shall not be used for Extra Program-related expenses.
- ❖ Reserves for this program should also be maintained and should include monies for items such as: equipment needs, program sanction fines, as levied, training and camp needs, etc.
- ❖ All Players and Volunteers must be registered at the NSTC and fees paid prior to the start of the previous regular season.

Note on Fee Structure:

Fees to participate in the Extra Program are at the discretion of the Regions. All fees must reflect Extra Program costs and not be used to build up a discretionary account.

- ❖ Region Fees
 - o Region fees for the Extra Program may be higher than those charged for the core program. This is at the discretion of the Region.
 - o The Extra team users of those fields must ultimately pay for any field use fees or other fees specific to Extra Program teams, not from the main Regional account.
 - o Regions are of course permitted (and encourages) to share equipment and other Regional resources with the core AYSO program.
- ❖ Area Fees

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- o The Area Director may charge fees for administering the program on a pro rata basis per team inclusive of travel costs associated with monitoring the Extra Program.

Items Not Specifically Covered

Any questions or issues relating to the Extra Program not specifically answered or referenced in this document shall be considered to be answerable via the following resources, in order:

1. AYSO National Rules & Regulations, Bylaws, Policy Statements, and Standard Regional Guidelines
2. Area 3T Guidelines governing inter-regional play
3. The discretion of the Area Director, in consultation with the Area Extra Program Management team.

ATTACHMENTS :

- ❖ Regional Extra Program Affidavit
- ❖ Regional Extra Teams Program Application
- ❖ Coach Application
- ❖ End-of-Season Survey

Regional Extra Program Affidavit

Please clearly print all information.

Region_____

Regional Commissioner_____

Address_____

City, State, ZIP_____

Home Phone_____ **Work Phone**_____

Email_____ **Cell Phone**_____

Regional Program Requirements:

_____ **All coaches Safe Haven Certified**

_____ **All coaches Age Appropriate Trained**

_____ **Kid Zone in place**

_____ **Short-sided games at U6, U8, U10 as prescribed by NCC.**

_____ **Regular season budget on file at NSTC.**

_____ **Extra Program funds separate from core program funds**

_____ **All Area and Section requirements complied with (dues, reports, paperwork, etc.).**

_____ **All players and volunteers registered with NSTC and national player fees paid.**

_____ **All Extra Program monitoring and reporting procedures in place.**

I certify that all of the above is correct and that the region will comply with all AYSO rules, guidelines and policies. The region will also comply with all Extra Program rules, including all monitoring and reporting and sanction requirements.

RC Signature

Date

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Regional Extra Program Application

Please clearly print all information.

Region_____

Extra Program Director_____

Address_____

City, State, ZIP_____

Home Phone_____ **Work Phone**_____

Email_____ **Cell Phone**_____

Regional Program Requirements:

____ **All Extra Coaches Safe Haven Certified and Age Appropriate Trained**

____ **Extra Program funds separate from core program**

____ **All Extra Program monitoring and reporting procedures in place.**

Enter expected number of teams in each division.

Extra Program Division U9 U10 U11 U12 U14 U16 U19

Boys

Girls

Extra Program Coaches	Coaching Level	Safe Haven Certified?	Phone	Email

Extra Program Qualified Referees	Badge Level	Phone	Email	Team Assignment

Referee requirements:
U9/10---Regional or above
U11/12—Intermediate or higher
U13/14—Advanced or National
U15/16/U19—National

All Extra Program volunteers must have current Volunteer Applications on file at the NSTC.

I certify that all of the above is correct and that the region will comply with all AYSO rules, guidelines and policies. The region will also comply with all Extra Program rules, including all monitoring and reporting and sanction requirements.

Regional Extra Program Director Signature

Date

Extra Program Coach Application

Please note that this is an application only and there is no guarantee that you will be selected as an Extra Program coach.

Please clearly print all information.

Name _____ Region _____

Address _____

City, State, ZIP _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Email _____ Cell Phone _____

Coach Requirements: U12 youth coach certification or above (intermediate coach certification for U13 & U14), Safe Haven certified, Volunteer Application on file at NSTC

Division applied for _____

Coaching Level _____

Years Experience as Extra Coach _____

Years Experience as Core program Coach _____

If selected to coach an Extra Program team, I will support and comply with all of Alyson's rules, guidelines and policies.

Applicant Signature

Date

This coach is approved by Region _____ to coach in the Area 3T Extra Play Program.

RCA

Date

Regional Extra Program Coordinator

Date

RC

Date

All of the above signatures required. When complete, Regional Extra Program Coordinator must submit the form to Area or Section Extra Program Coordinator.

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**AYSO Extra Program
End of Season Survey For
Parents, Players, Coaches and Referees**

Please answer the following questions by circling your answer or filling in the blank. If you need additional space for your answer, add extra pages.

Your position _____ Number of years in
AYSO _____

1. Was Extra well received in your Region?

Strongly Agree Agree Uncertain Disagree Strongly
Disagree

2. Describe the attitude of the Extra Program Players
(Please comment about sportsmanship, competitiveness)?

3. Describe the attitude of the Extra Program Coaches
(Please comment on sideline behavior, sportsmanship,
conduct toward referees, knowledge and adherence to the
AYSO philosophies)?

4. Describe the attitude of the Extra Program Parents
(Please comment on sideline behavior, sportsmanship,
knowledge and adherence to the AYSO philosophies,
interaction with the players)?

5. Do you believe that the Extra players improve faster
than the regular season players?

Strongly Agree Agree Uncertain Disagree Strongly
Disagree

6. Do you feel that the more skilled Extra Play players in your region/area/section are staying with the program rather than leaving to join club programs?

Strongly Agree Agree Uncertain Disagree Strongly Disagree

7. Rate the coaches who are assigned to the team(s). (Please comment on skill, conduct, and knowledge of the game)

(Using a 1- 5 scale, 5 the highest, 1 the lowest)

Skill:	5	4	3	2	1
Conduct:	5	4	3	2	1
Knowledge:	5	4	3	2	1

8. Rate the referees who officiate the Extra Play games in your Region/Area. (Please comment on the referees knowledge of the Laws, application of the laws, foul recognition, ability to control the level of play, made it a win-win for both players, coaches and referees, etc.)

(Using a 1- 5 scale, 5 the highest, 1 the lowest)

Knowledge:	5	4	3	2	1
Application:	5	4	3	2	1
Foul Recognition:	5	4	3	2	1
Ability:	5	4	3	2	1
Win-Win Situation:	5	4	3	2	1

9. Do you believe that the player selection and team assignments were done efficiently and fairly in your program?

Strongly Agree Agree Uncertain Disagree Strongly Disagree

10. Do believe that the Extra coaches were selected fairly?

Strongly Agree Agree Uncertain Disagree Strongly Disagree

11. Were your Extra teams balanced within your age division?

Strongly Agree Agree Uncertain Disagree Strongly Disagree

12. Do you believe that the Extra Program adhered to all AYSO philosophies?

Strongly Agree Agree Uncertain Disagree Strongly Disagree

13. Do you feel that the Extra participants were treated in the same manner as the regular program participants?

Strongly Agree Agree Uncertain Disagree Strongly Disagree

14. Do you feel that the Extra program did not affect the regular AYSO program in a negative way?

Strongly Agree Agree Uncertain Disagree Strongly Disagree

15. What one thing would you add or change to improve your Extra Program experience?

16. Do you plan to participate in the Extra Program in the following season?

Yes No Explain
