



Schoolyard

AYSO Program for 4 Year Olds

Information Session

Fall 2022



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



- Vision
 - To provide world class youth soccer programs that **enrich children's lives.**
- National Web Site
 - www.ayso.org
- Local Web Site
 - 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



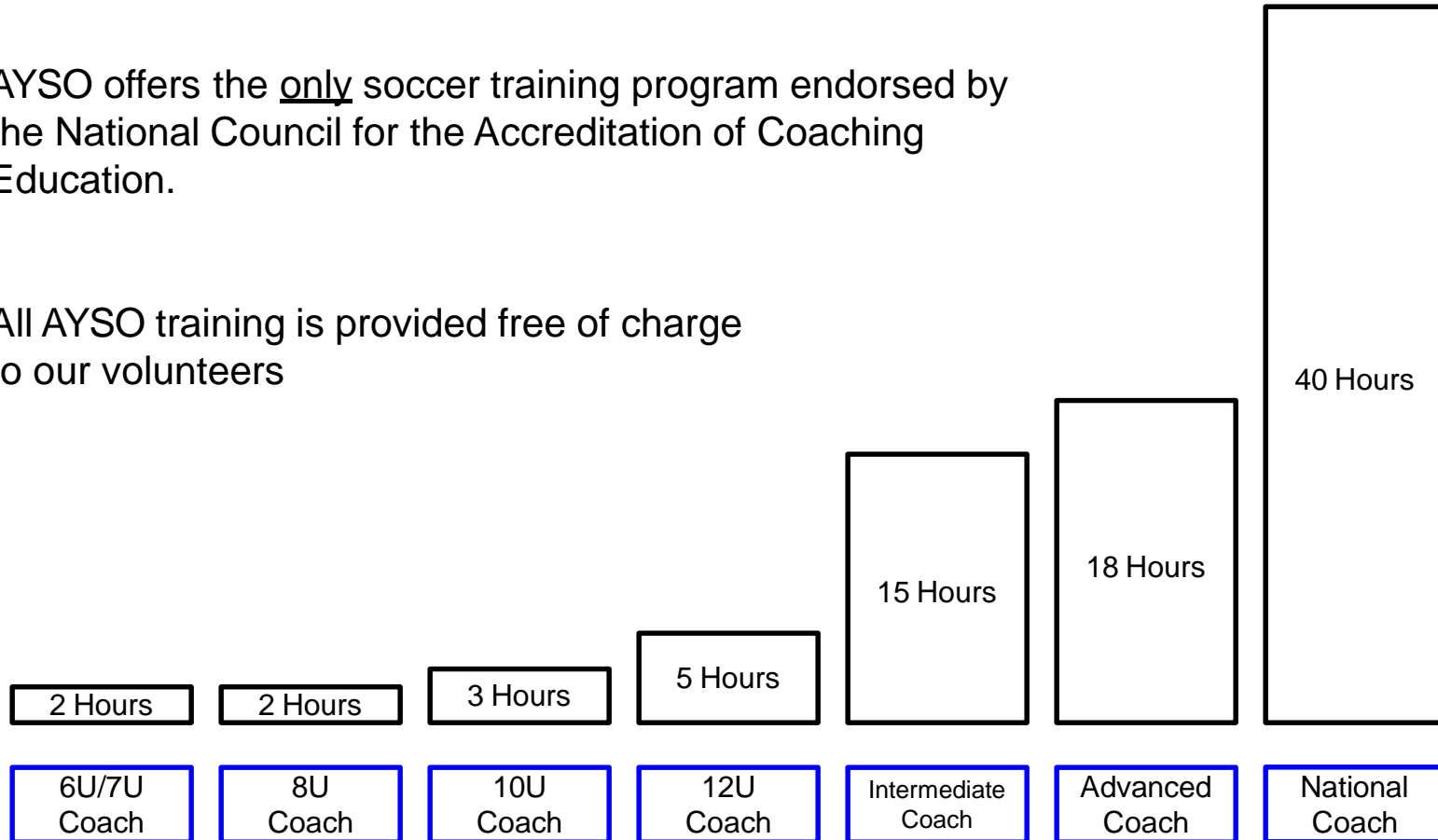
- All AYSO volunteers will
 - Register every year
 - Take the “AYSO Safe Haven” course
 - Take the training appropriate for their job
 - Coaches!!!!
 - Referees!!!!



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

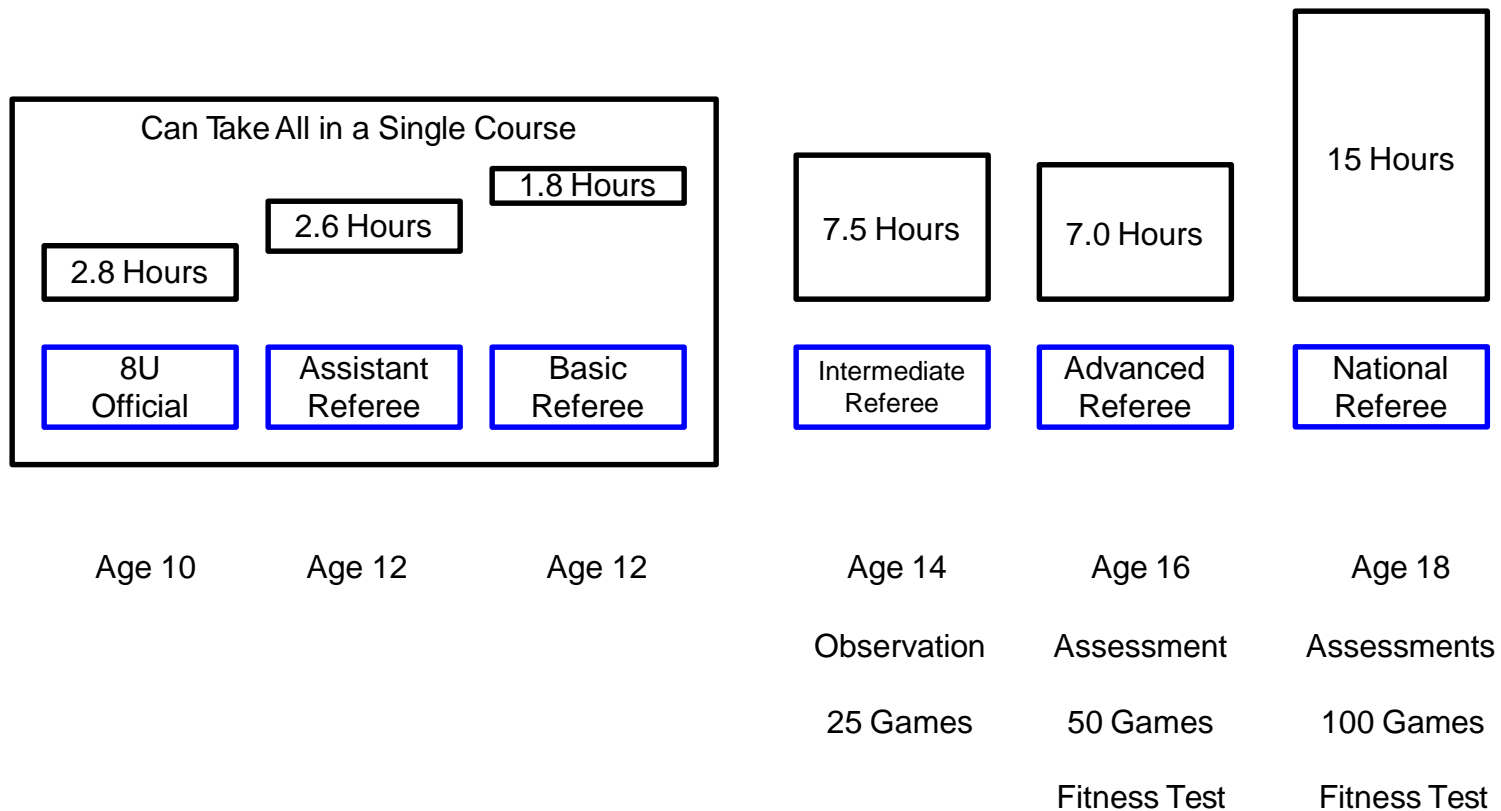




Referee Training



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



AYSO Region 1112
East Central Iowa



Famous Alumni



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- US Men's National Team
 - Carlos Bocanegra
 - Brian Ching
 - Landon Donovan
 - Eric Wynalda
 - US Women's National Team
 - Shannon Box
 - 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 age on 31 December 2022
 - Players remain in their age group for the entire year
- 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
 - Section tournament every June in Chicago
 - National tournament every other July at some national location
 - 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

3239 C Avenue Ext., Marion, IA 52302

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

Field 1
12U

Field 5
12U

Field 2
12U

Field 6
10U

#9

#12

#15

6U-8U

Field 3
12U

Field 7
10U

#10

#13

#16

Field 4
12U

Field 8
10U

#11

#14

P
Overflow
Parking

Restrooms & Concessions
Pavilion
RESTROOM



Maintenance Building

P Parking

P Parking

#19 #21 #23
5U-8U 5U & VIP
#20 #22 #24

FOTOS
LOCATION



Private Property

Field 25
10U

Field 29
14U-19U

Field 31
14U-19U

Field 33
14U-19U

Field 35

Field 37

Field 26
10U

Field 27
10U

Field 28
10U

Field 30
14U-19U

Field 32
14U-19U

Field 34
14U-19U

Field 36

Field 38

C Avenue Extension

Service Road

Gilmore Road

County Home Road

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 10th to November 5th (not on September 17th) 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) 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
- Schoolyard Program Coordinators
 - Brian Mohling
 - AYSO Advanced Coach
 - Sara Nichols
 - AYSO Intermediate Coach
 - Mary Stubblefield
 - AYSO Intermediate Coach



Other Info



- Parent Helpers Needed
 - Please register as an AYSO volunteer!!!!



ANY QUESTIONS?