



AYSO Acronyms	
AYSO	American Youth Soccer Organization
RC	Regional Commissioner
AD	Area Director
NSTC	National Support & Training Center
CVPA	Child & Volunteer Protection Advocate
SD	Section Director
SAI	Soccer Accident Insurance
NAP	National Accounting Program
ARA	Area Referee Administrator
SMA	Section Management Administrator

AYSO 101
<p>The six philosophies of AYSO: Everyone Plays Balanced Teams Open Registration Positive Coaching Good Sportsmanship Player Development</p>
<p>The seven required AYSO regional board members: Regional Commissioner Safety Director Registrar Coach Administrator Referee Administrator Treasurer Child & Volunteer Protection Advocate</p>
<p>National Support & Training Center Hawthorne, California 800-USA-AYSO</p>
<p>The vision statement of AYSO: To provide world-class youth soccer programs that enrich children's lives</p>

People in AYSO
Mike Wade is the President of AYSO.
Rick Davis is the National Executive Director of AYSO.
The AYSO volunteers who are executive members: Regional Commissioners Area Directors Section Directors National Board of Directors And Special Directors
The Special Directors of AYSO: Pat Mullane- Referee Commission Hugh McLeish –Coaching Commission Eileen Tabert-Management Commission Irwin Kavy-Tournament Commission

Advanced AYSO
 <p>The five types of abuse AYSO recognizes: Emotional ★ Physical ★ Sexual Neglect ★ Ethical</p>
<p><u>Five AYSO Publications & Newsletters</u> <i>A Parent's Guide to AYSO</i> ★ <i>Playsoccer</i> <i>The Commish</i> ★ <i>Hey Coach</i> ★ <i>Whistle Stop</i></p>
<p><u>AYSO Kids Zone</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kids are #1! • Fun – not winning is everything • Fans only cheer and only coaches coach • No yelling in anger • Respect the volunteer referees • No swearing • No smoking 

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DID YOU KNOW...

...that AYSO's Web site address is www.ayso.org? Check it out!!!

...that AYSO's Safe Haven protects its two most vital resources? The volunteers and players!



...that AYSO has soccer programs in Trinidad, Tobago, and the US Virgin Islands?

...that Rosanne MacPhail is AYSO's National Management Administrator? She is the first person to ever serve in this position.



...that AYSO's National Coach, John Ouellette, fully supports short-sided games at U-12 and younger?

...that there are 15 sections in AYSO?

...that all AYSO volunteers should attend Section Conferences?

...that Section Conferences activities include

- Networking
- Management workshops
- Referee workshops
- Coaching workshops



...that the NSTC provides support to volunteers & helps them with their regional operations & serves as a training center?



...that AYSO offers Management courses for CVPAs Assistant Regional Commissioners ♦ Coach Administrators Registrars ♦ Treasurers ♦ Auditor ♦ Director of Instruction Publicity Coordinator ♦ Sponsor / Fundraising Coordinator Referee Administrators ♦ Safety Directors ♦ and many more?

... that *Playsoccer* is distributed to all of AYSO's households?

...that *A Parent's Guide to AYSO* is an introduction to soccer made available at registration?

... that *The Commish* is a weekly e-newsletter for Section Directors, Area Directors, Regional Commissioners & Board Members?

...that in order to be a registered volunteer, one must complete/sign a Volunteer Application **each year?**



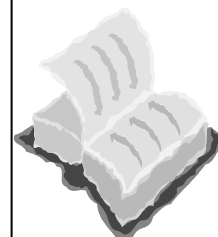
...that Tom Bobadilla is AYSO's National Referee Administrator? He and the Referee Commission support and teach the Diagonal System of Control.

...that a Region that has not completed all of AYSO's chartering requirements is called a *pilot region*? The Regional Commissioner is not considered to be an executive member and thus may not vote at the National Annual General Meeting (NAGM).

...that a Region must keep its Volunteer Applications for a period of **7 years** under lock and key?



...that AYSO offers training AND certification courses?
Training is job specific information or activities designed to teach a volunteer how to perform their job.
Certification is the confirmation and recognition of 3 competencies:
1. in duties & responsibilities of job.
2. in child & volunteer issues.
3. in the policies, procedures, & guidelines of AYSO.



...that one of the requirements for volunteer protection under the Volunteer Protection Act of 1997 is that each volunteer has a job description and follows their job description?

...that for a course to be an official AYSO course, it must:

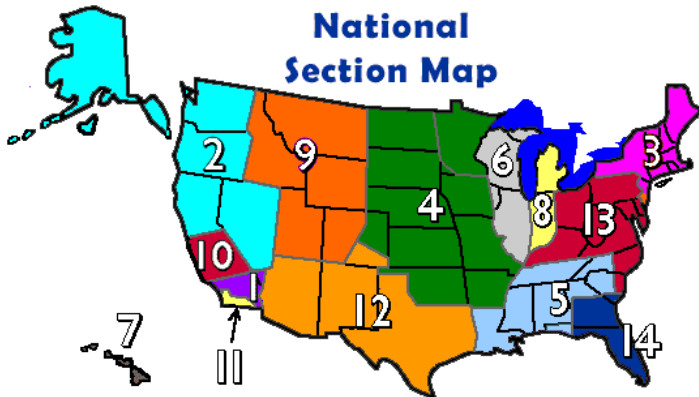
- Be registered with the NSTC prior to its start day?
- Have an official AYSO course roster number?
- Be conducted utilizing official AYSO lesson plans and materials?
- Be lead by an AYSO registered instructor who is approved and authorized to teach that particular course?
- And the roster must be turned in

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SUPPORT? WHO NEEDS IT?

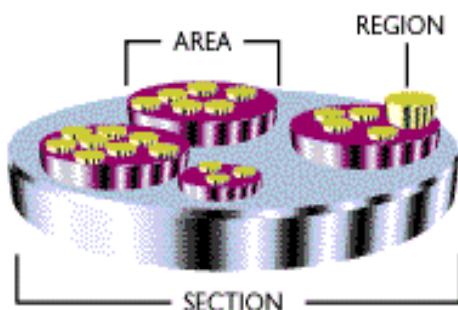
We all do from time to time and that's ok! But do you know WHERE to find it? Look no further, this is where...



AYSO has 15 **Sections**.
What section are you from?
Each section has a Section Director.
Who is your Section Director?

Each one of these sections is broken down into **Areas**.
What area are you from?
Each area has an Area Director.
Who is your Area Director?

Each area is broken down even further into local **Regions**.
What region are you from?
Each Region has a Regional Commissioner.
Who is your Regional Commissioner?



Examples of reasons to ask for support from your Regional Commissioner:

- For clarification of your job description
- When there is concern about a volunteer or regional situation
- Training needs
- Asking for help
- Anything about the day to day operations of your Region

Examples of reasons to ask for support from your Area Director:

- When there is an immediate concern or situation about your region and the RC is not available
- Where there is a concern or issue with the RC

Examples of reasons to ask for support from your Section Director:

- When there is an immediate concern or situation about your region and neither the RC nor AD are available.

Examples of reasons to ask for support from NSTC (800-USA-AYSO):

- eAYSO questions
- Order product from the AYSO Supply Center
- CVPA issues
- If you have any questions & not sure where to turn, NSTC can point you in the right direction

Examples of reasons to look for support from the national website: www.soccer.org

- Forms & job descriptions
- Coach & referee tips
- AYSO Store, SCORE, all major sponsors
- Latest information
- Links to other Regions, Areas & Sections