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1.0 Player Registration – Registration Fee Refund Policy

1.1 The deadline for refunds for the Region 180 Fall Core season is July 15th of each calendar year. The refund request must be made in writing (e-mail or letter) to P.O Box 737 Buellton, CA 93427 or aysosyv@gmail.com to the Region 180 Registrar and/or Regional Commissioner on or before July 15th.

1.2 A refund will also be paid to those who move out of Region 180 or for children who become medically unable to play prior to August 27th (for each Fall Season). Proof of new address or verification in writing from player's doctor will be required before refund can be made.

1.3 The refund will be for the amount of the registration fee paid minus the AYSO National Fee & credit card transaction fee which are not refundable. Registrar will issue refund within 14 business days of receipt of written refund request.

1.4 After teams are formed, NO refunds are offered. Registration fees will not be refunded because a player is assigned to a team with an inconvenient practice time or for other reasons related to the assigned team.

Please understand that we incur significant costs once a player is registered, including fees to AYSO National and our AYSO Area, as well as uniform and equipment costs. In addition, late drops create significant challenges for coach recruitment and team formation.

2.0 Vendor Policy

2.1 First priority: A Vendor who will provide lunch-type fare each Saturday and at tournaments ("Primary Vendor"). A minimum of 15% of gross receipts to be paid as donation to Region 180. If Region 180 is assessed an additional fee to use the concession stand by the County of Santa Barbara, the Vendor must reimburse this to Region 180. Only one Primary Vendor will be allowed on site; Region 180 will select from among interested vendors at our sole discretion. The goal is to have the Primary Vendor determined by August 1st of each calendar year. The Fall season runs from the weekend after Labor Day in September through the second or third weekend in November.

2.2 Region 180 reserves right to provide food, including lunch, for referees and key volunteers. Region 180 may make arrangements with Primary Vendor to provide some, all or none of such food.

2.3 Region 180 may allow up to 4 other specialty food vendors on site. These other specialty vendors may not include any "meal-type" fare. A minimum of 15% of gross receipts to be paid as donation to Region 180 by each specialty vendor. The specialty vendors may not include any pre-packaged snack food

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(such as candy, chips, soda, water) unless Primary Vendor does not sell these. Specialty vendors may include, but is not limited to juice smoothies, snow cones, coffee, kettle corn, cotton candy which may also be sold by the Primary Vendor from the concession stand.

2.4 Student/youth-run fundraiser bake sales are allowed. Only one group per day. No part of the sales is to be remitted to Region 180.

2.5 Non-food Vendors: Vendors of soccer and other sports gear and apparel may be allowed on site. Other vendors of goods or services relevant to AYSO players and their families may also be allowed on site at the discretion of the Regional Commissioner. 15% of gross receipts to be paid as donation to Region 180.

2.6 All vendors must comply with Santa Barbara County and AYSO Region 180 policies, including location of vending site, use of generators, no smoking, no vaping, no dogs, etc. All vendors must leave the site as clean or cleaner than they found it. Use of environmental-friendly materials and processes is encouraged.

2.7 Only businesses, organizations, and groups with a pre-existing, reciprocal relationship with Region 180 may distribute flyers on site. All flyers must be individually handed to Region 180 persons on-site or left in a stack with a dispenser or paper weight at the referee tent. **No flyers may be put on cars in the parking lot on or around the Santa Ynez Elementary School parking.** Persons distributing flyers are responsible for picking up all flyers left on the fields and not disposed of properly; a field sweep is required at end of the day.

2.8 Political flyers and promotions (i.e.-signs) are not allowed at AYSO. Region 180 events, which includes matches, trainings, and all meetings, in accordance with AYSO National Rules.

2.9 Any exceptions to these vendor guidelines must be specifically authorized by the Regional Commissioner.

2.10 All vendors and/or fundraisers must be approved by the Region 180 Board and documented in the Region Board meeting minutes. All requests are considered on a first come, first serve basis.

2.11 Region 180 or AYSO National Office will not be held liable for any litigation as a result of vendor or fundraising activities.

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3.0 Game Cards

3.1 Game scores will not be kept and game cards will not be used in Playground and 6U divisions.

3.1.1 Game cards will be used and information will be kept in the 8U divisions; however, game scores will not be recorded.

3.2 In divisions 10U and up, scores and game information will be recorded for all regular season games on standard AYSO game cards.

3.3 The coach of the team with the most goals will be responsible for submitting the game cards to the Referee Administrator and/or Coach Administrator. If a tie match occurs, the coach of the home team is responsible for submitting the cards.

4.0 Fall Core Season

Weather permitting, the length of the regular season shall be a minimum of 9 (nine) scheduled games plus the Harry Nunn, Jr League Cup (End of Season Regional Tournament) in the 10U, 12U and 14U divisions. Weather permitting, the 8U Division season shall be a minimum of 8 (eight) scheduled games plus the Harry Nunn, Jr League Cup. Weather permitting, the 6U & Playground Division seasons shall be a minimum of 8 (eight) scheduled games or sessions with no End of Season Tournament.

4.1 Inclement weather or poor field conditions may necessitate postponing or cancelling of games.

4.1.1 Any such postponement or cancellation will be made by the RC, ARC, RRA or the Safety Director as early as practical before game time.

4.2. Once the game begins, only the Referee in charge of the particular soccer field may suspend or cancel the game, except that the RC or designate may suspend or cancel games due to inclement weather or other conditions that may warrant such action.

4.3. All players shall play 3 quarters of the game before any player plays all 4 quarters of the game.

4.4 Players will play in the division that corresponds to their birth year. Players with exceptional skills can move up a division with the approval of the Regional Commissioner. Due to insurance issues, players playing down a division is generally not allowed except for players who qualify under AYSO VIP standards and with approval of the Regional Commissioner. Other players applying to play down a division would need approval of the Area Director.

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4.5 The highest standards of conduct and good sportsmanship must be maintained at all times by players, coaches, referees, spectators and all other participants.

4.6 The use of alcohol, tobacco products including chewing tobacco, or illegal drugs in the vicinity of the playing field during practices or games is strictly forbidden. Smoking or vaping any substance in the vicinity of practice fields or games is also forbidden.

4.7 All players must wear the official uniform for all games. The official uniform consists of a jersey, shorts, and socks.

4.7.1. The use of shin guards is required at all practices and games.

4.8 Coaches are expected to be positive and set the best possible example for the players and spectators.

4.8.1 Excessive coaching from the sidelines shall not be permitted, and the function of the coach shall be to provide encouragement and positive direction.

4.8.2 The coach may enter the field of play only with the consent of the referee and may coach only within 10 yards in each direction from the midfield line.

4.9 Spectators at games must provide adequate space for the Assistant Referees to perform their duties (three yards from sideline) and sit/stand between the penalty areas.

4.9.1 Spectators are expected at all times to act positively around players and to demonstrate respect for opponents, officials, and all other volunteers.

4.9.2 Under no circumstances should spectators attempt to coach or address derogatory, demeaning or abusive remarks/gestures to players or coaches. Spectators are to cheer and encourage players. Persons violating this standard will be warned and subsequent violations may result in dismissal from the field and suspension from attending future matches in accordance with AYSO's Due Process procedure by the RC. The other six key AYSO Region 180 Board members (RCA, RRA, CVPA, Safety, Treasurer, and Registrar) also have the authority to suspend persons violating this standard and to initiate AYSO Due Process.

4.10 Under no circumstances should spectators or coaches argue calls with or address derogatory, demeaning, or abusive remarks/gestures to referees. Persons violating this standard will be warned and subsequent violations may result in dismissal from the field and suspension from attending future

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4.10.1 These actions may be taken whether the offense was brought to the attention of the referee during the game (Caution or Send Off) or brought to the attention of the RRA after the completion of the game.

4.10.2 The Referee shall have the power and authority to caution and send off players.

4.10.3 The Referee shall also have the authority to caution and send off coaches if their conduct violates the **Laws of the Game** and **Kid's Zone**. The Referee shall not restart the match until the offending coach leaves the vicinity of the playing area. If the offending coach refuses to leave the playing area, the Referee must suspend the match. Final outcome of the game will be determined by the Region 180 Executive Board. No appeal of disciplinary action taken by a Referee shall be allowed.

4.10.4 A player or coach who is sent off for violation of the Laws of the Game shall be suspended for the duration of that game and shall not participate in the team's next scheduled game. A player or coach who is cautioned or sent off may be subject to additional disciplinary action (e.g., parent conference, additional game suspensions, expulsion) at the discretion of the Executive Board upon thorough review of the incident following the procedures outlined in ARTICLE NINE ("Dispute Resolution and Due Process").

4.10.5 A spectator who is warned or sent from the field may also be subject to similar or additional disciplinary action at the discretion of the Executive Board after thorough review of the incident following the procedures outlined in ARTICLE NINE ("Dispute Resolution and Due Process").

4.11 It is the policy of the Region that each team shall try to avoid a "run-up", that is, winning by more than five goals. Although scores are not kept in non-competitive divisions, similar actions shall be taken by the coach if the game is being dominated by one team.

4.11.1 Each coach shall be responsible to see that run-ups do not occur by using proper coaching, player substitutions, player assignments, and other positive means.

4.11.2 Disregard of this policy will result in observation by the RCA, RRA, Assistant RC or RC who shall have the authority to recommend Due Process if the persistent disregard for the policy continues.

4.12 Game Protests. No protest of games shall be permitted.

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4.12.1 A Coach may file with the RRA a written report of any potential misapplication of the Laws of the Game by a Referee.

4.12.2 This written report shall not be used as a means of complaining about or criticizing any judgment call of a Referee or Assistant Referee.

4.13.3. If, after investigation by the Referee Staff, it is found that a Law was misapplied, such Referee shall be so informed in order to ensure that no further misapplication occurs.

4.13 At the end of the game, the players on each team shall line up and acknowledge the players of the opposing team and thank the Referee and Assistant Referees.

4.14 Incident Reports

4.14.1 Any person may submit a written incident report, regarding the statements or actions of anyone interacting, in a negative way, with the AYSO program.

4.14.2. The report shall be as specific as possible and shall be signed and dated, with the reporter's phone number indicated.

4.14.3 The report shall be submitted to the Safety Director (SD) and Regional Commissioner (RC).

4.15 Dogs, Cats, or any animals, with the exception of certified service animals, are strictly prohibited at all AYSO practices, games, tournaments, and any other AYSO events.

5.0 Determination of Regular Season Champions for 10U through 14U

5.1 All regular season games will end after regulation time (no overtime or shoot-outs).

5.2 Season standings will not be used to determine champions in the 10U, 12U or 14U divisions.

5.3 Divisional Champions will be determined by an invitational, end-of-season tournament. Invitation to the tournament will be based on sportsmanship during the regular season. End of Season Tournament rules will be consistent with those used for Area Q Playoffs.

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6.0 Post Season Registration – Post Season Program Refund Policy

6.1 A full refund will be paid to those who move out of Region 180 or for children who become medically unable to play prior to December 10th of each calendar year (for each Region 180 Post Season). Proof of new address or verification in writing from player's doctor will be required before refund can be made. The refund request must be made in writing (e-mail or letter) to P.O Box 737 Buellton, CA 93427 or aysosyv@gmail.com to the Region 180 Registrar and/or Regional Commissioner

6.2 There will be **NO** Refunds for Post Season Registrations (All-Star, Select player, Winter or Spring Travel Teams) except for the reasons set forth above.

6.3 Requests for refunds after December 10th for those who move out of the area or for children who become medically unable to play, for the remainder of the Post Season, must be submitted in writing to the Post Season Coordinator who will present them at the next Region 180 Board meeting. Refunds, and dollar amount, are decided by a majority vote of the Executive Board voting members.

7.0 Post Season Teams

7.1 Coach Eligibility

7.1.1 Must be coach certified for their age division and must have coached a full Fall Core Season in the same age/gender division just prior to the All-Star season

7.1.2 Must select an assistant coach who is certified for their age division

7.1.3 Preference will be given to coaches who are an AYSO certified Referee and refereed games during the Fall Core Season prior to and during the end-of-season tournament.

7.1.4 Must select players who are committed to the post-season program and who will make it their priority.

7.1.5 Must be able to commit time to provide several training sessions per week, scrimmages and weekend tournaments held between December and mid-March.

7.1.6 Must be available and participate in open player evaluations (try-outs).

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7.1.7 Head Coach who becomes unavailable as a Head Coach during the Post Season may be replaced by an AYSO division appropriate certified Head Coach who has not coached a full Fall Core Season in the same age/gender division just prior to the Post Season and is a current Membership Year volunteer. In this event, the Head Coach will be recruited by the Post Season Coordinator and approved by the Regional Commissioner.

7.1.8 All coach selections are subject to approval by the Regional Commissioner.

7.2 Player Eligibility

7.2.1 To be eligible to participate in the post-season program, a player must have been registered in the current year Fall Core season.

7.2.2 The goal is to achieve 75% representation of all teams within the division on each of the postseason teams. No more than two (2) per team in 10U, no more than three (3) per team in 12U and no more than four (4) per team in 14U should be selected without the prior approval of the Regional Commissioner. The coach's child does not count as one of the selections.

7.2.3 In divisions where there are more than ten (10) teams, coaches can only select two (2) players from a team without the prior approval of the Regional Commissioner. The coach's child does not count as one of the selections.

7.2.4 In divisions where there are less than 6 (six) teams, coaches can only select four (4) players from a team without the prior approval of the Regional Commissioner. The coach's child does not count as one of the selections.

7.2.5 All player selections are subject to approval by the Regional Commissioner.

7.2.6 Must be committed to the postseason program (no significant participation conflicts).

7.2.7 Must have played in more than 50% of Fall Core Season games including the End of Season tournament games.

7.2.8 Must have demonstrated good sportsmanship throughout all Fall Core season games. Cautions and send offs may cause exclusion from postseason play.

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7.2.9 Any Post Season player selection replacements must pay a prorated player fee that is decided upon by the Post Season Coordinator and Registrar and subject to approval by the Regional Commissioner.

7.3 Team Responsibility Each team participating in the all-star post-season program:

7.3.1 Must provide at least three (3) qualified referees for all tournaments. The use of referees that are not exclusive to your team is prohibited to satisfy this requirement.

7.3.2 Must assist the Region in the planning and running of the Winter Classic Tournament.

7.3.3 Must participate in a minimum of four of the Area Q scheduled tournaments. Coaches will determine how many and which of the following Area Q tournaments their team will participate in: Adobe Cup, Spaceport Classic, Central Coast Classic, Grape Crush, and Surf and Turf. The coach **may** also register the team to participate in the Area Q playoffs.

7.3.4 Must provide support to Area Q by providing field monitors, referees and volunteers as requested by the Area Q Director or Post Season Coordinator.

8.0 Section 10, Area Q, Post Season Yellow/Red Card Policy

8.1 A player, coach, or spectator accumulating three (3) cautions or warnings (Yellow Cards) or a send-off (Red Card) during Area Q League Playoffs, the AYSO Area Q Region Post Season Winter Tournaments, Area Q All-Stars Playoffs and Section 10 Playoffs will be suspended from their next scheduled game played.

8.2 A player, coach, or spectator accumulating an additional two (2) Yellow Cards (Total of five) during Area Q League Playoffs, the AYSO Area Q Region Post Season Winter Tournaments, Area Q All-Stars Playoffs and Section 10 Playoffs will be suspended from their next scheduled game played.

8.3 A player, coach, or spectator accumulating a second send-off (Red Card) during the Area League teams Playoffs, the AYSO Area Q Region Post Season Winter Tournaments, Area Q All-Stars Playoffs and Section 10 Playoffs will be suspended from their next two (2) scheduled games played.

9.0 Spring Travel teams

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The Executive Committee shall determine the number of tournament teams that can be supported by the Region and the number of teams per division and age group.

9.1 Travel team competition provides an affordable spring soccer opportunity. Travel teams are “select” teams; that is, the coach can select any player who participated in at least 50% of the games in their division in the Fall Core season. As such, the level of play is higher than in the AYSO Fall Core season, often as high as or higher than the All-star level.

9.2 Travel teams recruit players, manage finances, and schedule activities individually, subject to the most recently approved Region 180 Standard Policies and Protocols.

9.3 If a registered player was unable to participate in Fall Core Season play due to a medical condition, verified with a doctor’s note, they may be eligible for spring travel team play with a release to participate in athletics.