



## Idaho Falls American Youth Soccer Organization

528- 8524

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### AFTER YOU'VE REGISTERED, WHAT'S NEXT??

Congratulations, you have become part of the American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO). America's premier youth sports soccer organization. In AYSO we have five basic philosophies: *Everyone Plays, Balanced Teams, Open Registration, Good Sportsmanship, and Positive Coaching*. The following information will help you understand now that you have registered and become part of AYSO what to expect for the upcoming season.

1. Coaches will be selected in February & March. AYSO is a volunteer organization so we need your help. All coaches selected are volunteers. We need a coach and an assistant coach for every team. We will provide coach training to all volunteers at no cost. If we do not get enough volunteers who agree to coach we may not be able to accommodate all timely registered players, a lottery may have to be held to choose as many children as can be accommodated based on the number of coaching volunteers.
2. Coaches will receive their teams March 19. Coaches are asked to contact their players by March 26 to arrange team meetings. Parents should make every effort to attend this important meeting. Coaches need to meet parents, discuss the AYSO philosophy, parent guidelines and arrange volunteers for various *team* duties. Players who cannot be contacted risk losing their places to players on the waiting list. *If you have not heard from your child's coach by April 2, call and leave a voicemail message at 528-8524. Please do not call before this date to determine the status of your child's team.*
3. Refund Policy: There will be a \$10 administrative fee on all refund requests after your child's registration has been submitted. As of March 19, 2010 any refunds granted will be for \$22.50 until the first meeting or practice of the team. Once the team has met for a practice or team meeting, regardless of whether your child is able to attend that meeting or practice, there will be no refunds granted.
4. Coaching clinics will be conducted March 19 (9 AM at Community Park Gazebo), for new coaches and returning coaches. Clinics are *required* for all coaches whether new or returning. If you have volunteered to coach, make sure you know when your clinics are. If you have not already registered to attend a clinic, please contact Jeff Brower (529-2139) or [jbrower@cablone.net](mailto:jbrower@cablone.net) to register.
5. Referees are needed at all AYSO games. Referee training is provided to all interested volunteers at no cost. Refereeing clinics will be conducted March 23/24 & April 16/17, for new referees. If you have not already registered to attend a referee clinic, please contact Kevin O'Neill (524-1105) or [oneill@srv.net](mailto:oneill@srv.net) or Brad Frazee (523-5472) or [bcfrazee@cablone.net](mailto:bcfrazee@cablone.net) to register.
6. All players are required to wear shinguards at every practice and every game. In addition, for player safety, players are not allowed to wear jewelry or casts at any AYSO practice or game. Your coach will review other important safety rules at your team meeting.
7. Team equipment and uniforms (shirt, shorts, and socks) will be distributed at the initial team meeting.
8. Game schedules will be distributed by coaches and are available on the web site <http://www.ifsoccer.org>
9. Games begin the week of April 18, and most divisions will have their final game the week of May 30.

**HAVE A GREAT SOCCER SEASON!**