

Extra Program - Parent Commitments

VOLUNTEER OBLIGATIONS:

The family of each Extra Player is required (collectively) to provide support as Volunteers to the primary core (Fall) program of AYSO Region 16. The reason for this support back to the primary core program is to offset the volunteer resources being provided to the Extra program teams by the rest of Region 16.

Each family's volunteer commitment back to the primary core program will be at least 10 hours, including time spent at the Gopher Classic. The primary core program runs for 10 weeks, so that works out to 1 hour per week, although the time need not be volunteered every week. The best way to provide that volunteer support will be by refereeing games in the primary core program. This will help offset the referee resources provided by the Region to the Extra program teams. There will also be non-referee volunteer opportunities to satisfy this requirement such as picture day, snack bar, etcetera.

We recognize and expect that the families of Extra team players will also provide volunteer support to the Extra team itself, which also will need Parents to volunteer as Referees.

PLAYER AND PARENT COMMITMENTS

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

1. To make AYSO soccer your first priority over different sports programs or other afterschool activities from the beginning until the end of the Extra season.

Note regarding Club:

Your child has been selected on the basis that he or she will not participate in a Club program while playing in the Extra Program, because the two programs require such high levels of commitment that a player on both a Club and an Extra team probably cannot satisfy his or her obligations to both teams. A player who joins a Club after being selected to participate on an Extra team should expect to make the Extra team their first priority. Exceptions may be made with the consent of the Regional Commissioner, which will be granted only in rare and unusual circumstances.

2. To timely attend all of the team practices (typically two practices per week depending on coach/player availability, and the team's game and tournament schedule), games, and tournaments. 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 (and the Region will train you if you are not yet certified as a referee).
5. To otherwise volunteer as needed by the coach if you (parents) are not certified referees, and to be generally supportive of the Extra team players, coach, and Region 16.
6. To volunteer as Field Directors and Field Monitors at our own Gopher Classic Tournament.
7. To conduct yourselves appropriately at all times, with the knowledge that you are representing Region 16 at all games 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 of whether they are courteous to you; maintaining the goals and philosophies of AYSO; and complying with all competition rules.
8. 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.
9. To comply with all rulings and other decisions made by the Regional Commissioner, Post Season Tournament Directors and the Extra Program Director.

CONSEQUENCES OF NON-COMPLIANCE

Failure to honor any of these commitments may, after consultation with the team coach and approval of the Regional Commissioner or his or her delegate, result in any or all of the following consequences:

- (a) Reduction of playing time in games – as in Club soccer, a player who misses any practice or game without an approved excuse may be subject to immediate loss of playing time;
- (b) Being left off the roster for games and/or tournaments;
- (c) Suspension from the team;
- (d) Loss of eligibility for future Extra or post season tournament teams; and
- (e) Such other appropriate consequences as may be approved by the Regional Commissioner or his or her delegate.

I hereby acknowledge that I am aware of what is required for my participation:

Date: ____/____/____ Signed: _____

Printed Name: _____ Email: _____