

Region 84 Fall 2022 Post registration Frequently Asked Questions

How does AYSO work? How may I help?

The AYSO organization is run entirely by volunteers who give of their own time. You may help as a coach, referee, team parent, Board Member or in other areas. AYSO will provide complete training.

How long is the fall soccer season and when are the games?

Games start the first Saturday after Labor Day and continue through mid November. The schedule will vary by division with 9U thru 19U players participating in post season playoffs that may run into December. Games may be scheduled as early as 8:00 AM on Saturday.

What if my child no longer decides to play?

Region 84 has a refund policy. We will refund your registration fee less \$20 if you request a refund by 7/01/22. After that we will not honor any refund requests. Please see the website for more details.

How are teams formed?

Teams in divisions 9U through 14U are balanced based upon each player's skill level, age and experience. Due to the need to create balanced teams, requests to be placed with friends or neighbors or for carpool purposes can be considered, but cannot always be accommodated. Requests to move from one team to another due to practice conflicts will not be accommodated. Teams in 5U - 8U divisions will be placed by the program managers according to neighborhoods, schools and requests. Our volunteers do the best they can, however, we are not able to place according to every request. Please understand that we do try.

I have neighbors who would still like to sign up. Can they?

Yes, please go to our website to register online. If it is after July 1, players will be placed on a wait list and added to teams as space allows.

Why do other cities seem to begin practicing before Region 84?

The City of Mission Viejo has some of the most well maintained fields in Orange County. To keep them in great condition, they close them for the summer to give them a chance to "rest." We are allowed to use fields beginning after Labor Day. Since our first few games are usually practice games, this works fine for us.

When will the practice and game schedules be released?

The City of Mission Viejo usually gives us our field permits in mid-August. We assign age groups to fields based upon the size of the division and league, and then the fields and teams are sent to the scheduler to create the game schedules. The last couple of years they have been delayed due to late player drops and team shuffling. We strive to have schedules released 10 days prior to opening day but sometimes unforeseen circumstances delay this.

Where and when will my child practice?

Practices are held at numerous fields in Mission Viejo. The decision of place, day, and time is determined by division and league size, taking into consideration the coach's request. Practices are generally conducted two times per week, except 6U, 7U and 8U, which are once per week. 5U only plays and practices on Saturdays.

Meet the Coach Day

Some divisions will have a program called "Meet the Coach Day" during August. On that day, you will hear about your child's program and meet the coach. We are asking every family to send one representative. Please see the attached flyer and check the website for more details as August draws closer. Older divisions will receive an e-mail from their coach after team distribution night. If you do not hear from your coach by August 29th, please email the Program Manager for your child's division.

Who do I contact with questions?

Most questions can be answered on our website. Please check there first. All board members have a specific job and our emails are listed on the website. We are here to help, but please remember we are volunteers who also have jobs and take vacations. We do our best to answer in a timely manner. If you don't hear back within a week, please email again and cc the Registrar, Regional Commissioner or Assistant Regional Commissioner.

For questions regarding:

- Registration and refunds please contact the Registrar.
- Volunteer forms and general volunteer questions please contact the CVPA.
- Referee classes and general referee questions contact the Referee Administrator
- Coaching classes and general coaching questions contact the Coach Administrator
- Specific division and program questions, inquiries about coaches after Aug. 29th, or to volunteer to coach your child's team please contact the age/gender specific Program Coordinator.

We hope you have a fantastic soccer experience in Region 84 and we look forward to a great fall season. See you on the field!!

Please remember that it takes many volunteers to run this great program for your player. Your help is always needed and appreciated.