



## Welcome Team Parents to the 2008 Fall Soccer Season!

Thank you for volunteering!

AYSO is run by volunteers, and everyone needs to do their share in making the season run smoothly for our children.

This handbook contains all of the information you should need to be a successful team parent.

If you are a team parent for U5-U8 Division it is important that I receive your team roster ASAP in order to ensure that the player's names get on the trophies.

**Do not hesitate to call if you have any questions about the role and responsibility of a team parent, please feel free to call me at (949) 400-2184.**

Thank you again for volunteering and have a fun and rewarding soccer season!

*Sara Waters  
Regional Team Parent  
Coordinator/Awards*

# ***AYSO REGION 85 CONTACT LIST***

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Ayso85.org

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## ***1. Trophies and Awards – IMPORTANT***

AYSO provides trophies for all players in Divisions U5, U6 and U8 only.

In the other divisions U9 thru U14, the Region supplies awards for teams that place 1<sup>st</sup> thru 4<sup>th</sup> place in Regional playoffs.

### **Divisions U6 & U8**

If you would like the children's names engraved on the trophies that AYSO supplies, please email me their first and last name, gender (for U6), team name and your team number so that the trophy shop can engrave the names correctly. You can mail or email the list to:

Sara Waters  
21452 Camino Trebol  
Lake Forest, CA 92630  
[awards@ayso85.org](mailto:awards@ayso85.org)  
(949) 400-2184

**Please supply these lists as soon as possible so that they can be given to the trophy shop as early as possible. There are about 50 teams that need to have trophies engraved for their players.**

## ***2. Collection of Money***

Most teams need to collect additional money from the parents to cover the cost of players' recognition, coach and referee thank you gifts, team party (pizza, cake etc.) banners or treat bags.

The normal amount of money to collect is usually between \$10.00 to \$20.00 per child.

Generally you do not collect this money from the Coach or Assistant because of their time commitment.

Please try to keep the dollar amount you collect reasonable because there are many parents that have more than one child playing and it all adds up. There may also be families that cannot afford to contribute and they should not feel obligated.

## ***3. Team Parties***

The Team Parent usually plans some kind of end of season party for the team to present the gifts along with the sponsor plaques and or trophies for the players.

Some teams go for pizza, and many offer free pizza's for the kids as an inducement to get you in. A family's home may also be used to host the party and "Potlucks" can be fun.

Make sure you plan ahead with the restaurant as there are many soccer teams in our area and many places cannot accommodate more than a couple of teams at one time. Most places will reserve a spot for your team if you can give them adequate notice.

#### ***4. Phone Calls/emails***

Check with your coach to see what help he or she needs with phone calls or emails during the season. The team parent will normally call to notify everyone with any schedule changes. This helps the coach tremendously.

#### ***5. Picture Day Sunday - September 7, 2008 @ Heroes Park 8:30am-2:30pm***

Please pass out the picture packets no earlier than one week before picture day. We will have a limited amount on hand the day of.

Picture Day schedule will be posted on the website. Also you will need to pick up the pictures when they are ready. Information will be posted on the website.

If you have any questions regarding picture day please contact:

*Stephanie Torres*  
*Picture Day Coordinator*

**pictures@ayso85.org**

*(949) 452-0553*

#### ***6. Uniforms***

For the safety of the children AYSO does not allow names on the children's uniform shirts.

#### ***7. Team Banners***

Team Banners are fun, but not required. Generally this is limited to division U10 and below, but it is always up to the team to choose

If you decide to have a team banner please check with all the parents on your team regarding the expense before purchasing or making a banner.

#### ***8. Sponsors***

Some, but not all teams may have a sponsor. This is most often a parent that has chosen to donate money to the region in to fulfill their volunteer commitment. The team may supply a plaque for that sponsor, and that can be decided by your team.

## ***9. Game Days***

For game days the Team Parent should ALWAYS bring extra water and drinking cups in case there is an instance where a player forgot to bring his or hers water. It is helpful if the team parent can also bring extra ice in case of injury.

Also, trash bags are a must to assist in cleaning up the fields after your team has used them.

## ***10. Field clean-up***

One of the biggest complaints from the schools is that trash has been left on or near the field after games. It is the responsibility of players and parents from each team to pick up and dispose of their own trash throughout the day.

The teams that have the last game of the day are responsible for picking up ALL remaining trash and disposing of it properly. If there isn't a school dumpster available, then take the trash home and put it in your own trash can.

## ***11. Refreshments***

Every week during the season a different parent/family supplies half-time and post game refreshments for all team players and coaches.

As team parent you are generally responsible for preparing and distributing a snack schedule for the season.

With the exception of the coaches, each family that has a child playing should be asked to provide refreshments a minimum of one time per season. If the game schedule goes beyond one snack per family start over at the top of the list or divide the responsibility among all the parents to cover the remaining games.

The team parent should call the "snack parent" on the Thursday before the game to remind them it is their week to bring snacks. The team parent should also make sure that the snacks are at the field on game day.