

## Extended Play/Skills Development Guidelines for AYSO Region 74

### **Purpose**

Extended play/skills development is designed to provide a more challenging level of play for those players who possess the appropriate interest, skills and abilities and to enhance each player's experience and individual growth through the game of soccer while retaining the spirit and organization of AYSO. The goal of extended play/ Skill Development is to strengthen AYSO by retaining players and volunteers in additional primary programs operated under the AYSO philosophies. Extended play/Skill Development is not designed to overshadow or harm the standard primary program.

### Extended play/Skills development must comply with the Six Philosophies of AYSO:

- **Everyone Plays** - Our programs' goal is for kids to play soccer - so we mandate that every player on every team must play at least a half of every game.
- **Balanced Teams** - Each year we form new teams as evenly balanced as possible - because it is fair and more fun when teams of equal ability play. Extended play requires regionally balanced division teams.
- **Open Registration** - Our program is open to all children...who want to register and play soccer. Interest and enthusiasm are the only criteria for playing. Extended play/skills development requires that any registered player is eligible to apply for Extended play/skills development. Players not selected are guaranteed placement on a team in the standard primary program.
- **Positive Coaching** - Encouragement of player effort provides for greater enjoyment by the players and ultimately leads to better-skilled and better-motivate players.
- **Good Sportsmanship** - We strive to create a positive based on mutual respect rather than a win-at-all-costs attitude, and our program is designed to instill good sportsmanship in all facets of AYSO. All players, parents, coaches and other AYSO volunteers in the Extended play/skills development program are expected to adhere to a high standard of conduct and sportsmanship.
- **Player Development** - We believe that all players should be able to develop their soccer skills and knowledge to the best of their abilities, both individually and as members of a team, in order to maximize their enjoyment of the game.
  
- There are two parts to our program (see below)
  - **Skills Development:** Free program offered to all AYSO Region 74 registered based on the availability of coaches and players. Because a player participates in this program that does not give a guarantee to a part of the extended play program.
  - **Extended Play:** Program for players to participate in extra games against other regions and or tournaments. Fees paid by the players involved will be covering the price for these games. Region 74 has purchased 45 uniforms to be used for this purpose. These teams are put together on a tryout basis.

## **General Information**

- The program will only run during the AYSO Region 74 season. This time frame would be from late August until end of October and then starting back up again Late March until 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in June and will include any AYSO sanctioned outdoor tournament.
- AYSO Region 74 has no connection with Indoor soccer and will not supply teams with any equipment including uniforms.
- Teams may wear their AYSO jerseys during indoor games but this in no way means AYSO Region 74 is liable for any injuring occurred during this indoor season or affiliated with AYSO Region 74
- The Extended Play/Skills Development program will be available to any and all current AYSO Region 74 players from the U10 age and up.
- This is a program to provide additional practices and possible games (in tournaments or single games) to those registered AYSO Region 74 participants
- Any funding issues or fundraising issues must be presented to the AYSO Region 74 for approval.
- Players can just be part of the additional practice or they can be a part of the additional practice and be a part of the tournament teams that will be made from these extended play participants
- The training for the extended play program is done in addition to the regular training by their team coach. Time and day is determined by the coaches in charge of the extended play program.
- Extended play games may also be part of this program playing area teams when available.
- The AYSO Extended Play/Skills Development programs will not be associated with any other program that is not officially affiliated with AYSO
- All members of a division will have an opportunity to try out for tournament teams in their division through participation in the extended play program.
- Information regarding extended play will be mailed to each family using EAYSO's data base and placed on the Region 74 web site
- Each player must be a registered AYSO Region 74 player in order to participate in this extended play/skills program
- Parents who would like their children to participate in this program must do one of the following
  - A signed registration form printed from [www.eyaso.org](http://www.eyaso.org) web site
  - Fill out and sign a paper copy of the registration at one of the extended play practices.
  - E-mail us at [aysoregion74@att.net](mailto:aysoregion74@att.net) and inform us that you would like to participate in this program. We will print you a form and then you must sign this form before your child can participate in any extended play practices

## **Coaches Information:**

- Coaches and referees participating in EXTRA (extended play/skills development should be of the highest quality. At the minimum EXTRA coaches, assistant coaches and referees must:
- Have a current volunteer form on file at the National Support & Training Center
- Be an AYSO trained and certified coach or referee as specified in these Guidelines
- Be Safe Haven certified with the appropriate course (Referee Safe Haven does not certify the coach)
- Be an active participant in the Region's standard primary program as an instructor, coach or referee mentor, or other volunteer service the Region determines adequate to fulfill this requirement
- Be in good standing with the Region, Area and/or Section and AYSO
- Be approved by the Region board
- Be evaluated and renewed each membership year.
- Any coaching by AYSO Region 74 certified coaches during the off season (AYSO season stated above) is not affiliated with Region 74 and Region 74 does is not liable for the coaches conduct.
- During the AYSO Region 74 season Extended Play/Skills Development coaches will abide by and adhere all the AYSO Region 74 and the AYSO National By-Laws
- The AYSO certified coaches that wish to conduct clinics and skills camp can do so but without any affiliation or equipment from AYSO Region 74
- Coaches cannot be paid for tournaments but referees may be paid.
- Coaching certification will be stressed at each level of extended play involvement
- Coaches who are involved in the skill development training need to be AYSO certified to the level of the players (U12 players being trained, the coaches need to be certified intermediate coaches)
- AYSO Region 74 will provide the necessary fees to attend the local coaches training course.
- All team coaches must be properly certified to the appropriate age level. ( U12 team must have an intermediate coach or above coaching the team)

## **Tournaments/Scrimmages**

- If teams from the Extended Play program wish to participate in tournaments all players on the teams must be current AYSO Region 74 registered players
- Region 74 will try and supply shirts for those teams competing in tournaments but the shirts should be returned once the tournament is completed.
- Region 74 will not be supplying funds in order for teams to compete in extended play tournaments. Those funds will be supplied by the parents whose children are playing in the tournament.
- The Regional Commissionaire must be informed before teams participate in extended play tournaments
- Each player who does participate will play in at least 50% of the extended play games
- Each player on a tournament team sponsored by AYSO Region 74 shall be active member of Region 74
- If a team in participating in the Section Tournament, Region 74 will pay the registration fee but team will be required to pay the region back in a reasonable amount of time
- All team coaches must be properly certified to the appropriate age level. ( U12 team must have an intermediate coach or above coaching the team)
- AYSO Region 74 Extended Play teams who participate in scrimmages should make every attempt to rotate the players who would like to participate in these scrimmages. Tryouts are not required for the scrimmages.
- AYSO Region 74 teams need to contact the Coach Administrator and the Region Commissionaire before applying to participate in any tournament.

## **To play in a tournament teams need the following**

- Certified roster: give names to Coach Administrator or the Region Commissionaire with a team list
- All players participating in a tournament must have a player card. The Coach Administrator will help in the making of these cards
- Each tournament will have its own medical release form and a wavier form that must filled out before being accepted in the tournament.