



REDLANDS AYSO REGION 50

SPRING SELECT (All Star) TEAM REGIONAL GUIDELINES

Introduction

Spring Select (All Stars) is a competitive team, made up of the top Fall players in each division who competed in the current Core season. Players are nominated by their Fall Core team coaches to attend a tryout with other nominated players where they will compete for a spot on the final roster. The head coach for each Spring Select team will select the final team roster once the tryout has concluded. Please note that there may, or may not be a Spring Select team or tryouts in every division.

Redlands Spring Select teams will play against other Spring Select teams in league play and they will participate in the annual Redlands AYSO Citrus Classic tournament, and also have the option to participate in other AYSO sanctioned tournaments that don't interfere with league play. Spring Select is a travel ball team that plays games in Redlands and travels away to play other AYSO regions. A limited number of teams are formed in the 10U-19U divisions depending on coach availability, qualification and interest, as well as available volunteer support, including referees. The Spring season typically runs from February through mid-June. Players and coaches are expected to remain with the team the entire duration of that time. Due to the high level of commitment, players are not eligible to practice or play with other AYSO secondary play teams, including EXTRA or club soccer teams such as AYSO United, until mid-June. Players are permitted to participate in AYSO United open tryouts, however if they are invited to join an AYSO United team, the player is expected to complete their commitment to the Spring Select team before playing with the new team.

The core philosophies of AYSO are maintained during the Spring Select Season; however, Spring Select differs from the regular fall season program in the following ways:

- The number of players able to participate is limited by available coaches and support staff (i.e. Referees, Team Managers, Program Administrators, etc.)
- Spring Select is an INVITATION ONLY program in which current Fall players are nominated by current Fall coaches to attend a tryout (players can also be scouted during the Fall season). After attending tryouts the final roster will be chosen by the head coach appointed by the selection committee.
- Nominated players are not guaranteed placement and may be disqualified for multiple reasons, including but not limited to skill level, attitude, and behavior(s).

- A greater commitment by the players and parents is required as play includes regular and sometimes extensive travel.
- The cost of participation in Spring Select is significantly higher as travel and lodging costs are often incurred in addition to custom uniforms, and various registration, referee and tournament entry fees. Player fees for Spring Select vary each season.
- Unlike Fall Primary season, a coach is able to drop a player that does not fulfill his/her commitment to the team. Missing too many practices or games, being disruptive or disrespectful, etc., can be grounds for removal from a team (no player shall be removed solely based upon his/her performance or lack thereof). Refunds are not given after team uniforms have been ordered, or the season has started due to a player drop.

Parents should be cautioned that a player's participation in another sport during the Spring Select season is highly discouraged and many coaches will not select a player if he/she is playing multiple sports at the same time. Additionally, parents should understand that Spring Select soccer is essentially All-Star level play and to be selected is a privilege, an honor; and not a right. Participants should recognize that they are making a commitment to a team and the commitment should not be entered into casually.

I. Coach Selection

A. Prerequisites for applying to coach Spring Select are as follows:

- Head coaches must: (1) Have coached in the current Redlands AYSO Fall Core season, and in the division for which he/she is applying; (2) Be a Redlands AYSO registered volunteer who has passed a current background (risk) check; (3) Be Safe Haven certified; (4) Have completed and passed a Live Scan fingerprint check. (5) Must complete SafeSport, Cardiac Arrest, and Concussion Awareness certifications BEFORE January 1st of the current Spring Select season.

B. Spring Select Coaches will be selected from a pool of candidates who meet the prerequisites. If there is only one applicant they are not guaranteed the position and must still be approved by the Spring Select committee which shall consist of, at a minimum, the Regional Commissioner, Spring Select Coordinator, and Regional Coach Administrator, based upon but not limited to the following criteria:

- Reputation as a volunteer in the region and Disciplinary History;
- Participation as volunteer in other position(s) in Redlands AYSO Region 50;
- Whether the coach is a first or second year coach in his or her respective division;
- New versus returning Spring Select coach;
- Significant Contribution to AYSO and in particular Redlands AYSO Region 50 in other

volunteer positions; • Additional AYSO Certification and/or training;

- Respective Division Coordinator endorsement;
- Participation as a Referee in Redlands AYSO Region 50;
- Adherence to Good Sportsmanship and Positive Coaching Philosophies in word and deed; • Whether the coach's associated player is a first or second year player in his or her respective division.

C. A coach's regular season record shall not be the focus of the Spring Select Committee.

D. Coaching selections made by the Spring Select Committee are final and are not open to lobbying, debate, and/or rebuttal. The Regional Commissioner shall reserve the ultimate right of approval or disqualification of a Spring Select coaching candidate.

E. When no qualified candidate has applied or in cases where all candidates have been disqualified, the Spring Select Committee may at their discretion do the following: • Contact a candidate in the interest of fielding a team in the division; • Decide for no team participation in the affected division. Final determination will be made by the Spring Select Coordinator or Regional Commissioner.

F. Approved Spring Select coaches shall be notified of selection in writing (including via email, but NOT via text message.) Likewise, all eliminated candidates shall be notified in writing (including via email, but NOT via text message) when disqualified.

II. Team Formation

A. Teams will be formed from players who played in at least 75% of their games in the current Core fall season within his/her respective division. Teams will be formed in the following manner:

- The head coach may select players solely based upon their observations during Fall league play. The head coach may also elect to review the recommendations from other fall coaches in the same division, and elect to have a tryout for those players who are nominated. The coach can also select a player from try-outs (if held) from a list of alternates in case there are declines of invitation;
- Once the coach has made his final selections, he/she forwards the list of players to the Spring Select Coordinator for review and approval or denial, or questions;
- If there are questions by the Spring Select Coordinator on the make-up of the roster, the coach will respond to the Spring Select Coordinator as appropriate. If there are no questions or potential conflicts the roster is approved. (An example of a potential conflict would be a coach submitting a final roster made up of 50% or more players from their Fall Core team)

- The Spring Select Coordinator or Regional Commissioner either approves the roster or sends back to the coach for adjustments;
- If/ When all adjustments are made and final approval is given, the coach may notify his/her players in writing (including via email, but NOT via text message);
- If there are declines of invitations, the coach shall notify the Spring Select Coordinator of the decline and shall proceed to contact an approved alternate in the appropriate manner upon approval.
- Coaches who communicate roster selections prior to completing the above process shall be subject to disciplinary action up to and including removal as coach.

B. Only one team will be formed in each boy/ girl division per Spring Select season.

C. No player shall be issued an invitation to join the team prior to completion of their team's fall season. Coaching candidates that prematurely recruit or contact players and their families prior to try-outs and/or the official selection process shall be considered tampering with or distracting players on opposing teams moving into or participating in playoffs. Such activities shall be subject to disciplinary action by the Spring Select Coordinator, up to and including disqualification as a coaching candidate.

D. Team approval will be subject not only to players, but also to the quantity and quality of team volunteers, including the following Positions: a. Head coach (refer to section I. above.) b. Assistant coach and certifications. c. Team manager and certifications. d. Team treasurer and certification.

E. Team referees. A minimum of 4 certified & approved referees that are qualified as per the regional guidelines to referee games at a level equal or greater to their teams own division. **Teams will not be formed without 4-certified referees.**

III. Player Eligibility

A. All Spring Select player candidates must have played at least seventy-five percent (75%) of all current fall season games (players must play in at least 2 quarters of each game), excluding those games missed for injury or illness. Any exception to this rule may be approved exclusively by the Spring Select Coordinator or Regional Commissioner.

B. A player from a neighboring AYSO regions may be eligible after (1) All eligible players in the region have been contacted and participation declined, and/or; (2) An exception is

made in writing by the Spring Select Coordinator to allow player to play, and; (3) Full release in writing is given by the player home region's Regional Commissioner, and; (4) Full release in writing is given by Redlands AYSO's Regional Commissioner, and; (5) Full Release in writing is given by the Area 1/N Spring Select Coordinator, and;(6) Full release in writing is given by the Area 1/N Area Director.

C. All players wishing to participate in Spring Select are required to have a parent or guardian attend a mandatory Spring Select parents' informational meeting and orientation. Such a requirement might be waived solely by the Spring Select Coordinator or Regional Commissioner, and only once it has been deemed satisfactory that the player's parent or guardian has properly read and understood the Spring Select Regional Guidelines and league commitments.

E. The Regional Commissioner of Redlands AYSO Region 50 retains the right to review all team rosters and disqualify any participant from Spring Select participation due to recurring behavioral problems or major negative incidents associated with the player and/or his/her family. It should be noted that the following shall be considered behavioral problems and major negative incidents:

- Historic undermining of head coaches by parents, guardians and/or associated family members;
- Continual criticism and/or berating of volunteer referees;
- Sideline or match-day coaching Coaching players when they are not the coach.
- Ejections by referees or Regional Staff;
- Violations of Kids Zone Policies and AYSO Parents' Pledge, including non-adherence to the NO PETS guideline at AYSO activities.
- Previous suspensions or warnings issued by the region.

Invitations to players shall be sent in writing (including via email, but NOT via text message) to the potential player's parent/guardian. The name of any player declining an invitation will be sent to the Spring Select Coordinator before final roster approval.

IV. Finances

A. Player registration completed and paid for online. Player registration will be completed by a date set by the Spring Select Coordinator to facilitate uniform ordering and other tasks necessary to planning the season.

B. There are no registration refunds or uniforms refunds of any kind after January 1st.

C. There is NO REFUND of sponsorships or fundraising proceeds once they have been deposited into the team account. These monies will remain with the team.

D. Each team shall appoint a team treasurer to handle the team finances. The team treasurer must be a current registered volunteer in Region 50.

- E.. The team treasurer will make team deposits to the Regional Treasurer who will then deposit those funds into the Redlands AYSO Spring Select Account. All team finances must be channeled through this account. NO exceptions.
- F. Spring Select teams may require that each player fundraise or pay out of pocket a maximum additional amount of \$150.00 to cover tournament fees if the coach decides to have the team participate in tournaments.
- G. There is no discount or scholarships for player registration fees. Sponsorships and donations cannot go towards the player's registration fee, however, they can be applied towards the individual expenses of a player for additional incurred team expenses such as tournament fees, team gear, team parties, etc. Tracking and allocation of funds per player must be done by the team treasurer, and subject to verification by the Regional Treasurer.
- H. Deposits and check requests will be made by the team treasurer only in accordance with the rules set out by the Regional Treasurer.
- I. Checks will not be issued by the Regional Treasurer if sufficient funds are not available in the team account.
- J. If they choose to participate in a preseason tournament, each team will receive an advance, equal to one AYSO tournament fee (not including referee deposit) to be paid back by no later than March 31st, and at the discretion of the Regional Commissioner or Spring Select Coordinator.
- K. The Regional Treasurer will make accessible to each team treasurer and coach an overall accounting of the team's account for reconciliation on at least a monthly basis.
- L. The final accounting of all team finances must be presented to the Spring Select Coordinator, and Team Manager within two weeks following the final tournament or final games of the season by the Regional Treasurer. Team accounting must be presented to any parent requesting such information within 7 days of request.
- M. All unused funds deposited in the form of sponsor donation requiring a regional receipt will not be refunded to the team after July 31st.

.V. Sponsorships

- A. No team shall solicit donation of funds and/or goods and services from a Fall Season sponsor. It is the responsibility of the Head Coach to get approval from the Spring Select Coordinator prior to contacting a sponsor. Sponsorships are non-refundable.
- B. No team shall solicit the donation funds and /or goods and services from an AYSO National Sponsor or a Redlands AYSO Region 50 regional sponsor, vendor or service provider. It is the responsibility of the Head Coach to get approval from the Spring Select Coordinator prior to contacting a sponsor or service provider.

- C. No team shall solicit the donation of funds and/or goods and services from a sponsor that has donated to another team. It is the responsibility of the Head Coach to get approval from the Spring Select Coordinator prior to contacting a sponsor.
- D. No single team shall create a conflict of interest by soliciting the donation of funds and/or goods and services from competing businesses. It is the responsibility of the Head Coach to get approval from the Spring Select Coordinator prior to contacting a sponsor.
- E. The Spring Select coach and Team Manager are responsible to ensure that sponsors are appropriately recognized by the team.

VI. Fundraising

- A. All fundraising must have approval of the Spring Select Coordinator or Regional Commissioner and must not be in competition or conflict with the CET team.
- B. All funds generated must be processed through the Redlands AYSO Region 50 Treasurer to comply with National AYSO guidelines.
- C. Team fundraising is capped at \$2,000.00 per team, no matter the source (i.e. family donation, sponsorship, and fundraising) without the express written consent of the Regional Commissioner.
- D. All funds belong to Redlands AYSO Region 50 until disbursed to the Spring Select Team.
- E. Any unused team funds may be spent on team parties, coaches gifts, or team trophies and plaques etc.

VII. Scope of Play

- A. Spring Select teams are required to play in the Area 1/N Spring Select league, but may also play in tournaments as long as the tournaments do not conflict with their Area 1/N Spring Select schedule, no exceptions. Game forfeiture during league play will result in sanctions being placed on the team, up to and including team disbandment.

VIII. Tournament Play

- A. Tournaments must be approved by the Spring Select Coordinator or RC.
- B. The Regional Commissioner or his designee(Spring Select Coordinator) is the only person who may sign tournament applications, rosters, ID cards, and forms requiring his/her signature. No blank rosters will be signed. Any forgery of signatures will result in sanctions being placed on the team, up to and including disbandment.
- C. Only regional checks requested from the Regional Treasurer may be used to enter tournaments. No personal checks may be used.

- D. Referee deposits must be returned to the Regional Treasurer for credit.
- E. Lost or stolen checks will result in a \$35.00 fee charged to the team account.

IX. Coaches

- A. Coaching will be conducted in accordance with the AYSO national philosophy and Positive, Instruction, Encouraging (PIE) coaching and conduct themselves and the team in accordance with all AYSO national and regional rules.
- B. Coaches will have in their possession at all AYSO functions, signed copies of each player's registration forms with picture ID's and medical release forms.
- C. Coaches will conduct themselves in a manner representative of Redlands AYSO Region 50. Any Coach being ejected or receiving complaints from league or tournament officials for his/her sideline conduct, the inability to control his/her team's sideline conduct, or failure to follow Redlands AYSO Region 50 conduct standards is subject to immediate removal from his/her coaching position and including up to team disbandment.
- D. In the event of a coach's removal from his/her position, the Spring Select Coordinator at his/her discretion and with the approval of the Regional Commissioner can assign a qualified coach or disband the team if a qualified replacement cannot be located.
- E. All Spring Select coaches must abide by the guidelines set forth by Area 1/N and any additional guidelines set forth by Redlands AYSO Region 50.
- F. Spring Select teams must have and maintain a properly certified head coach and assistant coach. The assistant coach will handle coaching duties if the head coach cannot be present.

X. Spectators

- A. Spectators will conduct themselves in accordance with the AYSO national philosophies and conduct themselves in accordance with all AYSO National and Regional rules and guidelines.
- B. Disruptive, violent or unruly behavior may result in a parent or spectator being banned from all future matches involving that team. Any parent or spectator that refuses to respect any such ban associated with his/her behavior and/or engages in violent, threatening and/or intimidating behavior towards players, parents, other spectators or AYSO Volunteers shall result in Law Enforcement being contacted for his/her removal. Any behavior that meets the above criteria shall be grounds for the removal from the program any player associated with the parent or spectator in question.
- C. Any parent or spectator who is sent off, before, during or after a game will be subject to a

minimum 1- game suspension, and potentially more games, or season ban.

XI. Players

- A. Players will conduct themselves in a positive manner at all times as a representative of the Redlands AYSO Region 50.
- B. Red cards will result in suspension of that player for at least the next scheduled, played game. If the player is sent off in the last match of a tournament, the suspension will be served at the next tournament or scheduled Spring Select match. Additional game(s) suspension may be added at the discretion of the Redlands Spring Select Coordinator, Regional Commissioner and/or Area 1/N Staff.
- C. Excessive or continual yellow and red cards issued to a player will not be tolerated. Players may be suspended or removed from the program for excessive and/or continual cautions (yellow cards) or sendoffs (red cards).
- D. Any player being ejected for violent conduct is subject to suspension for the remainder of the season and is subject to permanent removal from the program where registration fees, sponsorships, and fundraising monies will not be refunded.

XII. Player Drops and Refunds

- A. Any player who drops from the Spring Select Program prior to January 1st shall be entitled to a complete refund of any paid Spring Select League Fees.
- B. Any player who drops from the Spring Select Program after January 1st shall not be entitled to any refund of any paid Spring Select League Fees.
- C. Any player/family who participates in fundraising or sponsorship activities associated with his/her Spring Select team or Redlands Region 50, agrees that all funds collected through these activities belong to Redlands AYSO.

XIII. Uniforms

- A. Included with the registration fee, each player will receive two (2) sets of uniforms; (2 jerseys, 2 shorts, and 2 pairs of socks), 1 practice shirt, and 1 backpack.
- B. Additional uniforms (full or partial) can be purchased from the region at cost, plus applicable incurred shipping costs and taxes (For current rostered players only). The region is not responsible for replacing lost, damaged or stolen uniforms or backpacks.
- C. The region is not responsible for replacing lost, damaged, or stolen uniforms or backpacks that have been distributed to players.
- D. Spring Select teams are required to wear the "Home" (Orange) uniform while playing in Redlands, and "Away" (Black) uniform while playing games outside the region. The Home & Away uniforms are designated by the Spring Select Coordinator or RC.
- E. For safety reasons, player names cannot be added to uniforms or backpacks.

- F. Uniforms cannot be modified in any manner, including sponsor names etc.

XIV. REDLANDS AYSO Region 50 Spring Select Code of Conduct

A. It shall be the duty of each player, coach, team manager, referee, official, other volunteer, parent/guardians, relatives and visiting friends; and any other spectator to:

- Conduct himself/herself in a manner becoming a member of AYSO and consistent with the AYSO Six Philosophies and highest standards of conduct.
- Work together as a team in support of all participants involved in alignment with the Stewards of the Game program to promote a FUN, FAIR, and SAFE environment.
- Comply with and promote compliance with all AYSO Rules & Regulations and policies including those related to registration, facilities, certification and training.
- Encourage clean competition and good sportsmanship.
- Prohibit and abstain from use of profane or negative comments or actions involving officiating, opponents, staff, other spectators, or any volunteers.
- Present a healthy and safe athletic environment for all, including but not limited to consumption of alcohol, use of drugs, tobacco products or smoking or simulating smoking or use of such products during practices or matches or in the immediate vicinity of the soccer fields.

B. It shall also be the duty of each coach to:

- Be certified as a coach in their division as required by AYSO. Be knowledgeable in AYSO Philosophies, IFAB/FIFA Laws of the Game, and training techniques and practices. Train and coach the team to the best of his/her ability, while attending all games and practices on time.
- Remain within the coaches' technical area (Article I.G.2.) during the match. A maximum of two coaches (head coach & assistant coach) and one team manager is permitted for each team.
- Limit his/her sideline participation during matches to comments that are positive, instructional, and or encouraging (PIE) with limited supportive direction. Refrain from having sensitive conversations with parents or other individuals, within hearing distance and/ or close proximity of players.

C. All players, coaches, team managers, referees, officials, other volunteers, parents/guardians, relatives and visiting friends; and any other spectator understand and agree to conduct themselves in accordance with all AYSO's National and Regional Rules and Guidelines.

D. Redlands Region 50, at its sole discretion, can suspend temporarily, for the entirety of the season, or permanently any player, coach, team manager, referee, official, other volunteer, parent/guardians, relatives and visiting friends; and any other spectator, that violates any rule or regulation set forth here or within the AYSO National

Guidelines, including violations under AYSO's National Policy Section 2.12 AYSO Code of Conduct Policy Against Harassment, Abuse or Violence, subsection Acts of Violence:

- E. An intentional act of physical violence directed at or upon an individual, for purposes of this policy, includes an act intended to cause the individual targeted to be fearful of injury to himself or herself, to a member of his or her family or to said individual's property or the property of said individual's family members will lead to a permanent ban from the Redlands AYSO practices, games and other events. Unintended consequences of the act are irrelevant.
- F. Acts of violence also include, but are not limited to, the following acts committed upon an individual: hitting, kicking, tripping, punching, choking, spitting on, grabbing or bodily running into an individual; head butting; the act of kicking or throwing any object at an individual that could inflict injury; damaging the individual's clothing or personal property, e.g., car, equipment, etc. Acts of violence also include what is considered to be any type of criminal assault or battery by law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over the location of the incident.

XV. Miscellaneous

- A. Violation of any of these Spring Guidelines may result in sanctions being placed on the team, player, coach, team manager, referee, official, other volunteer, parent/guardians, relatives, visiting friends and any other spectator. These include but are not limited to permanent suspension or removal from the program.
- B. The Spring Select guidelines may be changed, amended, or suspended at the discretion of the Regional Commissioner at any time and without notice.
- C. Any player who is suspended will not receive a refund..