



Schoolyard

AYSO Program for 4 Year Olds

Information Session

March 31st 2018



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



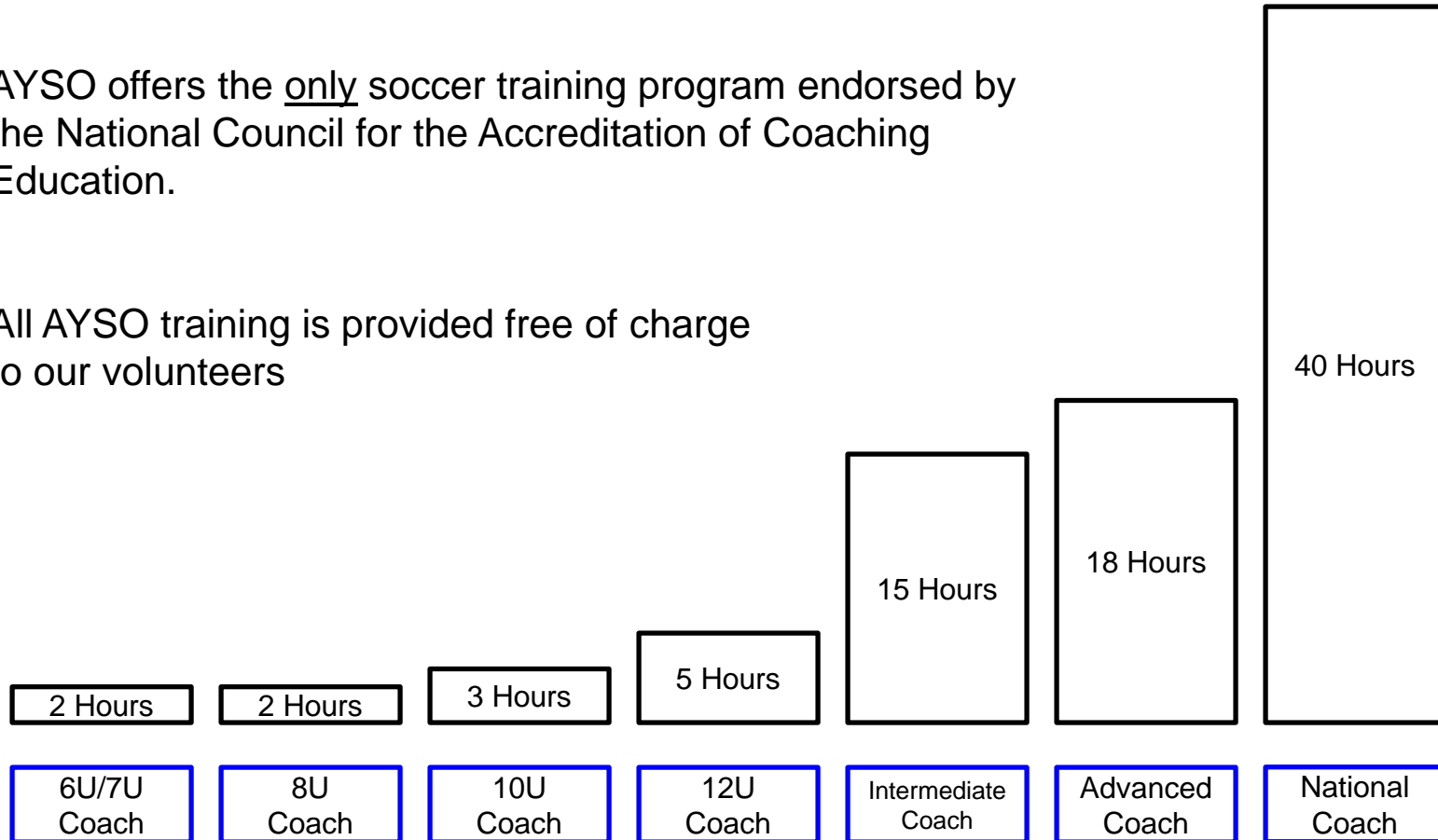
- All AYSO volunteers will
 - Register every year
 - Take the “AYSO Safe Haven” course
 - Take the training appropriate for their job
 - Coaches!!!!
 - Referees!!!!



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

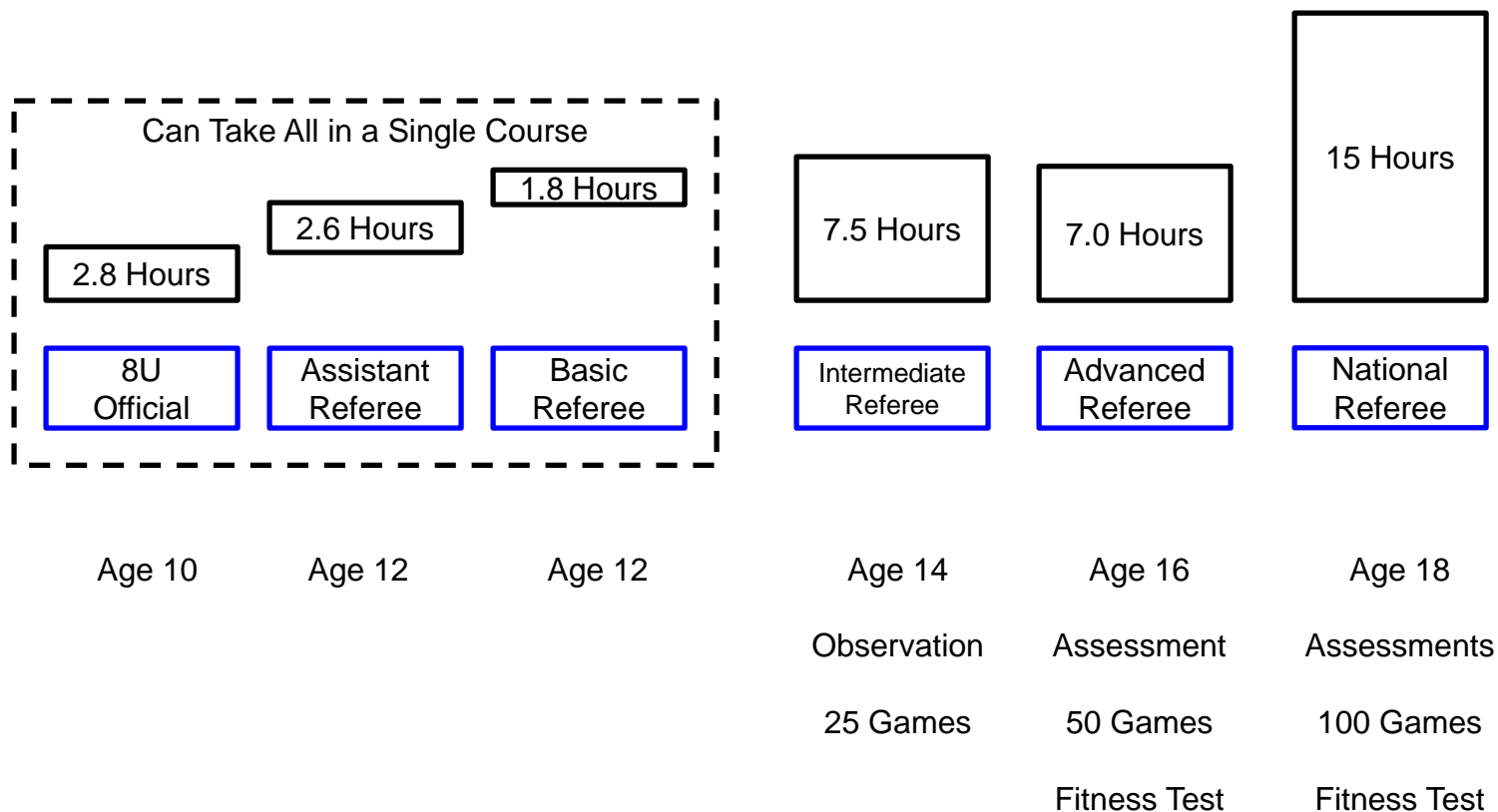




Referee Training



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





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 2017
 - 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

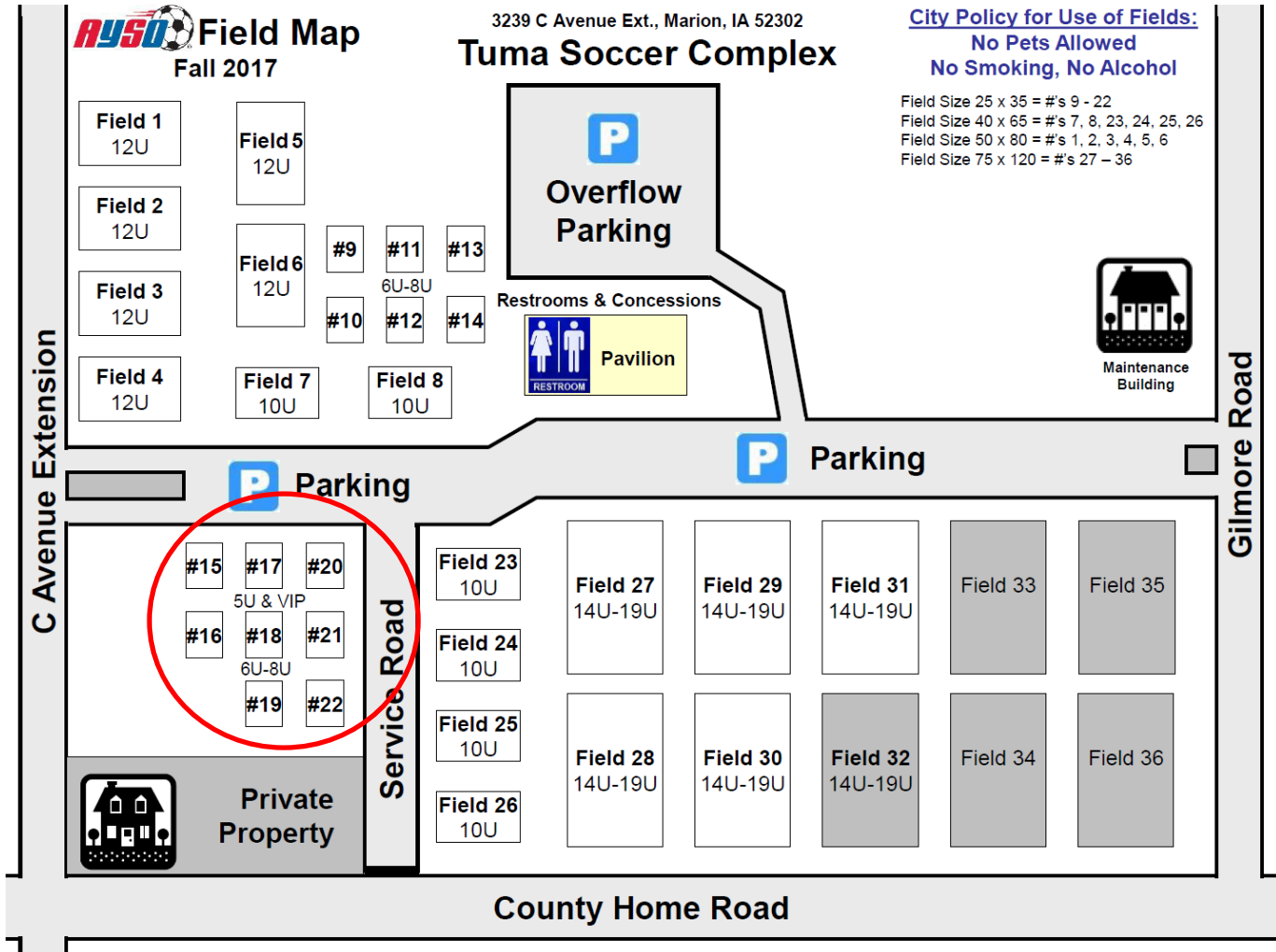
- Parents

- 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



Meet Near
Fields
20 & 21

AYSO Region 1112
Fall 2011 Coaches Meeting



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 April 7th to June 2nd (not on April 28th and not on May 26th) as follows:
 - 8:00 - 9:00 am, Boys
 - 9:15 - 10:15 am, Girls
- 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.
 - 5uboy@ayso-cr.org
 - 5ugirl@ayso-cr.org
 - www.ayso-cr.org
- Schoolyard Program Coordinators
 - Jim Conklin
 - AYSO Advanced Coach
 - Alan Tribble
 - AYSO National Coach
 - Brian Mohling
 - AYSO National Coach



Other Info



- **Snack Fund**
 - The coaches provide the game day snacks!
 - We request \$10 per session, Spring and Fall
- **Parent Helpers Needed**
 - Please register as an AYSO volunteer!!!!
- **Before you leave**
 - Check your email address, and pick up your jersey



ANY QUESTIONS?