



Pathway to Becoming a United Team, Coach, or Player in AYSO Region 50

Overview

The AYSO United program is the pinnacle of the AYSO player development pyramid. Built on the foundation of the organization's Six Philosophies, AYSO United flips the soccer building blocks by prioritizing a player's development, which is designed to meet the technical, tactical, and psycho-social needs of players. AYSO United is committed to provide a player-centered learning environment which allows each player to reach their own personal development goals. Each player is guaranteed to play at least 50% of each game which ensures both a positive youth soccer experience and an opportunity to develop their game.

AYSO United coaches are placed in an environment where development is prioritized over winning. This structure ensures that coaches can develop players and teams without outside pressure as they look to create the ultimate development experience. We encourage professional growth and continued education both in AYSO, USSF, and other coaching education programs. AYSO United is not only a Club for player development, but we also pride ourselves on continual education of our AYSO top coaches. AYSO United's Coaching education pathway is designed to create a developmental path for our coaches as we create a positive learning environment for our players.

Prospective United Teams

Each year, a Committee consisting of the Assistant Region Commissioner, the EXTRA Coordinator, and the Coach Administrator shall convene at the end of the Fall season to evaluate the health of the Redlands AYSO United program in the region and evaluate existing Region 50 teams for promotion to the AYSO United program. The Committee will also evaluate the need for new, entry level teams (9U-10U) to sustain the United program.

The Committee shall consider the following factors for existing EXTRA teams and new teams:

- The number of Redlands AYSO United teams in each gender and division;
- The need for new, entry level teams to sustain the United program in the Region;
- Level of competition available;
- Team's recent performance record;
- The length of time a team has been together;
- Team history as it relates to the AYSO Pathway (Core, Spring Select, and Extra);
- Team volunteerism to the Region, including Board membership, referee duties etc.;
- Player numbers in the age group within the Region & maintaining sufficient player numbers at all levels of the developmental pathway (Core-Extra-United);
- Disciplinary history of team parents and families;

Each season AYSO United may elect to hold an open tryout to determine if there is enough interest and players to create a new team. However, United is not obligated to form a new team after open tryouts, or promote an existing Region 50 team.

Prospective United Coaches

Each year a Committee consisting of the Assistant Region Commissioner, the EXTRA Coordinator, and the Coach Administrator shall convene at the end of the Fall season to evaluate existing and new potential coaching candidates for promotion to the AYSO United program.

The Committee shall consider the following factors for existing & new coach candidates to recommend to the AYSO United program. The following factors will be considered:

- Volunteerism to the region, including coaching, refereeing, board membership, and mentorship.
- Coaching experience;
- Coaching certifications including a minimum USSF D-license;
- Volunteer requirements, including registered as a volunteer in Region 50, Safe Haven, SafeSport, CDC Concussion, Live Scan;
- Disciplinary history during time as a volunteer in Region 50;
- Representation of AYSO philosophies during time as a volunteer in Region 50;

The Committee will bring a recommendation to the Board with recommended teams and Coach candidates. Upon approval from the Board, the Region Commissioner will send a recommendation to AYSO United leadership. The Regional Commissioner reserves the right to

recommend a team and coaching candidate for the United program in the best interest of Region 50.

AYSO United will interview coach candidates and make the final decision on coaches and the formation of new teams within a United hub. An open tryout may be held to determine if there is enough interest and high level players to create a new team. However, United is not obligated to form a new team after open tryouts. After the last tryouts are held, United will decide whether to form new teams and finalize coaching assignments. The United Director of Coaching, not the Region, conducts the final search for the head coach and selects the head coach.

Prospective United Players

Each year AYSO United offers open tryouts for players wishing to be considered for an AYSO United team. Tryouts are typically held in the Spring. Players may also attend an open training session to be considered for a team. Open training session offered throughout the year and often advertised on social media and the AYSO United website. Players can play “up” in age if a team is not available in their birth year. Although not required, players should have followed the AYSO Pathway and will benefit greatly from play in Core, Spring Select, and EXTRA. Each player is guaranteed to play at least 50% of each game which ensures both a positive youth soccer experience and an opportunity to develop their game.

Disclaimer: The Pathway to becoming an AYSO United Team, Coach, or Player is subject to change by the Redlands AYSO Region 50 Board at any time without notice.

