



AYSO NATIONAL GAMES 2010 TEAM FORMATION POLICY

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Team Selection Method

Each region (or area if receiving an area slot) shall determine the method it uses for team formation, provided that each team member is eligible following the rules listed below.

Team Roster Numbers and Player Numbers on the Field

- The maximum number of team members allowed in U-19 and U-16 will be eighteen and teams will play 11 v 11
- The maximum number of team members allowed in U-14 will be fifteen and teams will play 11 v 11
- The maximum number of team members allowed in U-12 will be twelve and teams will play 9 v 9
- The maximum number of team members allowed in U-10 will be ten and teams will play 7 v 7

Team Member Eligibility

- All rostered team members must have been registered in and participated as players in an AYSO primary program of their respective region (area) that started after June 1, 2009, and ended before June 1, 2010, absent special circumstances, detailed in *AYSO National Policy Statement 2.2.**
- Additionally, all team members must have played in a minimum of one half of their scheduled games for which they were eligible during the primary program, absent special circumstances as defined in *AYSO National Policy Statement 2.2.**

Age Divisions

Age divisions for the AYSO National Games are determined by the AYSO National Rules and Regulations. The effective date of age determination shall be the player's age as of July 31 immediately prior to the start of the membership year in which the Games are held.

The following age divisions participate in the AYSO National Games (*DOB's for 2010 Games*):

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| U-19 girls teams and boys teams | <i>Birthdates August 1, 1990 – July 31, 1993</i> |
| U-16 girls teams and boys teams | <i>Birthdates August 1, 1993 – July 31, 1995</i> |
| U-14 girls teams and boys teams | <i>Birthdates August 1, 1995 – July 31, 1997</i> |
| U-12 girls teams and boys teams | <i>Birthdates August 1, 1997 – July 31, 1999</i> |
| U-10 girls teams and boys teams | <i>Birthdates August 1, 1999 – July 31, 2001</i> |

Teams with a mixture of boys and girls may only occur in a boys' division slot awarded in the Lottery Draw.

Team Formation Limitations

- Each team should be comprised of players from the region(s) in the age division selected in the Lottery Draw. All eligible players from the hosting region **MUST** have the first opportunity to participate or, if an area team, only from the regions stated in the lottery bid.
- **Exception 1:** If the selected region is unable to form a team from appropriate age registered players in the primary season, the region may, with permission from the area director, approach regional commissioners from other *regions* in their own AYSO *area* to seek additional eligible players, which requires each regional commissioner involved to sign off on the addendum eAYSO team roster.
- **Exception 2:** Extraordinary circumstances might indicate the need to go to a neighboring AYSO *area* to find a team member. This requires agreement by each of the regional commissioners and area directors involved as well as permission from the National Director of Tournaments or designee.
- **Exception 3:** Team members will be allowed to be added to a team roster not in their age division only under the circumstances as described in "Playing up" and "Playing down".

“Playing up”

“Playing up” a division by a team member into an older age bracket than his/her birthdate indicates in **Age Divisions**, will be permitted under the following circumstances:

- Permitted in all of the age brackets ***provided that the team member played up in the 2009-2010 primary program.*** * Age appropriate team members should be given first priority in the selection process and it is the responsibility of the regional commissioner to verify the eligibility of the “younger” team member to be playing in an older age bracket during the region’s primary program.*
- Permitted in U-19 by a player born between August 1, 1993 and July 31, 1994
- Permitted in U-16 by a player born between August 1, 1995 and July 31, 1996
- Permitted in U-14 by a player born between August 1, 1997 and July 31, 1998
- Permitted in U-12 by a player born between August 1, 1999 and July 31, 2000
- *U-10 may not utilize players who played in U-8 during the primary program*
*It is expected that Regional Commissioners will NOT play younger children up for the express or singular purpose of participating in the National Games.

“Playing down”

- Younger players required by the region to “play up” during the primary season due to lack of sufficient number of players to field regional competition or due to middle or high school rules, will be permitted to play in their age appropriate group with the approval of the area and section directors.
- ***No other exceptions for “playing down” will be permitted.***

NOTE: *Again, all regions must utilize their own region’s age-appropriate registered players prior to asking for “exceptions”. All team member eligibility will be verified by the AYSO National Support & Training Center. Falsifying information about eligibility may result in expulsion of a team from the Games prior to its start, or if discovered after the Games commence, forfeiture of games in which ineligible team members participated.*

*** National Policy Statement 2.2 Participation in Secondary Programs**

“Special circumstances would include, but are not limited to, an illness; a soccer-related injury; change of address (moved to a new region); parental custodial rights; conflict with secondary or high school rules of state which prevent the registered player from completing the primary program; guest players.....If such special circumstance arises within a region, the regional commissioner must request approval, in writing, from the area director and/or section director prior to adding the child to a secondary season roster.”

The Team Roster and the approved Team Roster Exemption Form (to be provided) must be sent together when requested with all appropriate regional commissioner, area director and section director signatures when submitted to the Games committee.

AYSO teams and players from AYSO teams who have participated in any special AYSO accelerated, select and/or pilot programs concurrent with the primary season, whether officially approved or not, currently may not participate in the National Games. These would include, but are not limited to AYSO Plus (APP), Challenge, Matrix and Pacific Soccer Club.

Questions or concerns? Write to nationalgames@ayso.org.