

AYSO Instructor Program Summarized

In January, 2005 the AYSO National Board of Directors charged the Coach, Referee and Management Commissions as well as the National Support and Training Center (NSTC) Program Administrators with revising their existing Instructor Programs into a more commonly consistent and simplified instructor program that would include more emphasis on teaching the AYSO culture, reduce the time commitment for volunteers, emphasize entry level instructor courses and ensure quality training.

Toward that end, the three commissions and the National Program Administrators worked together to revise their instructor programs and meet the directives of the National Board of Directors. After considerable effort, a joint commission proposal was submitted to the National Board for consideration. The National Board reviewed the proposal and on June 9, 2005 approved the revisions.

The AYSO Instructor Program for all disciplines has effectively been simplified and shortened in a variety of ways. The end result is that we now have three instructor levels in all disciplines: Instructor, Advanced Instructor and National Instructor. The old Basic and Intermediate Instructor Courses are combined into one instructor course for each discipline (coach, referee and management). The Advanced and National Instructor titles remain. The Unified Instructor Program components have all been combined into a one-time requirement for all new instructors to attend a 3 hour "Introduction to Instruction" course. The previous Instructor Trainer courses are no longer needed as any Advanced level Instructor in a specific discipline is now authorized to teach Instructor or Advanced Instructor Courses in that discipline.

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

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) instructors will be equivalent to the new 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.

The pre-requisite requirements to attend the instructor courses remain essentially the same (details are available on aysohelp.org in the "June 2005 Certification and Training Matrix"). Participation in any discipline related course, workshop or training during the year satisfies the continuing education requirement for AYSO Instructors.

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