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# Schoolyard

AYSO Program for 4 Year Olds

Information Session

Fall 2021



# AYSO Background



- 
- Formed in 1964 with 9 teams in Southern California.
  - Today there are over 50,000 teams with almost 600,000 players in the US and abroad.
  - *AYSO is the world's largest soccer club!*
    - *Our region is the largest soccer club in Iowa*



# AYSO Program



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- Vision
    - To provide world class youth soccer programs that **enrich children's lives.**
  - National Web Site
    - [www.ayso.org](http://www.ayso.org)
  - Local Web Site
    - [www.ayso-cr.org](http://www.ayso-cr.org)
  - Mission
    - To develop and delivery quality youth soccer programs, which promote **a fun, family environment** based on the AYSO philosophies.
  - AYSO is an all volunteer organization
    - Parental participation is expected



# AYSO Philosophies



- **Open Registration**
  - No Tryouts
- **Everyone Plays™**
  - At least half of every game
- **Balanced Teams**
- **Positive Coaching**
- **Good Sportsmanship**
- **Player Development**



# Our Commitment



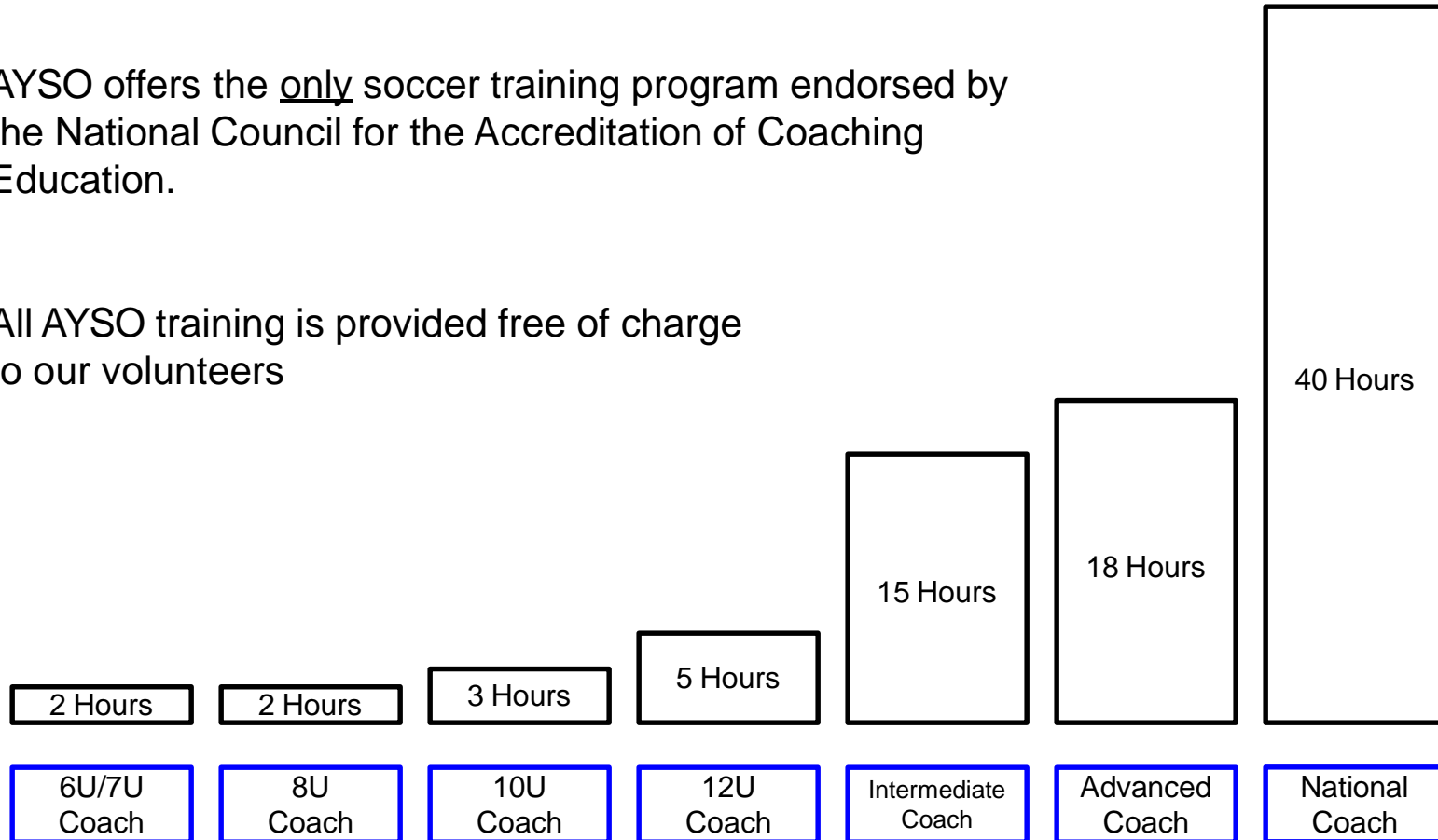
- All AYSO volunteers will
  - Register every year
  - Take the “AYSO Safe Haven” course
  - Take the training appropriate for their job
    - Coaches!!!!
    - Referees!!!!



# Coach Training



- AYSO offers the only soccer training program endorsed by the National Council for the Accreditation of Coaching Education.
- All AYSO training is provided free of charge to our volunteers

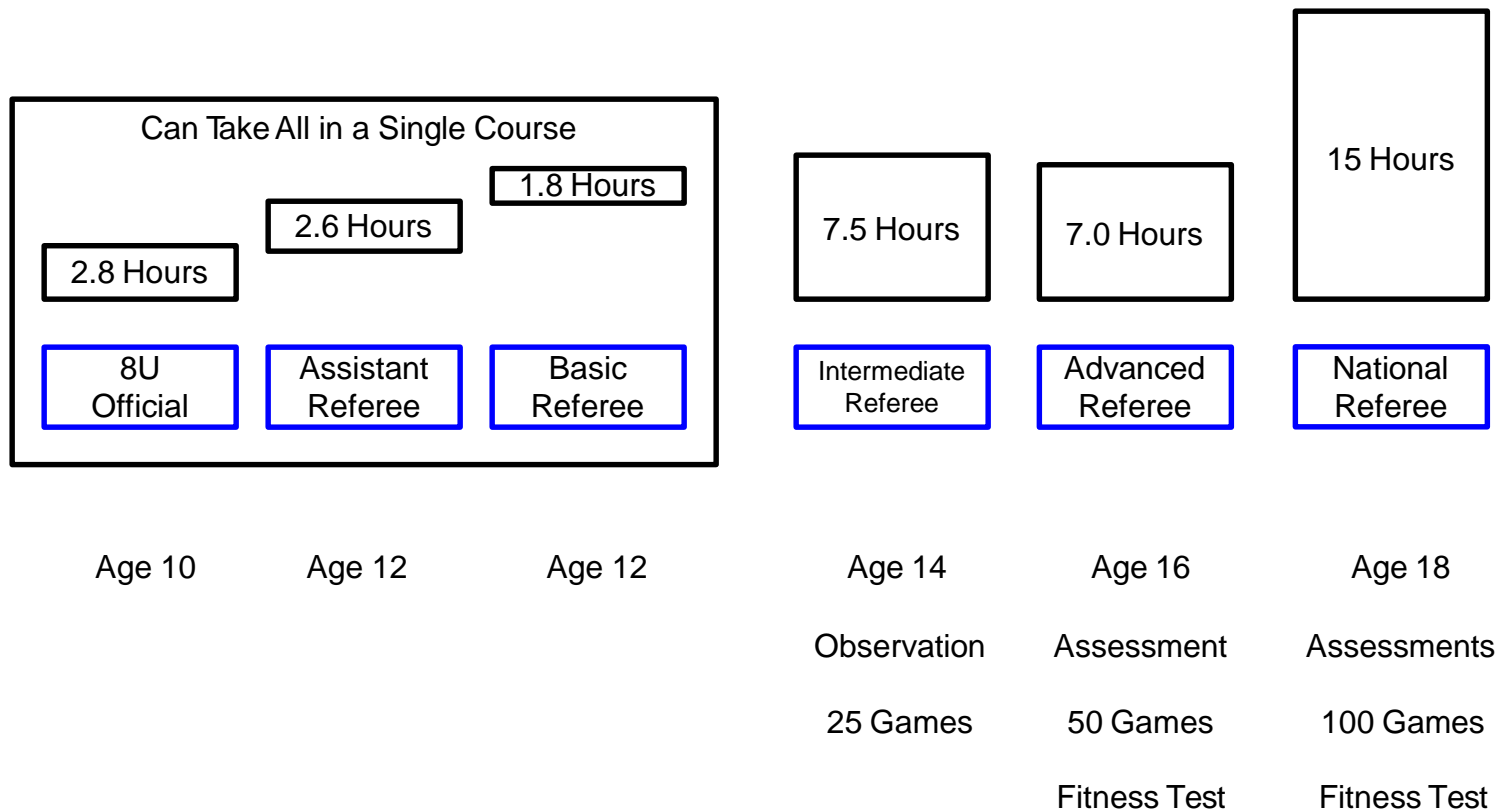




# Referee Training



- Players can take the ref courses and officiate younger games
  - All players, parents, and coaches are encouraged to take the Basic course





# Famous Alumni



- US Men's National Team

- Carlos Bocanegra
- Brian Ching
- Landon Donovan
- Eric Wynalda

- US Women's National Team

- Shannon Boxx
- Julie Foudy
- Alex Morgan
- Amy Rodriguez

See what they have to say at <http://www.ayso.org/aboutayso/alumni.htm>





# Who Can Play?



- Any player age 4 through 19
  - Age groups are determined by the players' birth year
  - Players remain in their age group for the entire season
- Very Important Player (VIP) program for players with physical or mental disabilities
  - This program is also open to adults



# Other Opportunities



- As the players get older they can also participate in tournaments
- Regional Playoffs
  - All older teams, (10U and higher), finish the season with a tournament the first weekend of June
- Other Optional AYSO Tournaments
  - Area tournament every June in Dubuque (10U and up)
  - Soccer Slam tournament every June in Amana (8U and up)
  - Indoor soccer during the Winter Off Season



# Schoolyard



- Schoolyard
- Meets 45 – 60 minutes per week
  - First half is a combination of skills, drills, games, ...
  - Last half is a soccer game vs other players
    - Instead of jumping into 4 v 4 the first week, we play 1 v 1 then 2 v 2 ...



# Soccer Gear

## What to Buy



- **Players**
  - AYSO Provides
    - Shirt (AYSO Jersey)
      - Wear more clothing underneath the jersey if its cold.
  - **Parents Provide**
    - Shorts
    - Shin Guards
      - Mandatory
    - Shoes
    - Socks
    - Soccer Ball (Size 3)
    - Water Bottle
- **Parents**
  - No dress code, just be sure the adult partner is able to participate in drills and kick a soccer ball
    - If you have to watch younger children as well make sure you have a plan on how you will do both at the same time
  - **Not allowed for players:**
    - Jewelry, earrings, etc.
    - Casts
      - Even if padded



# Field Map

Where to Meet



## AYSO Field Map Fall 2020

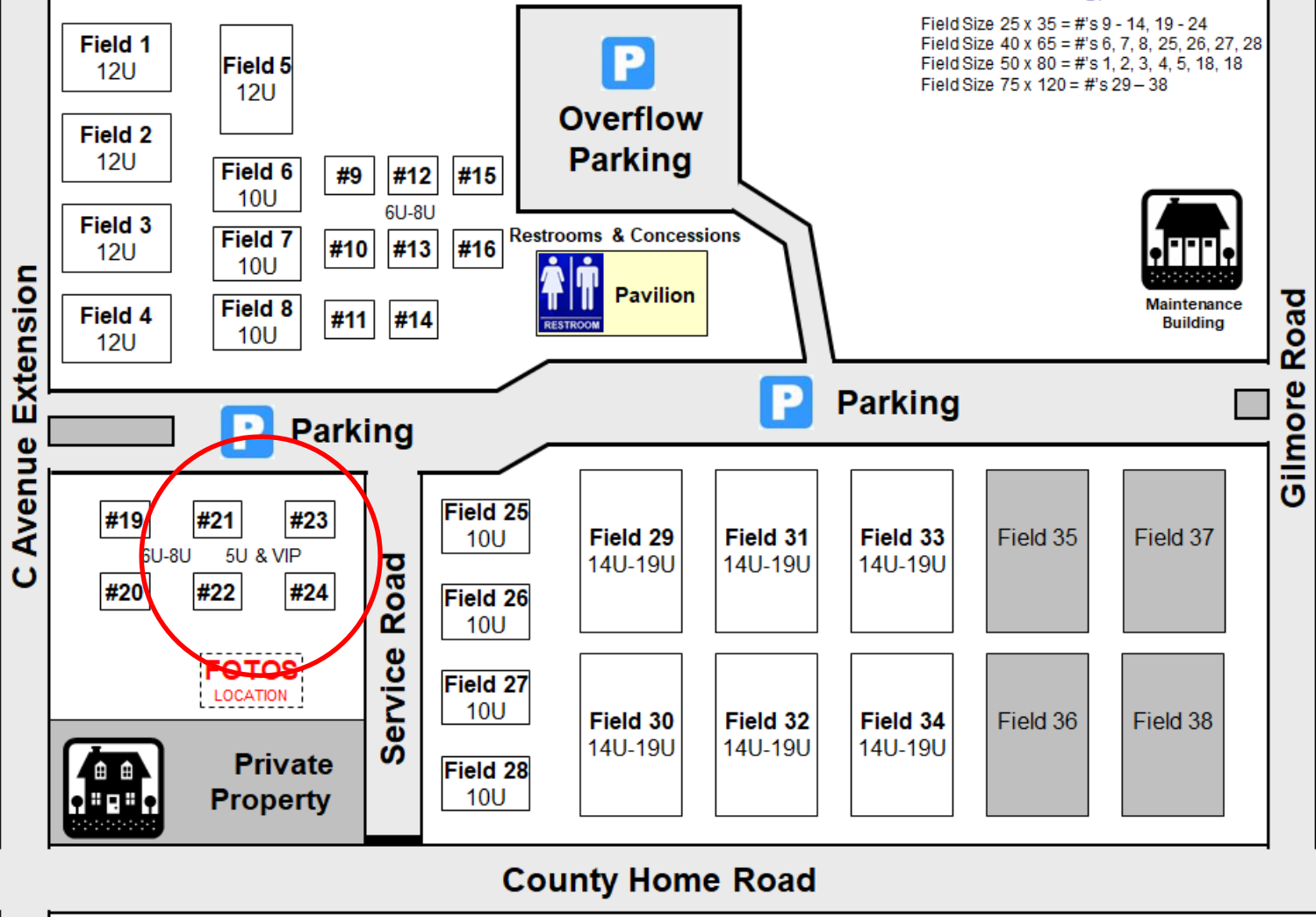
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## Tuma Soccer Complex

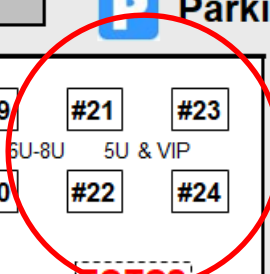
### City Policy for Use of Fields:

- No Pets Allowed
- No Smoking, No Alcohol

Field Size 25 x 35 = #'s 9 - 14, 19 - 24  
 Field Size 40 x 65 = #'s 6, 7, 8, 25, 26, 27, 28  
 Field Size 50 x 80 = #'s 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 18, 18  
 Field Size 75 x 120 = #'s 29 - 38



Meet Near  
Fields  
23 & 24





# Game Schedule

When We Play



- All Schoolyard Sessions will be on Saturday mornings.
  - The 5U player activity (practice and game) will be on Saturdays from September 11<sup>th</sup> to November 6<sup>th</sup> (not on September 18<sup>th</sup>) as follows:
    - 9:30 - 10:30 am, Girls
    - 10:45 - 11:45 am, Boys
- AYSO will cancel games via the web site ([www.ayso-cr.org](http://www.ayso-cr.org)) if the weather is bad. **Parents will not be called.**
  - It will feel much colder on the field than it will in town, so dress appropriately.



# Contact Info



- Our primary means of communication will be via email or the local AYSO web site.
  - [www.ayso-cr.org](http://www.ayso-cr.org)
- Schoolyard Program Coordinators
  - Brian Mohling
    - AYSO Advanced Coach
  - Sara Nichols
    - AYSO Intermediate Coach
  - Mary Stubblefield
    - AYSO Intermediate Coach



# Other Info

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- Parent Helpers Needed
  - Please register as an AYSO volunteer!!!!
- Before you leave
  - Check your email address, and pick up your jersey





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# ANY QUESTIONS?