Mira Mesa Soccer AYSO 285 All-Star Program

The AYSO All-Star program is a continuation of play for players who played in the Fall Primary Core season of AYSO. (MATRIX players are not eligible.) The All-Star season follows regional Fall Primary Core season and inter-regional (Area R) playoffs, with play taking place typically in early January. Coaches choose players to participate on All-Star teams based upon their performance in games during the Fall Primary Core season.

Games are played within the seven (7) regions that make up Area R – with all games typically played in San Marcos.

All-Star play is highly competitive, and is often a stepping-stone for those who wish to take part in the Spring Select Tournament program. All-Star play starts at the Under 10 level and continues through Under 14.

All-Star Coach Application

Coaches, who want to apply for a position as an All-Star coach, may download and complete the Advanced Play Program Application. The application is due by end of Week 6 of the Fall Primary Core season; the coaches selected to serve as the All-Star coach - generally will be notified by the following week (Week 7). Selected coaches must be prepared to spend the final weeks of the fall season scouting for players.

Although there are no guarantees, the Region anticipates placing one All-Star team from each of the boys' and girls' U-10, U-12 and U-14 divisions. This is dependent on the availability of coaches and referees that are certified at the respective age level(s). Each team is expected to provide its own certified referee team – i.e. U-10 team should have 3 referees that can referee a U-10 game; U-12 team should have 3 referees that can referee a U-12 game; U-14 team should have 3 intermediate referees that can referee a U-14 game.

For questions, please contact the Coach Administrator at coachadmin@miramesaayso.org.

AYSO Region 285 All-Star Coach Selection Policy and Process

The following sets forth the All-Star coach selection policy and process for AYSO Region 285:

1. All-Star coaches will be selected by the Region 285 Advanced Play Programs (APP) Committee consisting of:

   · APP Coordinator

   · Assistant Regional Commissioner

   · Regional Coach Administrator

   · Regional Referee Administrator

2. All-Star coach Selection Process and Timetable:

   · All-Star coach application completed/submitted no later than end of Week 6

   · All-Star coach selection is to occur by Week 7 of Fall Primary Core season.

   · All-Star player selection – Section 11 Rules and Regulations states that "All-Star teams shall be formed no sooner than November 15th." However, coaches may inquire as to whether a player is interested in playing on an All-Star team.

   · All-Star team practices may begin after November 15th.

   · Final All-Star rosters are to be due no later than end of Area R Playoffs.

3. General All-Star Coach Consideration Criteria (NOTE: Consideration criteria are guidelines only for All-Star coach selection.)

   · Coach must be currently in good standing with the Region.

   · Coach must have completed age-appropriate coach training AND Safe Haven

   · Coaching experience – total years (plus All-Star/Tournament/Matrix Team)

   · Referee experience – badge grade, no. of games and years of experience

   · Total years serving as registered volunteer in Mira Mesa Region 285

   · Coach abides by AYSO Philosophies as indicated by actions (positive coaching and sportsmanship) at practice and games.

AYSO Region 285 All-Star Player Selection Policy and Process

1. Selection of Teams

· Players offered All-Star Team positions must play at the age level of the division in which they played during the Fall Primary Core season. Players are selected based on skill level, aggressiveness, attitude, sportsmanship, and teamwork.

· Fall coaches will submit player names from their team who have the qualities for selection to the All-Star team. This should be submitted to the Coach Administrator coachadmin@miramesaayso.org by end of Week 6 of Fall Primary Core season.

· At the divisional ratings meeting, the division coaches including the All-Star coaches will review the list of players for All-Star. This meeting will also give the division coaches the final opportunity for input into the All-Star process. The divisional coaches and All-Star coach will establish the All-Star player pool at this meeting. This pool will consist of the maximum number of players that could be selected for an age group plus up to five alternates (i.e. U-10: 10+5 = 15, U-12: 12+5 = 17 and U-14: 15+5 = 20 – these are based on 1 team each division/gender).

· All-Star coaches shall use this list of potential candidates for evaluating players during a minimum of two regular season games, but they should evaluate all players in their respective division in order to field the strongest team possible.

· All-Star coaches may hold evaluations. If this is done, all interested players as designated by their respective coaches should be invited for evaluation. All players or their parents must be notified if they did not make the team within one week of team selection.

· A designated Board representative will approve the All-Star pool of players. The Division Coordinator or Advanced Play Program Committee must approve any requests for players outside this pool.

· The All-Star coach will designate up to five players in their All-Star pool as alternates. These alternates will be used if players chosen for the All-Star team decline the opportunity to play on the team.

2. All-Star Player Notification

· The All-Star coach shall contact the families of potential All-Star players. Invitations shall not be delivered on the field. Verbal invitations shall be followed with a written invitation that includes the following information:

1. Practice days and times
2. List of potential tournaments – locations, dates, number of players allowed on the team, field locations if available
3. Number of expected players on the All-Star team
4. Dates and location of Area R All-Star Tournament
5. Dates of Section 11 Tournament & State Tournament

· Players & their parents should be informed that participation on the All-Star team is a major commitment of time & effort. Any player who is not serious about the team should decline allowing replacement by a player who will fully commit.

· By accepting the invitation to play on the All-Star team, players are committing to the Area R All-Star tournament. If the team progresses from the Area Tournament, this commitment shall extend to the Section 11 Tournament/State Tournament.

· Area and Sectional League Tournaments take priority over any conflicting All-Star tournaments. Players must attend their divisional league games first. It is the All-Star coach's responsibility to encourage these players to complete their commitment to their divisional team.

3. All-Star Team Calendar (Guidelines)

· All-Star parent and player meeting is to be held the first week of December.

· Area All-Star Tournament is held in San Marcos (typically, may change based on venue availability and/or Area R Board decision) during the second and third weekends in January (after New Year's).

· Section All-Star Tournament is held at West Garden Grove, in February.

· State All-Star Tournament is held at West Garden Grove, in March.

Note – Section and State All-Star Tournament venue is dependent on Section 11 and National acquiring venues – thus this may change dependent on acquisition of venues.

From the Section 11, Area R website guidelines:

"Area 11R recommends that each region adopt an All Star policy that reflects: To be eligible for All-Star competition, a player must have demonstrated outstanding soccer skills and ability, displayed an attitude of fair play, show enthusiasm and a cooperative team spirit. Eligibility shall be in accordance with the Player Eligibility section therein, and players must compete in the same age group played in during the regular season.
Player selection shall not be made solely on the basis of try-outs."

From the Section 11 website guidelines:

"To be eligible for All-Star competition a player must have played in at least half of the total number of league games played by the team to which he/she was assigned during the regular season, except in the situation where the player is assigned in time to meet this requirement but is unable to play because of illness, injury, or a change in residence which causes a change of region. League games shall be the games played to the team prior to playoffs within the region or area."