



**AYSO**  
**California State Games**  
**U10, U12, U14**

**March 28 and 29**

**Nugget Fields, Sandy Motley Park and Mace Ranch  
Park  
Davis, California**



# AMERICAN YOUTH SOCCER ORGANIZATION

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2009 AYSO SECTION 1/2/10/11

### U14, U12, and U10 State Games Tournament Guidelines

Welcome to the 2008-2009 State Games in Davis California. This event will bring together AYSO teams from all over California, we hope you will have an enjoyable experience at this tournament.

These Guidelines have been established to set a standard under which all teams will compete in the Tournament. Your knowledge of these Guidelines could be the difference between a happy time, or a disappointing experience for you and your team. All coaches, players and spectators are urged to read these Guidelines. In order to provide an atmosphere with a positive and sporting spirit, for the benefit of all of the young people who participate and play soccer in our respective programs -- teammates and opponents alike, these Guidelines will be enforced. These Guidelines do not supersede AYSO Rules and Regulations, but are intended to cover situations not addressed in the Rules and Regulations, which shall prevail in case of conflict. Should you have any questions after reading these Guidelines, please do not hesitate to call your regional commissioner, area director, section director, or the Section 2 Tournament Administrator, Don King at 650-464-0891, or Ken Rhoads, Section Director Section 2, 650-274-6706.

Please remember these Playoffs are only secondarily a competition. They first are an opportunity to celebrate your team's success in getting here. Please do remember to have fun, and to do your best to make sure your team and all the other teams have a fun time, too. Section 2 observes the tenets of the AYSO "Kid Zone" program.

#### 1. Conduct

Each regional commissioner, area director, and section director shall be responsible for the conduct of their coaches, who in turn shall be responsible for the conduct of their players and spectators, all of whom shall display the most positive aspects of good sportsmanship and conduct in keeping with the AYSO philosophy. All of our young people deserve the best examples of sportsmanship, goodwill toward all players and participants (including opponents), and respect at all times for the referees and officials. Please join us in making this an exceptionally good tournament for all of our young people competitively, emotionally and in all other ways.

#### 2. Coordination

The hosting section director, the hosting section tournament director, the hosting section referee and coaching administrators and their designees shall coordinate the State Games. All decisions concerning fields, schedules, any replay or rescheduling of games due to emergencies, discipline, eligibility, etc., shall be made by and within the discretion of the hosting section director and shall be final.

#### 3. Eligibility

Each regional commissioner, area director, and section director is responsible for ensuring the eligibility of each player from his or her respective programs (See National rule III.F. and Section 10 Article 7). Only eligible and registered players may participate in these tournaments. Teams playing non-eligible players shall be subject to discipline, forfeit of games, or elimination at the discretion of the hosting section director.

4. **Roster Changes and Additions**

No roster changes or additions may be made.

5. **Player Registration Forms**

A. Coaches must have in their possession at all times a valid Player Registration Form for each player on the team. Forms without an original signature will not be accepted and the player or players affected will not be allowed to play.

B. At check-in, the coach will present the Player Registration Forms of all players shown on the line-up card to the official in charge of team check-in.

C. **NO FORM, NO PLAY, NO EXCEPTIONS, NO FOOLING!**

6. **Schedule/Format**

A. League play will be on Saturday, March 28, 2009. All-Star play will be on Sunday, March 29, 2009. All games will be played at the Nugget/Sandy Motley fields in Davis, California in accordance with the schedule to be posted on the Section 2 website, [www.section2.org](http://www.section2.org). Each four-team division will play two games in single elimination format, with a championship and consolation round. Information on hotels and restaurants in Davis can be found at [www.davisvisitor.com](http://www.davisvisitor.com), and information on Davis can be found at <http://cityofdavis.org/visitors.cfm>

B. All games will be regulation length (70 minutes for U14, 60 minutes for U12, and 50 minutes for U10). Games tied at the end of regulation will be decided by an overtime period, which shall not be “sudden victory.” Teams will change ends of the field at the end of the first half of overtime. Substitution will be permitted in overtime only at the break between overtime periods or for injury. If a team is playing short because of ejections, it will continue to play short during overtime.

C. The duration of overtime will be as follows:

U10 = one ten (10) minute overtime period consisting of two five (5) minute halves.

U12 = one fourteen (14) minute overtime period consisting of two seven (7) minute halves.

U14 = one twenty (20) minute overtime period consisting of two ten (10) minute halves.

D. Games tied after the overtime period will be determined by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark (shootout) in accordance with these Guidelines and the Laws of the Game.

E. Champion through fourth place teams will be presented with medals and should come to the tournament headquarters check-in area following their final match for the awards presentation.

F. Due to time constraints, match duration and tiebreak rules may be adjusted within the discretion of the hosting section director.

7. **Home Team/Uniform Conflicts**

- A. The “home” team is the first team listed on the schedule.
- B. All coaches, substitutes, parents and spectators for each team shall occupy the opposite side of the field. The home team will occupy the north or west side of the field.
- C. The home team also is responsible for supplying the game ball and changing jerseys or wearing overlays in the event of a color conflict. The referee shall make all decisions regarding color conflicts. Overlays will be available at the check-in area with the deposit of a driver’s license.

8. **Field Responsibility**

- A. It at all times is the responsibility of all teams, coaches, players and spectators to clean up their trash at the end of each match, and to leave the sideline promptly at the conclusion of each game so the next game may start on time.
- B. Noisemakers and loud music are not allowed while in the soccer park.

9. **Check-In**

Matches commence at check-in. Check-in on Saturday, March 28, 2009 for league play will be as follows:

Boys U14	8:00 a.m.	Girls U14	10:00 a.m.
Boys U12	8:00 a.m.	Girls U12	10:00 a.m.
Boys U10	8:00 a.m.	Girls U10	10:00 a.m.

Check-in on Sunday, March 29, 2009 for All-Star play will be as follows:

Girls U14	8:00 a.m.	Boys U14	10:00 a.m.
Girls U12	8:00 a.m.	Boys U12	10:00 a.m.
Girls U10	8:00 a.m.	Boys U10	10:00 a.m.

Please have your team ready to check-in at the appropriate time, as delays in check-in will take away from time needed by our young people to warm up and stretch before the first match and may cause delays in the entire schedule throughout the day. Each team should be lined up in uniform number order at the designated check-in area, on time, dressed, and ready for play. Each player should be holding his or her own Registration (emergency/parent release) form for check-in. Please remember not to interfere with games in progress during check-in. Players that arrive must check-in at the check-in tent and must have their hand stamped in order to participate. No information regarding specific opponents will be made available until team check-in.

10. **Game (Lineup) Cards**

- A. It is the responsibility of each coach to present TWO (2) properly completed official AYSO lineup cards to the check-in official during check-in. One of the two lineup cards will be retained at the check-in area to verify the roster. One coach must return to the check-in area after the first game to pick up this game card and to answer any questions regarding conformity with the roster.
- B. Game cards must include all players on the official team roster in number order with BOTH last and first names. For any players not present, the reason for their absence must be noted on the lineup card.
- C. Game cards must be filled out in number order.

11. **Number of Players, Grace Period and Rescheduling**

A. U14 will be playing 11v11, **U12 will be 9v9**, and U10 will be 7v7. The maximum number of players per team will be based on each Section's rules, all of which are in accordance with National rules and regulations.

B. A minimum number of players shall constitute a team: seven (11 v 11), six (9 v 9), and five (7 v 7).

C. A scheduled match shall not begin, nor be continued, if one or both teams cannot field a team. If a player must be taken from the field as a result of an injury, thus leaving his team with fewer than the minimum amount of players, the game may continue until the injured player can return, unless the players of the affected team decide to terminate the match. If the game is continued, and at the next substitution opportunity the injured player is unable to return, the match shall be terminated.

D. All matches shall start on time, except in the case of field unavailability due to a prior game delay. There will be no grace period. All matches must end prior to the scheduled start of the next match. If necessary, matches may be shortened within the discretion of the hosting section director or designee due to schedule concerns or constraints.

E. Matches canceled due to weather or other natural causes will be rescheduled, if at all, at the discretion of the hosting section director or designee. Unfortunately, we have no backup dates available. Accordingly, we will play even in the most horrendous conditions, providing the safety of the players is not compromised and until the playing conditions are deemed unsafe (either by tournament officials or by the facility staff). Our only other alternative would be cancellation of the entire tournament.

F. All other questions regarding rescheduling, including all decisions regarding forfeits will be at the discretion of the hosting section director or designee, whose decision will be final.

## 12. **Players Under Doctor's Care**

Upon a return to active play after treatment for any injury, all players under a doctor's care must present a signed release (on the attending physician's letterhead) with the doctor's permission to return to active play. Such releases shall be presented to the regional commissioner who has the responsibility of informing and certifying to the section director that the child may return to active play with the physician's permission.

## 13. **Uniforms**

A. Every player shall wear a team uniform consisting of matching jersey, shorts and socks as provided by the regions in accordance with AYSO Rules and Regulations. In accordance with FIFA Laws, jewelry, studs, earrings, hair ornaments and any other hard or metal jewelry or other objects are not allowed. No hard-brimmed caps or bandannas are allowed. Commercially manufactured shin guards of the appropriate size are mandatory and must, in the judgment of the referee, afford a player a reasonable amount of protection. Bicycle shorts must be of the same color as the team's uniform shorts. Uniform tops must be tucked in at the waist at all times beginning at team check-in. Uniform shorts must be worn with the waistband at waist level.

B. No face-painting or other body decorations of any kind are allowed, except that soft hair ribbons rubber bands, or "scrunchies" for hair grooming are allowed and may be colored. Excessively long fingernails of any kind are not allowed unless the player wears knit gloves during the match.

C. In case of inclement weather, sweat pants and sweatshirts (including turtlenecks) may be worn at the discretion of the referee. Such additional garments shall be of the same color and general style for all teammates who choose to wear them. Pants shall be worn over the shorts and shirts shall be worn under the jersey.

D. Goalkeeper jerseys shall not have advertisements for alcohol, cigarettes, etc. nor have obscene, suggestive, insulting, or profane language or artwork on them.

14. **Coaching Limitations**

A. Coaches at all times are expected to set examples of good sportsmanship and shall be responsible for the conduct of their players, parents and spectators.

B. Coaching shall be limited to positive instruction and encouragement only. Negative comments about referees or players, or abusive language, or behavior directed at the players as judged by the referee or tournament officials will not be tolerated and may subject the coach to discipline or expulsion at the discretion of the hosting section director or designee.

C. Sideline participation shall be limited to two coaches from each team who at all times shall remain in the designated coaches' area which is equal to the diameter of the center circle and is one yard behind the touchline.

D. Coaches and spectators shall not enter the field of play at any time unless requested by the referee. If called on the field, coaches shall absolutely refrain from providing coaching instruction to the team, except for player replacement for the injury, and shall not engage in comment to or in criticism of the referee.

15. **Substitution Opportunities**

A. Except as noted below, all registered players in attendance at the start of a match shall play at least one-half of the game, excluding overtime, unless injured or ill. Any questions or special situations should be brought to the attention of the hosting section tournament director or designee.

B. Regular Substitutions:

1) Regular substitution opportunities will be provided approximately halfway through each half. At a natural stoppage of play, the referee will halt the game and allow either team to substitute, if they so choose, in accordance with the procedure outlined

2) In Law 3 (e.g. the referee must be informed before any substitution is allowed; substitutes must wait until there is a stoppage in play and their player comes off the field; they must enter the field only at the half-line; etc.) Substitutions may also be done at halftime. The assistant referee will make note of the substitution on the line-up cards.

3) Each team may substitute as many players or none during such substitution opportunities provided that all players meet the minimum play requirements.

4) A stoppage of play shall be when the ball is out of play, such as just after an injury or a goal, prior to a throw-in, or at a goal kick. The referee shall make allowances for time lost through substitution.

5) The goalkeeper may change with another player on the field at any stoppage of play as long as the referee is informed. The referee should add time lost as a result of this change.

C. If a player is injured, the team may provide a substitute for the player, in which case the injured player may not return until the next substitution opportunity. The referee must recognize the substitute player prior to the player entering the field. Only the player who is injured is credited with play for that period, regardless of the actual time played. The team also may elect not to substitute for the injured player, in which case the injured player may reenter the field of play at any time with the permission of the referee.

D. During overtime play, substitution is at the sole discretion of the coach and can take place only at the break between the two overtime periods.

## 16. Disciplinary Action

A. Violent, abusive, negative, and/or disruptive conduct toward players, referees or officials will not be tolerated. It is the responsibility of each coach to counsel his or her players and spectators regarding positive and sportsmanlike conduct at all times. It is not the referee's responsibility to control unruly players and spectators. It is the job of the coach to do so! We expect coaches to do so by setting the best possible example with their own behavior. Any violation of these conduct guidelines may result in discipline, including expulsion from the tournament, at the discretion of the hosting section director or designee.

B. Players and substitutes who are sent off from a match for violent conduct or serious foul play, and coaches who engage in violent behavior will be automatically suspended from all participation from all subsequent matches for the remainder of the tournament, including All-Stars. There will be no appeals.

C. Players and substitutes who are sent off from a match for any other reason, and coaches who are asked by any official to leave a game, will be suspended from the remainder of the match and from the entire next match in which they are eligible to play, including league and All-Stars.

D. Players, substitutes and coaches seeking another player, spectator, referee or official for the purpose of fighting or harassing another player, spectator, referee or official after a match either on or in the vicinity of the playing fields, will be suspended from all further play during the remainder of the tournament, including league and All-Stars. Additional sanctions may be deemed appropriate at the discretion of the section directors or designees.

E. Players and substitutes accumulating a total of two send-offs (red cards) during the tournament and coaches accumulating a total of two match suspensions will be ineligible for any further participation for the remainder of the tournament, including league and All-Stars.

F. Any player sent off for any reason must immediately leave the vicinity of the playing fields accompanied by a parent or safe have certified adult, and that player's team must play short-handed the remainder of the match.

G. Any player or substitute committing a second cautionable offense (yellow card) in the same match will be sent off for the remainder of the match, and the participant will be ineligible for the next match in which the player otherwise would be eligible to play, including league and All-Star. If the individual committing a second cautionable offense (yellow card) is a player at the time, the team of that player must play short-handed.

H. Any player receiving a total of three (3) yellow cards during this tournament will then be ineligible to play in their next scheduled match (league or All-Stars). Stronger penalties may be imposed depending upon the circumstance of the cautionable offenses as determined by the Tournament Disciplinary Committee (consisting of the section directors or their designees, the host section tournament administrator, the host section coach administrator, and host section referee administrator). The hosting section tournament director will keep a tally of all cautions and send-offs.

I. Any player or coach, suspended under these guidelines, who is found to have participated in a match from which he or she was suspended, shall be suspended for the next match in which he or she is eligible to play, including league and All-Star play, and the game may be forfeit at the discretion of the section directors or their designees. Any offending coach may also be suspended for the balance of the tournament, including league and All-Star play at the discretion of the section directors or their designees.

J. Any team causing the termination of a match by any demonstration or disruption shall forfeit that match. Any team causing the termination of two matches for disciplinary reasons will be suspended for the remainder of the tournament, including league and All-Star play.

17. **Referee Reports**

- A. Referees shall submit a written report in the event of:
- 1) All cautions (yellow cards) and send-offs (red cards);
  - 2) Violent conduct of the players, and any conduct of coaches or spectators interfering with the control of the match;
  - 3) Abuse of AYSO minimum play rules which may come to the attention of the referee; and,
  - 4) Any other action, which the referee may determine, merits a report.
- B. Referee reports must be made to the section referee administrator with a copy to the hosting section director.

18. **The Taking of Kicks from the Penalty Mark (Shootouts)**

The following procedures shall apply if the taking of kicks from the penalty mark is necessary to decide the winner of a tied match as indicated by the Section Tournament tiebreak rules:

- A. The taking of kicks from the penalty mark will be conducted according to the FIFA Laws of the Game.
- B. Only those players on the field of play at the conclusion of the final overtime period (or regular game period if no overtime period is specified) may participate in the shootout. If, due to injury or send-offs, one team has fewer players than the other, the team with the greater number of players shall reduce their numbers so they have the same number of players eligible to participate. The name and number of each player excluded shall be provided to the referee.
- C. Team captains shall participate in a coin-toss to determine which team shoots first. The team that wins the coin-toss has the choice of taking the first or second kick.
- D. Five players from each team shall take alternate kicks until one team has scored more goals than the opposing team has players left to kick. If the match remains tied after the first five kickers, the taking of kicks shall continue in the same order, until such time as both have taken an equal number of kicks (not necessarily five more kicks) and one team has scored a goal more than the other. If the score remains tied after all players from each team eligible to participate in the kicks from the penalty mark have taken their respective kicks, the teams shall continue to alternate the taking of kicks and any eligible player can kick again. It is not necessary that they follow in the same order in taking their second kicks as they had for the first series of kicks.

19. **Protests**

While constructive input is always welcome, there will be no protests whatsoever!

***THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMPLIANCE WITH THE LETTER AND SPIRIT  
OF THESE GUIDELINES AND HAVE A GREAT TOURNAMENT!***

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