



AYSO NATIONAL GAMES 2010 INFORMATION

PURPOSE OF THE AYSO NATIONAL GAMES

“The National Games shall offer an opportunity to bring together different regions and sections to share in the diverse soccer culture of the AYSO family. This occasion focuses on sportsmanship, team spirit and making new friends through the activities and events that are offered during this weeklong event. The Games should not be interpreted nor represented as any form of an AYSO national championship.”

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AYSO NATIONAL GAMES PLAYER ELIGIBILITY POLICY

It is the intent of the organization that AYSO National Games players universally will be individuals that participated in an AYSO primary program of their respective region that started after June 1, 2009 and ended before June 1, 2010. It is further the intent that participants will not join the organization for the express or singular purpose of participating in the National Games and that teams will not be formed with any participants thus joining.

Each Regional Commissioner, Area Director and Section Director is responsible for ensuring that the spirit of this intent is honored. Upon the recommendation of the National Director of Tournaments, the AYSO National Executive Director and AYSO National Board of Directors collectively reserve the right to determine and administer any discipline that they deem appropriate should they find that the participation of any team or player violates this intent. Disciplinary sanctions can include, but are not limited to, removing or rejecting the offending team or player from participation in all or any part of the National Games.

For purposes of this determination the following definitions shall apply:

1. “Actively Participated in” means playing in at least 50% of the Scheduled Games of any complete Primary Program that occurs between the stated eligibility dates.
2. “Scheduled Games” shall mean games that were scheduled for play at the beginning of the season and available for play (excludes games not available for play due to field closures or similar).
3. “Primary program” shall mean that set of scheduled games in a region for which open registration is held, balanced teams are newly formed and all registrants play. It is acknowledged that some regions may have more than one primary program under this definition. For regions conducting a split season, the primary program shall mean both sets of games count toward a player’s total participation in the primary program.

Exceptions to the above eligibility definitions are allowed according to the criteria set forth on the “National Games Roster Exception Form”. In no case will exceptions be allowed to the extent that said exception violates the above stated intent of the organization relative to player participation in the AYSO National Games.