

# Welcome to AYSO Region 46's 2019 Spring Season!

Dear Team Parent,

Thank you for volunteering to be team parent for your child's soccer team. Please do not be overwhelmed by this job – it's supposed to be fun! Be sure to recruit help from other parents on your team. AYSO IS A 100% VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION, so everyone who has a child in our organization should be willing to help as needed.

All volunteers (coaches, assistant coaches, team parents, referees, board members, division reps) must complete a volunteer form. Volunteer forms & Safe Haven tutorial are available online at [www.ayso46.org](http://www.ayso46.org). Please follow all Safe Haven rules especially the adult-to-player ratio of 1:8. Each Team MUST have at least two (2) adults present at all times. One of the adults MUST be the same gender as the players. The two adults MUST remain together until the last player is picked up. Players should not be sent alone to public restrooms or parking lots. Any time a player needs to leave the field, that player needs to be accompanied by 2 of his/her teammates. Buddy system is 3 players. **These rules are for the safety of the players as well as the adults in charge.**

## Team Parent Responsibilities

- 1. Communication:** The Team Parent is the main person for Team or Region Communication with the Player's parents. If the Coach needs to cancel practice then you would notify all parents. All Region information regarding dates and times of special activities or events like Opening Day will be communicated from your coach to your team through the Team Parent. **If you have not done so please send an email to Rose Roa, [roseroa@sbcglobal.net](mailto:roseroa@sbcglobal.net), with your name, Coach's name and your team information (gender, division and team number e.g. GU14 Team #4).**
- 2. Team Banner:** Banners are optional for Spring - to be ordered in a timely fashion in order to be available for the first game February 21, 2019. If considering making your own banner banners should be 3'x5'. Team banners may display players' names, coach and assistant coach names, team parent name and sponsors name(s) upon approval. The team's banner should be displayed during all games.
- 3. Team Sponsors:** Our Region has continually experienced increases in our parks, schools, and field usage. This is why we need to reach out to our community for assistance. Our goal for this season is for every team to have a Team Sponsor. Please speak to your coach for sponsorship forms and information. You and/or your coach can hand out the forms to players' parents. **NO SPONSOR NAME MAY BE INCULDED ON A TEAM BANNER UNTIL THE SPONSORSHIP IS CONFIRMED**
- 4. Shutterfly Team Web Sites:** Are no longer available through AYSO. You may set this up on your own.
- 5. Snack Scheduling:** The team parent is responsible for creating a snack schedule for the season. Fresh fruit is a good option for half-time snacks (grapes, sliced oranges or apple slices are good options). Please ask the snack family to bring a few extra bottles of water in case a player forgets to bring one. The snack family can also provide a snack at the end of the game along with cold drinks for each

player. No drinks with straws are permitted. Snacks after a game should be a team decision; everyone on the team needs to agree that there will be snacks given out after each game. Also please be respectful of our playing fields and assist in clean up after the each game.

6. **Field Monitor:** All teams will be scheduled a time either before or after their games to be Field. Field monitors must pick up their Field Monitor vest at the Region Table. The job of a field monitor is to support our Region on our fields. They should walk around and observe the game at their assigned field for their entire game. Once the game is over, the field monitor must meet with the referee crew. The field monitor must print their name and their team number on the back of each game card. If any intervention is required such as dealing with a too vocal parent, having a dog removed or in the resolution of any dispute, the field monitor must immediately notify a Board Member. Field Monitors should not deal with any situation. **The team will earn 1/2 bonus point in the standings for completing each of their field monitoring assignments.**
7. **Goal Set-Up or Tear-Down Schedule:** If you are the first game of the day or the last game of the day, your team is responsible to either put up or tear down the goals. Please set up a crew to take care of this. Parents should arrive by 7:00 am to set up goals. At the end of the day, goals are to be returned to the bin at Arroyo Seco or the trailer at Rio Norte. There is a video on our web site [ayso46.org](http://ayso46.org) showing you how to do both.
8. **End of Season Items:**
  - a) **Team Party:** Please consider planning your team party as soon as possible, since the dates and time fill up fast at popular venues.
  - b) **Coaches/Referee Gifts:** Please remember your coach/assistant coach/referees at the end of the season. This is not mandatory and is a team donation.
  - c) **Trophies:** Participation medals given to all divisions.
9. **Team Conduct and Sportsmanship:** Foul language or abusive behavior is **NOT** tolerated. **NO PETS** are allowed on any school property at any time. Alcohol and tobacco are prohibited at all times. Please remember that all children depend on us to model good behavior. Sportsmanship awards are given to one player on every team. The Coach usually takes care of this but he/she may ask you to do it for the team.

Have a Great Season,  
Rose Roa, Director of Team Parents  
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