

Being a Team Parent

Coordinator & Facilitator



The Team Parent is an essential member of every team and each team is required to have a Team Parent. The Team Parent coordinates team duties and communications. Remember, your best source of information is ayso678.org

Here is a rundown of the team duties:

- **Attend Team Parent meeting:** This is where you get all the information for the upcoming season. Check ayso678.org or with your division coordinator for time and date.
- **Game & Snack Schedules:** Make sure all team members have a game schedule and create a snack schedule for after the games (Remember, no peanuts or milk since some kids are allergic). The schedule will be posted at ayso678.org.
- **Volunteer duty assignments:** Your team will be required to provide volunteer help to set up when you are the first game of the day or tear down the last game of the day. If you are playing anytime in between, you will also need to volunteer when you are the HOME team. Visit ayso678.org/volparent to see the U5-U8 or U10-U14 Volunteer Program guidelines.
- **Team Roster:** Create a team roster and distribute so parents can arrange carpools and communicate with each other. Include phone #s and email addresses.
- **Picture Day:** Ensure your team is on time on picture day and when the pictures arrive, distribute them to all team members.
- **Team Banner:** The team banner is a source of pride for the team. Order banner from a vendor or have the team create one (A fun team building exercise) You can collect a few dollars from each team to cover material costs. Have fun with the team name but choose a name in the public domain and not a trademarked name such as "Spongebobs."
- **Team Party:** At the end of the season, the team usually has a pizza, BBQ or potluck party or some other season-end celebration. You coordinate the event and collect donations from the team for the party and a coach's gift.

Team Parents must be a registered volunteer and complete the Safe Haven Course.

1. **Register as an AYSO Volunteer.**
 - a. **NEW Volunteers:** Go to www.eayso.org and create a profile, then register yourself as a volunteer. You will be assigned an AYSO ID number. This process allows AYSO to complete background checks to ensure player safety.
 - b. **RETURNING Volunteers:** Go to www.eayso.org, log on and click "Update volunteer information" to activate your volunteer status for the upcoming year.
 - c. It's important to complete the entire process by clicking the electronic signature button and finalizing with the submit button.
2. **Take the Safe Haven Course:** Go to www.ayso678.org/volparent.php and find the Safe Haven link. You will need your AYSO ID number provided in Step 1. The Safe Haven course covers important safety information with regard to players and volunteers. It complies with the Volunteer Protection Act of 1997, which provides certain legal protections for volunteers who have been trained and certified. Safe Haven gives volunteers the highest degree of protection available under the law.
3. **Email the Region CVPA** (Child & Volunteer Protection Advocate) at cvpa@ayso678.org. Once your application has been reviewed by AYSO National, the CVPA will approve your application.

For questions, email

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