

ALL-STAR PROGRAM

AYSO REGION 678

JANUARY 2010

2009 All-star Time Line Summary

<u>Coach Application Due (Section II)</u>	<u>Oct 3</u>
<u>All-star Coach Selection Committee meets to select coaches (Section II)</u>	<u>Oct 3 – Oct 10</u>
<u>Player nominations by coaches due (5 matches completed) (Section III)</u>	<u>Oct 10</u>
<u>Selected all-star coaches notified (Must start scouting players) (Section II)</u>	<u>Oct 10</u>
<u>Division coaches meet to select all-star pools (Section III)</u>	<u>Oct 19 – Oct 22</u>
<u>All-star coaches submit team for Approval Committee approval (Section III)</u>	
<u>A team coach</u>	<u>Nov 9</u>
<u>B team coach</u>	<u>Nov 12</u>
<u>Approval Committee approves all-star roster (Section III)</u>	<u>Nov 9 – Nov 16</u>
<u>All-star players notified by coaches (Section III)</u>	<u>Nov 17</u>

Introduction

A post-season packet will be distributed to each coach at the beginning of the season. Announcements will be made throughout the season and posted on our website at <http://www.ayso678.org>. Coaches interested in participating in the all-star program must fill out the coaching application included in their packet and turn it in to their Division Coordinator or Post Season Director no later than October 3, 2009.

I. PURPOSE OF PROGRAM

The purpose of the All-star program is to create teams that will be highly successful in Area and Sectional play-offs as region representatives. Reference to the all-star programs purpose must be made in interpreting any of the clauses in this document.

II. ALL-STAR COACH ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION PROCESS

All-Star coaches will be selected by the All-Star Coach Selection Committee and approved by the Executive Board. The Selection Committee shall include: The Regional Commissioner, Division Coordinators, Assistant Regional Commissioner Competitive, Post-Season Director, Regional Referee Administrator, Regional Coach Administrator and Assistant Regional Commissioner Administration. If a Committee member is up for consideration, they will be excused during voting. All Coaches that applied will be notified by October 10, 2009.

It is the intent of Region 678 that, when possible, Tournament Coaches be different individuals than All-Star Coaches. All-Star coaches **SHALL NOT** be Tournament Coaches in the same division and gender unless the Region's All-Star Coach Selection Committee has exhausted all possibilities of selecting a coach. This may include going to a different division and selecting a coach. This is to ensure that an All-Star Coach does not favor tournament players in selecting their All-Star Team.

Specific criteria for All-Star Coach Selection are the following:

- Has the ability to properly represent Region 678 in Area and Sectional Play
- Follows the AYSO Coaching Philosophy
- Has the ability to coach players of All-Star caliber
- Has suitable years of coaching experience
- Has achieved Safe Haven Certification prior to Committee selection of All-Star Coaches
- Has achieved AYSO Coaching Certificate corresponding to division prior to committee selection of All-Star coaches

Recommended Achievements:

- Has achieved Regional Referee Certification
- Has achieved AYSO referee certificate corresponding to division
- Has provided service to the region outside of coaching
- Not to be affiliated with a Club team as a coach

III. ALL-STAR PLAYER SELECTION PROCESS

Players will be selected for All-Stars based on the following criteria:

- Can properly represent our region in Area and Section play
- Consistently demonstrates good sportsmanship
- Has a commitment to soccer (both player and family)
- Demonstrates “All-Star” level of soccer ability
- Participated in 70% or greater of the 2009 regional season matches, either playing or cheering
- Is a member of a region 678 team at the end of the 2009 regional season and played in the division for which he/she is being selected.

Each division coach will submit an All-Star player nomination form with his or her nominations. Coaches may nominate any division player from their team they choose, regardless of age (younger/older).

An All-Star Selection committee will be formed in each division, comprised of any division coaches electing to participate and their division coordinator. This committee will meet one time between October 19 to 22 with the task of putting together, by mutual agreement or vote, a narrower pool of All-Star nominated players that will be considered for All-Star play (“All-Star pool”).

The pools will be large enough to accommodate each division’s All-Star needs and to give All-Star coaches roster flexibility. For example, from the U10 nominations, a U10 pool of 20-25 players will be formed (assumption of 2 teams); an U12 pool of 25-30 (assumption of 2 teams); and an U14 pool of 15-20 (assumption of 1 team). If more teams are needed then this process will be expanded to fill additional All-Star teams. Players chosen for the All-Star pool are not guaranteed an All-Star roster spot. Therefore, All-Star pools for each division must be kept confidential by all committee members. **(Note: A player selected to the All-Star pool will be rated no lower than the total number of players in their All-star pool in the following year’s draft except for extreme situations eg. U10 rankings must > 25th)**

The All-Star coaches must commit to scouting each player in their division All-Star pool. They are expected to do so in an objective manner, free of personal bias, and with the intention of selecting players most worthy of All-Star consideration.

The “A” team coach will select their team directly from the All-Star player pool. This will reduce the chance of a true “A” team player being overlooked. The “B” team coach will then fill

his/her team in the same manner¹. An All-Star player, if selected by the “A” coach, cannot refuse to play for that team in order to play for another team unless both coaches and the Regional Commissioner agree upon it.

The Regional Commissioner, Assistant Regional Commissioner Competitive, Program Director, applicable Division Coordinator and Post-Season Director (collectively the “Approval Committee”) will meet with the All-Star Coaches on or about November 9th to 16th to finalize and approve the All-Star team rosters. The final All-Star team rosters must be approved by the Approval Committee to ensure we are not overlooking top players and putting our best players on the All-Star teams.

There will be no player changes once the roster is approved, barring injury or other issue that might prohibit a player from participating on the team for which he / she is selected. However, if a player is unable to participate due to injury or extenuating circumstances after the final rosters are approved, the “A” team coach has the right to choose a player from either the “B” or “C” team or the remainder of the pool or, with Approval Committee approval, outside the pool should there be a specific need for a position specialist.

There is to be NO discussion with players or parents regarding who will be placed on an All-Star teams prior to Approval Committee approval of the submitted All-Star team, estimated to be November 17th. **Any coach not adhering to this shall be in violation of Area S guidelines and may be prohibited from coaching in the post-season.** Since coaches will be handing in nominations early enough in the season, the All-Star Coach may ask the parents and player of their interest level in post-season play, but under **NO** circumstances will they make a commitment or give the impression that a player has been selected for an all-star team. Players selected for All-Star Teams shall not be notified until after the Approval Committee approves the All-Star Team, estimated to be November 17, 2009.

IV. COMMITMENT TO THE REGION

All-star teams will be required to provide volunteer services to the region during the course of the all-star season (generally December 2009 to March 2010). This may consist of field painting, working at the region 678 Gold Rush Tournament², or assisting in other functions identified by the Board. Coaches will be held accountable for their teams’ volunteer requirements, but an all-star team consists of players, coaches and parents. Therefore, all members of the all-star team are responsible to provide volunteer services.

Should you have any questions, comments or concerns contact postseason@ayso678.org

¹ Occasionally, the Region will be asked to field a “wild card “ team (the “C” team). The “C” team coach should give strong consideration to the remaining players in the all-star player pool, but will be given latitude to select other players that the coach believes will yield the most successful team. This latitude is given because the “C” coach has been placed at a competitive disadvantage by the very nature of being the “C” team. Additionally, the all-star pools WILL NOT be expanded to include players needed to field a “C” team.

² Refereeing in the Goldrush tournament in order to receive the teams referee deposit refund IS NOT volunteer services to region 678