

Area 2C/2D 2012 Select Season Rules of Play

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Composition of Select Teams

1. Select teams shall be formed from players who were registered with AYSO or an equivalent fall house program and were assigned to a fall team and who participated with that fall season team in at least 50% of their team's regular fall season games; some regions may require a higher percentage. Select players must play in the same division they participated in during the Fall season, except that players who played in the U9 division in the fall season will play U10 in the select season.
2. The AYSO philosophies apply during the Select season and that includes balanced teams. If a region has more than one team participating in the same age group, there is to be no "A team" nor "B team" but multiple balanced teams instead.
3. Select teams will compete as follows:
 - U10 teams will play 7v7 with a maximum of 10 players on a roster;
 - U12 teams will play 9v9 with a maximum of 12 players on a roster;
 - U14 teams will play 11v11 with a maximum of 15 players on a roster;
 - U16, U16/19 combination, and U19 teams will play 11v11. There will be a maximum of 18 players allowed on a roster. The Area 2C/2D Select program will have one division that will include all U16, U16/19 combination, and U19 teams. Any Region that wants to participate in this division must provide an opportunity for both U16 and U19 players.
 - If a Region has just a U16/U19 combination team, there is a limit of nine U19

- players on the team (no limit to number of U19's on the field at one time).
- If a Region has separate age-pure teams (e.g. "pure" U16), U16 teams are allowed (if more than one, they must be balanced) as long as there is at least one U19 team or at least one U16/U19 combination team.
 - If a Region separates teams into U16 and U19 (or U16/U19 combination) then there is no cap to the number of U19 players on the U19 or U16/U19 combination team.
 - In the Select Tournament, U19 teams will play other U19 teams or U16/U19 combination teams and U16 teams will play other U16 teams or combination U16/U19 teams in the Select Tournament but U16 teams will not play U19 teams.
4. Each player and coach must have an ID card [Template of ID card must be approved by the Area 2C/2D Select Committee – use of the AYSO template is recommended) and the cards have to be signed by the Regional Commissioner. The Coach ID card must display the coach's certification level.
 5. ID cards, player registration forms and medical release forms shall be available at all practices and games.
 6. As per Section 2 and AYSO guidelines on secondary plays, coaches must have a volunteer application form in file with their home region, be certified in Safe Haven (if they were certified before August 1 2011 they need to take the new safe haven course and be trained for the age level they will be coaching in).
 7. Per AYSO National rules and regulations only 2 coaches are recommended in the technical area during the games. Other spectators should cheer only.
 8. In each Area, a credential check will be completed by the Area Select Coordinator prior to the first game of the select season. Select coaches must submit three copies of the eAYSO roster, signed by their Regional Commissioner, along with signed medical release forms and laminated Player ID cards for each player on that roster.
 9. In each Area, any select roster change must be submitted to and approved by the Area Select Coordinator. Changes will normally be approved only to replace a player who is injured and not expected to return for the remainder of the season or who moves out of a Region. No additions to a select team roster will be allowed after January 31, unless approved by the Area Director.

Select Season Rules

10. All games shall be played by current FIFA and AYSO National Rules and Regulations unless otherwise altered here. If there should be any conflict between Region and Area 2C/2D Select Season rules, Area 2C/2D Select Season rules will prevail. Each Region should supply its referees with a copy of these rules.
11. Both Areas 2C and 2D are committed to adhere to the $\frac{3}{4}$ playing time to maximize the players' playing time so no player can participate in the full game until at least every other player has played $\frac{3}{4}$ if able and willing ;
12. Substitutions in U10 through U14, shall only occur at approximately midway into each half, at half-time, or when a player is injured under the discretion of the referee.
13. Substitutions in U16, U16/19 combination, and U19 games substitutions can be made by either or

both teams at any stoppage of play with the permission of the referee. Permission may be denied only in limited circumstances: 1) the substitution request occurs just as the ball is being put into play; or 2) a team requests a substitution but the substitutes are not ready at the halfway line. Coaches may substitute a cautioned player at their discretion and only at the time the player is cautioned. Referees are encouraged to talk to both team's coaches about good sportsmanship and about not delaying the game using substitutions.

14. Referees are required to file a report for games with any cautions and/or send-offs by any team to the Area Referee Administrator within 24 hours after the conclusion of the game.
15. Slide tackling and heading of the ball in the U10 division are allowed but must be done in a safe manner. Referees can use their discretion to call "dangerous play" or a direct free kick foul as warranted. Coaches should use caution when instructing players related to these soccer moves.
16. Uniforms must conform to AYSO National Rules and Regulations. Uniforms must display the AYSO logo. Player names shall not be displayed on any external portion of the uniform. If there is a conflict in uniform colors, the home team shall either change uniforms or wear pinafores.
17. Warm clothing may be worn under the uniform (under jersey and shorts). Long pants (anything that extends below the knee) shall not be worn by any player other than the goalkeeper. Clothing worn under the uniform should be as close to the uniform color as possible or it may be black. No loose items will be allowed, such as the hood of a hooded sweater. Health and safety of the participants should come first so referees should be flexible with underclothing in case of extreme weather (cold or rain).
18. Casts, splints or body braces made of a hard substance are not allowed in any practice or game, even if wrapped with softer materials. Leg braces must not have any exposed hard surfaces and must be approved by the game referee. In order for a player to return to play after suffering an illness or injury that required the care of a physician or a visit to an emergency care facility, the player's parent or guardian must provide a complete participation release form to the player's coach.
19. Non-medical alert jewelry, including friendship bracelets, must be removed before participating in practice or a game. Medical alert bracelets and medical alert necklaces must be taped to the body, with the medical alert message visible. Taping over of any other jewelry is unacceptable.
20. The referee always has the final word on any safety issues.
21. All select teams shall use individual standard AYSO game cards. Players shall be listed on the game card in numerical order.

Sportsmanship

22. Good sportsmanship is one of the basic principles of AYSO and is expected from all players, parents, and coaches. Each Area Director shall review any problems with sportsmanship of any player, parent or team from the director's participating Regions. Coaches are responsible for the behavior of the parents on their team.
23. Criticism of referees and other volunteers will not be tolerated. Sanctions will be taken by the team home region as appropriate and necessary.
24. Referees must report to their Regional Select Coordinator within 24 hours after a game any player send offs and coach expulsions. The Regional Select Coordinator is responsible for communicating the report to the Area Select Coordinator within 24 hours of the receipt of the report. The Area Select Coordinator will then forward the information to the Area Coach Administrator, the Area Referee Administrator and other interested parties, including the other Area Select Coordinator.

Players who have been sent off and coaches who have been expelled will have a minimum of a one-game suspension. The player's or coach's Area Director may apply a longer suspension and that decision will be final.

25. Incidents involving Coach misconduct must also be reported to the Area Select Coordinator at once.
26. Any player who has accumulated three send-offs or a coach who has been sent off during the select season are subject to being disqualified for the remainder of the select season, including the select season tournament and will be subject to disciplinary review by the player's or coach's Area Director, Area Coach Administrator, Area Referee Administrator and Select Coordinator.
27. Coaches are to be reminded that winning by more than 6 goals goes against the AYSO philosophies and should be avoided.

Select Season Tournament

28. All teams that participate in the select season are eligible to participate in the select season tournament.
29. A portion of the tournament will be hosted by Area 2C and a portion will be hosted by Area 2D. All select teams must supply volunteers to help with the tournament in their area.
30. Any Region hosting a portion of the select tournament must receive approval from the Region's Area Select Committee prior to incurring any costs that may be reimbursed from Area funds. Failure to obtain approval prior to incurring any cost will result in those costs being designated as the Region's costs and will not be reimbursed by the Region's Area.