



# How to keep playing **SOCCER** **YEAR-ROUND!**

## Coaches, parents and players

When the Fall AYSO season ends, the fun isn't over — it's just getting started! If you are committed to soccer, you will want to ask your Division Coordinator or Post-season Director, [postseason@ayso678.org](mailto:postseason@ayso678.org), about the options to play tournament soccer!

## **AYSO Region 678 Tournament Soccer — Winter through early Summer**

Players who desire to play soccer year-round are strongly encouraged to apply to be considered for a Region Tournament Team. Tournament teams are formed from players from the Fall regular season and are chosen by coaches who are selected to represent our region based on their coaching ability and commitment to AYSO philosophies.

### **Benefits of playing Tournament soccer**

- Play against a higher level of competition, yet enjoy a family-friendly atmosphere
- Tournament teams play between three to eight or more tournaments (Saturday AND Sunday games) from late February possibly through June, which amounts to 20 games or more. (Coach sets schedule)
- Each tournament consists of a minimum of THREE games: typically two pool games on Saturday, one pool game on Sunday with the possibility of advancing to trophy/medal rounds on Sunday
- Tournaments are held throughout Southern California, from San Luis Obispo to San Diego and even out of state
- A fraction of the cost of Club soccer — AYSO tournament team fees can range from about \$200 to about \$400 depending on number of tournaments entered. Club soccer can cost \$1200 or much more!

### **Who can play Tournament Soccer?**

- Players must have played a minimum of 70 percent of games during fall season for an AYSO team
- Players must be committed to playing tournament soccer and make it a priority over other sports
- Teams can be comprised from host region (Region 678) players as well as from other AYSO Regions
- Teams must have final approval of the Region 678 Commissioner

### **Who can coach Tournament Soccer?**

- Any certified AYSO volunteer with age-appropriate AYSO Coaching Certification may apply
- Coaches with a proven track record of upholding AYSO philosophies are awarded tournament teams by a post-season selection committee.
- Coach must be committed to scouting players and choosing a team based not just on talent, but on chemistry
- Coach must be well-organized from training sessions to administrative duties

### **How to apply?**

- Visit [ayso678.org](http://ayso678.org) and fill out the player or coach application on the Tournament/All-Star page
- Turn in your application at the Orange Information Tent at the fields or email to [postseason@ayso678.org](mailto:postseason@ayso678.org)
- **HOT TIP!** — Every tournament team needs referees, so if you are a certified referee and willing to referee at tournaments, let the approved coach know. It may increase your child's chances of making a team!

### **Other ways to keep on playing**

**Saugus AYSO Spring League.** Our sister region Saugus AYSO Region 46 holds a spring soccer league that plays March through May. Registration is in early December and priority goes to families who parents will coach a team. Visit [ayso46.org](http://ayso46.org) for details.

**AYSO Extra.** The Region Extra Program is an advanced league that plays a travelling Fall schedule. Tryouts for the Fall season are usually in March with the opportunity for tournament play. Email [extra@ayso678.org](mailto:extra@ayso678.org) for details.

**For applications and more information, visit [ayso678.org](http://ayso678.org)**