

2007-2008 COACH'S INFORMATION

AYSO Region 49 fields soccer teams for boys and girls, (born between August 1, 1988 and August 1, 2003) in the eastern part of Wichita, Kansas. Region 49 is the oldest AYSO region in Kansas. We have been a charter region in the American Youth Soccer Organization since 1974. We are constantly striving to improve our program and maintain the AYSO philosophy of **Everyone Plays, Balanced Teams, Open Registration, Positive Coaching, and Sportsmanship.**

It is important that you understand and implement the AYSO philosophy, for it is you who will have the most contact with and affect our young players the most. Remember that we are playing the game for fun, and for the fun of the children. While you should encourage the very best performance out of your team, never lose sight of the fact that it is just a game.

Let the **Kids Have Fun.** Have a great season and best of luck to your team!

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COMMUNICATION

Saturdays at the field there will be a tent for "command central." If you have questions, you can direct them to board members here. Please be sure to stop by the tent the first few weeks of the season as there will probably be something for you to pick up (a registration for a new player, a newsletter, additional information, etc.). Most weeks we will publish a newsletter with information for you and the team. We suggest that you get a team parent to stop by each week to pick up the newsletter for your team to distribute to all of the parents.

ROSTERS

The registrar will continue to add new players to existing teams (remember, open enrollment) as long as there are openings. If you have someone that is a friend of someone on your team that wants to join your team, refer them to the registrar at 706-5425. They cannot practice on your team until they are registered, and they cannot be placed on your team until the registrar can confirm that there is an opening. If you have an opening on your team, it may be the last one for the entire division, and we may have already received a new registration for that spot, so don't promise the child can play on your team as the spot may have been filled.

There will be a lot of roster changes during the first few weeks of the year. You can always retrieve your roster from our web site at www.ayso49.org/coaches by entering the last name and birth date of any child on the team. So that works for parents on the team if they need to look up teammate's phone numbers. When a new player is added to your team, you will be notified via e-mail or phone about the new player. You will receive the registrations forms for the new players either by mail, or they can be picked up at the tent at the field. Roster sizes are limited so that everyone gets a chance to play as much as possible.

PRACTICES...Where, When, and How Much?

The location, time & frequency are up to you. It is helpful to have a parent meeting at/before your first practice. Suggested practice locations are local public schools and parks. We have an agreement with USD 259 to use their schools, however, there are no "reservations" for fields for practice time. Per our agreement for the use of Stryker Fields, we cannot practice at the fields during the week. U-6 teams may practice once or twice before the season starts and then practices should be limited to Saturday prior to the game. U-8 typically will have one practice during the week. U-10 will typically also have one practice during the week although some coaches may have two practices a week, especially during the beginning of the season. U-12 and above will usually have more than one practice a week but not always. It will vary by coach.

Please let parents know if you must cancel a practice. Also, please do not leave a practice field or game, until all your players have been picked up. This is a very important safety issue! Ask for involvement from your player's parents. Make the practices fun, & teach parents specific ways they can help with "their" team. At least two adults should be present at any practice. At least one adult must be the same gender as the players. This is a safety precaution and Safe Haven requirement. Many parents who are not (yet) ready to coach may be willing to help with team practices. This is a good way for them to learn the rules.

SCHEDULES

The schedule for just the first game of the season will be provided at the coaches' meeting. We do not provide the schedule for the entire season because frequently there are changes in the number of teams, which too often required revising the schedules. Full season schedules will be available before the start of the season and will be posted on the Internet at www.ayso49.org. If you do not have Internet access and cannot download a schedule for the season, see someone at the tent for a schedule. Individual team schedules are available as well as schedules for your division.

All U-6, U-8, and U-10 games are played at Stryker. U-12 teams will typically have two "away" games each eight week session at either Region 105 (45th Street South & Meridian), Region 207 (Hadley Middle School at 9th & Dougherty), Region 208 (17th North and Ridge – Sedgwick County Park), Region 253 (Wheatland Elementary) or Region 491 (Clearwater). U-14 and U-19 divisions will play approximately half of their games at Stryker and the other half away.

CANCELLATIONS

Game cancellations will be decided by the host region RC. Some possible reasons for cancellation include lightning, unplayable soggy fields, low wind chills, snow, or heavy rain. We have cancelled games on bright sunny days because of heavy rains earlier in the week. In the event of a cancellation (for games at Stryker only), we will first post the cancellation notice on our web site (www.ayso49.org), and then on our answering machine (686-2976). We will also call every coach notifying them of cancellations. So be sure that we have a correct phone number, and if you are out of town some weekend and have an assistant coach filling in, please provide the assistant's phone number to 686-2976. Interregional teams that are playing

an away game may not have had their game cancelled. There have been days where Region 49 cancelled, and other regions did not cancel, and there have been days where other regions canceled, and Region 49 did not cancel. If you have an away game and suspect a possible cancellation, your best source of information is the opposing coach. Second best is the other region's phone numbers and web sites, which are listed below. If you are an interregional coach, and have a home game against a team from another region, please call the other coach to notify them of game cancellation.

- Region 49 East Wichita www.ayso49.org 686-2976
- Region 105 South Wichita www.ayso105.org 554-9997
- Region 207 Central Wichita www.ayso207.org 262-6782
- Region 208 West Wichita www.ayso208.org 721-4976
- Region 253 Valley Center www.ayso253.org 755-4440
- Region 491 Clearwater www.ayso491.com 650-3021

MAKE-UP GAMES

We will attempt to reschedule canceled games. Information on make-up games will be posted on our web site. If you do not have Internet access, coaches can call 686-2976. For interregional games, we strongly encourage you to contact the other coach to make sure that they are aware of the rescheduled time.

GAME RESULTS

We do not keep standings or post results anywhere.

U-6 GOALS

Both teams playing the first game of the day on a field are responsible for picking up goals from the equipment trailer and setting them up. The teams playing the last game of the day on a field are responsible for taking down the goals and returning them to the equipment trailer. **DO NOT TAKE THE NETS OFF OF THE POLES.** If you need help, see someone at the tent.

Training

Free training is provided each spring and fall for refereeing and coaching. Encourage you parents to go through the training for referees. We always need more referees. A list of the training is available at www.ayso49.org/coaches

SECTION 4

There are over 1000 AYSO Regions across the USA. The Regions are grouped into 14 different Sections. Region 49 is included in Section 4, which encompasses all Regions in the states of North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Missouri, Iowa and parts of Minnesota and Colorado. The Section 4 Director is based in Wichita, and they have a web site located at www.aysosection4.org.