

All Star Guidelines

AYSO Region 177



October 2009
Region All Star Coordinator



Table of Contents

<i>Table of Contents</i>	2
<i>Versioning</i>	3
<i>Overview</i>	4
<i>Coach and Player Selection</i>	4
Nomination	4
Selection.....	Error! Bookmark not defined.
Rules	5
<i>Player Notification</i>	5
Notification	Error! Bookmark not defined.
Player/Family Response.....	6
Miscellaneous	6
<i>Team Management</i>	6
<i>All Star teams and Spring Soccer</i>	7



Versioning

Version #	Who Updated	Date	Reason
0.1	James C. Lang	10/15/09	First Draft to review with Board
0.2	Brett C. Minter	11/26/09	Second Draft



Overview

The purpose of All-Stars is to provide players that have demonstrated superior ball skills, effort, attitude, team play and commitment, the opportunity to play a higher level of soccer against other teams with similar skills. This experience against higher level players will lead to increased skills and success in the future. Players are nominated by their Fall soccer coach as candidates for All Stars, and if selected are invited to play on the team.

The All Star season runs from the end of November through February. Play occurs outside of our Long Beach region and will involve travel.

Coach and Player Selection

Coach Eligibility

Coaches must meet the following criteria to be eligible to coach an All Star team:

- Must have been a coach or assistant coach in the current fall season
- Must have the minimum certification required for the age level they are applying for.
- Must have completed Safe Haven training
- Priority will be given to coaches that are referee certified

Each coach needs to complete an All Star coach application form and email it to the All Star Coordinator and Regional Commissioner by October 1st. The Regional Board will meet and review all coaching candidates, determine how many teams will be fielded from each division (i.e. Gold, Silver, Bronze, etc.) and then select the coaches from the pool. The following criteria will be used in that determination:

1. Experience of the coach
2. Rating and general knowledge of the candidate coaches' child
3. Division Coordinator report of Fall Coaching experience
4. Board Discretion (i.e. Will the coach represent the region well)

The majority vote of the Regional Board, providing 1/2 the board is present, and the Division Coordinator for the division, will select the All Star Coach and assign the team type.

Player Selection

Players are selected based on skill level, aggressiveness, attitude, sportsmanship, teamwork and the desire to win. Politics and favoritism are not allowed in the selection process. It is the All-Star coaches' responsibility to field the strongest team possible in order to have the greatest chance of success.

Nomination

Fall Coaches submit player names from their team for consideration that have the



qualities for selection to the All Star team. Player name, jersey number and team name are to be submitted to the division coordinator by October 15th. The Regional Commissioner and All Star Coordinator must approve any exception to this nomination process.

All Star coaches will evaluate players during **a minimum of two regular season games**. The All Star coaches are responsible for thoroughly evaluating all players in their respective divisions. Coaches may hold try-outs. If this is done, all interested players should be invited to try out. All players or their parents must be notified if they did not make the team within one week of team selection. Tryouts will only be allowed with the approval of the Regional Commissioner and All Star Coordinator.

No later than November 1st, the divisional ratings meeting will be held with the division coaches, division coordinator, and divisional commissioner. At the conclusion of that meeting the All Star pool will be announced. This pool will numerically consist of the maximum number of players that could be selected for an age group plus 5 (i.e. U10: $9+5 = 14$, U12: $11+5 = 16$). This will give the division coaches the opportunity for input. A designated Board representative at the conclusion of this meeting will approve the All Star pool of players. The team will be selected from this group only and the age group Commissioner must first clear special circumstances.

Rules

- Three alternate player names will be selected. These alternates will be used if players decline the opportunity to play on the All Star team.
- No more than 1/3 of any one Fall team shall be represented on the all-star team.
- Gold All Star coaches are to notify Silver All Star coaches of their team's roster when Gold roster is finalized. This will enable formation of the Silver All Star team in a timely manner.
- A player may not turn down an invitation from an All Star coach and accept an invitation from another All Star coach.

Player Notification

There are two ways for an All Star to be informed. One way is by a phone call from the All Star Coach. The other way is by a standard invitation which will be mailed to families of potential Gold and Silver players. The invitations are not to be delivered on the field. The standard invitation includes the following information:

- Practice day and times
- List of potential tournaments – locations, dates, number of players allowed on the field
- Number of expected players on the all star team
- Dates of Area K All Star Tournament



- Costs to participate on the all star team include:
 - Uniform (2 jerseys, 1 pair shorts, 2 pair socks)
 - Tournament entry fees/referee fees
- Additional costs could include:
 - Bag/backpack
 - Sweats
 - Hotel costs depending on tournament location
- A response date and method to respond

Player/Family Response

Players and their parents should be informed that participation on the All Star team is a **major commitment of time and effort**. Any player who is not serious about the team should decline allowing replacement by a player who will fully commit. By accepting the invitation to play on the All Star team, players are committing to the Area K All Star playoffs, at least 3 tournaments that, and 2 practices a week. If the team progresses from the Area tournament, this commitment could also include the Section 11 tournament and State tournament.

All families must respond within two days of the initial phone call or when invitation was received in mail. If a response is not given, then an alternate player will be called.

Miscellaneous

Once the All Star teams are selected and approved, the All Star coaches are **not** to discuss any part of the All Star team selection process on the field with players or families.

Team Management

The region does not provide any funding or equipment to these teams. Each player/team is responsible for purchasing:

- Uniforms, sweatshirts, player bags, warm-up suits, etc.
- Entry fees into tournaments other than the Area/Section/State All-Star Tournaments
- Teams are allowed to get sponsors to help cover some costs
- Players are required to attend all practices and games unless it is an excused absence. The family must contact coach if they will be unable to attend practice.
- **Teams may not practice until after Thanksgiving Weekend.**
- Practice fields and times will be given to coaches.
- The Area K Divisional Playoffs take priority over any All-Star tournaments that may conflict. Players must attend their Divisional team games first.
- The All Star Coordinator will email a financial spreadsheet to each All Star Coach. This spreadsheet shall be filled out and returned to the All Star Coordinator in order to receive the teams uniforms.



- The All Star coaches can designate a team treasurer, but the coaches are ultimately responsible for the accounting of funds received. All funds go to Region 177. Regional Treasurer will keep an account per team. The team treasurer is responsible to account for expenses by player.

Any questions regarding All-Stars should be directed to the All-Star Program Coordinator or the Regional Commissioner.

All Star teams and Spring Soccer

All Star teams can “roll over” into the Spring Soccer program after February. Please consult the Spring Soccer Season Guideline for rules and criteria for completing this.

Please consult the Spring Program Coordinator with any questions on this process at spring@ayso177.org.