

AYSO ELITE - ALL STAR PLAYER AND PARENTS COMMITMENT LETTER



Dear Parents:

We are pleased to invite your child to play on their division All Star Team for the 2013-14 tournament season. As you may already know, All Star Team **selection is an honor and a privilege, not an entitlement. Along with the honor and privilege of All Star selection come responsibilities and commitments.** In order to enable you to make a fully informed decision whether to accept our invitation, this letter sets forth some basic information about the tournament season, and describes the nature of the commitments that are expected from All Star players and their parents. Please provide us with your affirmative response by returning a fully signed copy of this letter to the All Star Team coach at your team's first practice.

Tournament Overview

The tournament season commences in mid-November 2013 and continues through August 2014. These tournaments are put on by AYSO regions, as well as local clubs. Some local and a few in which may require overnight stay. The tournaments are played on Saturday's and Sunday's although there is one tournament played over three days.

It is up to the coach and the parents to decide how many tournaments to enter. In any given tournament season, an All Star team can play in 5-10 tournaments. Each tournament (other than the actual All Star tournament), requires advance payment by the parents of a registration fee and a referee deposit. The cost average is between \$50-\$60 per player/per tournament. A Uniform purchase in the \$50-\$70 range is another All Star team expense, along with the optional purchase of All Star backpacks, sweatshirts and/or other similar items.

Also parents are required to pay a commitment fee of \$100.00. If the parent has multiple kids playing they receive a \$25.00 discount per additional child. This money is nonrefundable. If a player leaves the money will stay with the team. If the team dissolves the money will stay with the region.

In exchange for the honor and privilege of playing on the All Star Team, each player and their parents are expected to make the following commitments:

1. To make AYSO soccer your first priority over different sports or other after-school/weekend activities from the beginning of the tournament season through the end of the tournament season. As set forth above, the team will often continue to play in tournaments through June;
2. To timely attend at least 75% of all team practices (typically one-two practices per week depending on coach/player availability, and the team's tournament schedule), and 90% of all tournament games. In the event of injury, illness, emergency, or any other reason, you must inform the coach sufficiently in advance of any practices or games that you cannot attend.
3. To timely make all advance payments necessary for the tournaments that your team has decided to enter;
4. To volunteer to referee in tournaments in the event that you (parents) are certified referees;
5. To otherwise volunteer as needed by the coach if you (parents) are not certified referees, and to be generally supportive of the All Star players, coach, and Region 605;

6. To behave yourselves at all times while at tournaments, with the knowledge that you are representing Region 605 at all tournaments at which you appear. This includes, but is not limited to, being courteous to the referees at all times regardless of whether you agree with their calls; being courteous to the opposing team's players and coaches at all times regardless if they are courteous to you; and complying with all tournament rules;
7. To comply with all game related requests of your team's coach including, but not limited to, what position(s) to play; what quarters to play; and what strategies and tactics to use; and
8. To comply with all rulings and other decisions made by the Commissioner.

Consequences of Non-Compliance

Failure to honor any of these commitments may, after consultation with the team coach and approval of the Commissioner, result in any or all of the following consequences: (a) reduction of playing time in tournament games; (b) being left off the roster for tournament games; (c) suspension from the team; (d) loss of eligibility for future All Star or tournament teams; (e) such other appropriate consequences as may be approved by the Commissioner.

On behalf of Region 605, we look forward to your child's participation and a great All Star season.

Sincerely,

Jim Woods
All Star Administrator

Kathy Riley
Region 605 Commissioner

AGREED TO AND ACCEPTED

Player

Date

Parent

Date

Parent

Date