

## **Instructor Program Questions and Answers**

### **June 2005**

**Question:** Why was the AYSO Instructor Program revised?

**Answer:** The AYSO National Board of Directors charged the Commissions as well as the National Support and Training Center (NSTC) Program Administrators with developing a simplified instructor program that would include more emphasis on teaching the AYSO culture, reduced time commitment for volunteers, emphasis on entry level instructor courses and ensure quality training.

**Question:** How has the AYSO Instructor Program modified?

**Answer:** The AYSO Instructor Program for all disciplines has effectively been simplified and shortened by reducing the number of instructor levels from four to three levels called: Instructor, Advanced Instructor and National Instructor.

**Question:** Will there be “**Grandfathering**” for existing instructors?

**Answer:** Whatever existing instructors were authorized to teach in the past they may continue to teach in the future.

**Question:** How will previous instructor titles be integrated into the revised Instructor Program?

**Answer:**

1. Regional Teachers, Grade 5 Instructors and Basic Instructors will continue to be authorized to teach the courses they were authorized to teach under the previous programs.
2. Regional Teachers, Grade 5 Instructors and Basic Instructors who would like to teach additional courses beyond those they are currently authorized to teach will have to complete the requirements as specified in the newly revised Instructor Program.
3. The previous Intermediate (G4) level instructors will be equivalent to the Instructor level.
4. The Advanced and National Instructors will retain their titles and authorization to teach either the Advanced or National level courses respectively.
5. The B Coach Instructors are equivalent to Advanced Instructors.

**Question:** What elements of the previous four instructor levels were combined to make three levels?

**Answer:** The old Basic and Intermediate Instructor Courses (G5 and G4) were combined into one instructor course for each discipline (coach, referee and management). The Advanced and National Instructor titles will remain.

**Question:** What is the status of the Unified Instructor Program (UIP)?

**Answer:** The UIP components have all been combined into a one-time requirement for all new instructors to attend a 3 hour “Introduction to Instruction” course.

**Question:** Are the Instructor Training requirements similar for coaches, referees and managers?

**Answer:** Each discipline has generally similar requirements for instructor training. The details of each program are outlined in the June 2005 Certification and Training Matrix.

**Question:** Are the pre-requisite requirements to become an instructor different?

**Answer:** The pre-requisite requirements remain essentially the same (details are available on aysohelp.org in the “June 2005 Certification and Training Matrix”.

**Question:** What are the continuing education requirements for AYSO Instructors?

**Answer:** Participation in any discipline related course, workshop or training during the year satisfies the continuing education requirement for AYSO Instructors.

**Question:** Who is authorized to teach the revised Instructor Courses?

**Answer:** Any Advanced level Instructor in that specific discipline.

**Question:** Who do I contact for more information regarding the AYSO Instructor Program?

**Answer:**

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