

All-Star Program

AYSO Region 678

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Introduction

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 in accordance with the **All-Star-Tournament Timeline** posted on the Region's All-Star-Tournament Page at www.ayso678.org.

Coaches are strongly encouraged to read and understand all policies and procedures of the All-Star program.

I. Purpose of Program

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

Neither coaches nor players who participated in the Extra Program during the season are eligible to participate in the All-Star program.

II. All-Star Coach Eligibility and Selection Process

All-Star coaches will be selected by the Postseason Coach Selection Committee. The Selection Committee shall include: Regional Commissioner, Division Coordinators, Assistant Regional Commissioner Competitive, Post-Season Director, Regional Referee Administrator, Regional Coach Administrator, Region Manager and Extra Program Director. If a Committee member is up for consideration, they will be excused during voting.

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 age-appropriate AYSO Coaching Certificate prior to committee selection of All-Star coaches
- **Must choose an assistant coach who is age-appropriate certified for the division.**

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 Criteria & Eligibility

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

- 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% of that season’s regional season matches, either playing or cheering in accordance with the Adequate Participation Policy.
- Is a member of a Primary Program Region 678 team at the end of the current regional season and played in the division for which he/she is being selected.

NOTE: Players on Regional teams who are still in Area or Sectional play **MUST** make their regional team a priority (practices and games) over any secondary team, including All-Stars.

IV. All-Star Player Selection Process

Each division coach will submit a completed All-Star player nomination form. 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 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 with a minimum of 9 players per team); a U12 pool of 25-30 (assumption of 2 teams, with a minimum of 11 players per team); and a U14 pool of 15-20 (assumption of 1 team, with a minimum of 14 players per 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. Note: Selecting a **excessive (three or more)** number of players from one single team is frowned upon without detailed justification

and will be subject to review. In theory, teams are balanced so every team should have one player minimum up for 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 final All-Star team rosters must be approved via email from the Post-Season director to Regional Commissioner, Assistant Regional Commissioner Competitive, Regional Manager, Regional Coach Administrator, applicable Division Coordinator and Post-Season Director (collectively the “Approval Committee”).

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 final approval of the submitted All-Star team, generally at the end of the regular season playoffs. **Any coach not adhering to this shall be in violation of AYSO Section guidelines and may be prohibited from coaching in the post-season.** Please note: An 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 imply a player has been selected for an all-star team.

Players selected for All-Star Teams can ONLY notified until after the Approval Committee approves the All-Star Team. Please note: Any player concurrently playing on a Regional team, must fulfill all practices and games for the primary team before participating in All-Star activities, until the conclusion of play on the primary team.

IV. All-Star Regional Commitment

All-star teams will be required to provide volunteer services to the region during the course of the all-star season (generally December to). 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 Gold Rush tournament in order to receive the teams referee deposit refund IS NOT volunteer services to Region 678, but service to the All-Star team itself.