



AYSO Region 91 – Lancaster, CA Sample Parent's Agreement Form



Greetings AYSO Region 91 U10G "Twisters" Parents, Players, & Family,

Recent incidents have demonstrated that some individuals may be unaware of the manner in which they are expected to behave during the course of AYSO Region 91 matches. It is absolutely imperative to both the success of our players and that of the region as a whole, that we all be fully aware of our responsibilities and required conduct as parents, spectators, and coaches. Moreover, since our etiquette will serve as an example to our children, we must be particularly cautious that our behavior provides an appropriate model for them to pattern themselves after. Therefore, please examine the following with the utmost care.

In past seasons it has become evident that some individuals are unaware of their specific responsibilities as members of an AYSO team. In the interest of diminishing any confusion which might exist regarding this issue, we offer the following list of classifications and corresponding obligations.

<i>Players</i>	Play	: Participate in games or sport
<i>Coaches</i>	Coach	: Supervise the training of an athlete or a team.
<i>Referees</i>	Officiate	: To serve as a referee or umpire
<i>Parents/Spectators</i>	Cheer	: Urge on or encourage

Our region strictly adheres to the six philosophies of AYSO. They are...

Everyone Plays - Every player on each team will play at least half of the game. A player will not be "benched" purely because he or she lacks the skills of another.

Balanced Teams – Our region goes to great lengths to make each team as even as possible. Balanced teams result in games which are more competitive and therefore, more fun. One should be aware that the computerized draft system used in creating our teams is reliant upon input provided by the player evaluation forms that were completed by coaches at the end of the previous season. We encourage our coaches approach these evaluations with honesty and careful attention. However, since the draft is dependent upon this data, certain teams may be stronger or weaker accordingly.

Open Registration – Our programs are open to all children ages 4 – 18 who want to play soccer, regardless of skill level or location. Desire is the only requirement.

Positive Coaching – We train and encourage our coaches to offer positive help to our players so our children learn in a fun, friendly atmosphere.

Good Sportsmanship – We strive to create a positive environment where our children can enjoy playing the game without the pressure of winning at all cost. We believe that the examples we set today will mold the behavior of our children tomorrow.

Player Development – The goal of Player Development is to embrace the objective of improving the soccer skills and knowledge of every AYSO player, from VIP to U-19.

As aforementioned in the section addressing individual responsibilities... It is the child's job to play, the coach's to coach, the referee's to officiate, and the parent's job to cheer. By way of further elucidation, we offer the following...

Parents and spectators must remain at least 9 feet off the play line, and at least 18 yards from the end of the field. At no time may a spectator coach the team from behind the goal net, or for that matter anywhere outside the technical area (*the technical area extends 10 yards from either side of the center of the field of play and is delineated by the center circle*). During the match, the coach must remain within the confines of the technical area except in special circumstances, for example, a physiotherapist or doctor entering the field of play, (*with the referee's permission*) to assess an injured player.

Because soccer is a physical sport, it is quite likely during the course of play your child may sustain some sort of injury. While most injuries are minor, it is important to be prepared to wipe away the occasional tear. Should an injury occur during the course of a match, the official will request that the coach enter the field of play to examine the injury and/or assist that player in leaving the field. Should this occur, the parent(s) should wait at the sideline until called upon for additional assistance.

Each match is controlled by a referee who has full authority to enforce the Laws of the Game in connection with the match to which he or she has been appointed. **The decisions of the referee are final. The referee may only change a decision upon realizing that it is incorrect or, (at his/her discretion) on the advice of an assistant referee, provided that he/she has not restarted play.** Therefore, it is neither useful nor appropriate to question the decision of a referee or lineperson at any time during a match. Doing so may result in an immediate send-off for the coach or offending party. Moreover, **it is an "AYSO Safe Haven" violation to yell at, or in any way make negative comments toward any youth referee. Such behavior is considered by this region to be a form of child abuse and will be met with the immediate ejection of the offending coach or spectator, as well as possible consideration for permanent expulsion from AYSO Region 91 activities, pending a formal inquiry before the executive board.**

As a region we cannot and will not abide any form of abuse (verbal or otherwise) toward our youth volunteers. Use of vulgarity or child inappropriate language will not be tolerated. This is an immediate "send-off" offense.

A spectator or coach may be ejected or "sent-off", (requiring that the individual immediately exit the fields completely and withdraw to the parking area) should a referee or Region 91 official find their words, actions, or behavior to be, violating the laws of the game, abusive, or not in accordance with "AYSO Safe Haven" guidelines and regulations. Should an individual refuse to leave, a referee may stop play (with the clock still running) until such time as that person vacates the fields. It is the coach's responsibility to remind parents and spectators of "AYSO Safe Haven" policy, and/or caution them against unruly behavior or negative comments before such actions lead to intervention by an official. As such, a coach may themselves be ejected by an official should any member of their sideline become a problem. We accept that certain individuals are simply unmanageable and unreceptive to directives. In such instances an AYSO Region 91 board member should be sought immediately to deal with the situation accordingly.

Thank you for choosing Lancaster AYSO Region 91, and for giving us the opportunity to present the beautiful game of soccer to you and your children. We believe that, by working together and understanding our responsibilities as coaches, parents, and players, not only will our children play better... they will have more fun and become better citizens in the process.

Respectfully,
Joe Brown Jr.
Head Coach
AYSO Lancaster, Region 91 U10G "Twisters"

Please sign, and return to your child's coach at your earliest possible convenience.

I have read this document regarding Lancaster AYSO Region 91 policies and guidelines, and comprehend my role within AYSO as a parent, my companions as spectators, and that of my child as a player.

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