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AMERICAN YOUTH SOCCER ORGANIZATION (AYSO) NATIONAL RULES & REGULATIONS 2007-2008

This text for the 2007 – 2008 edition of the AYSO National Rules & Regulations was submitted for consideration by all Executive Members during the 2007 NAGM and, along with some friendly amendments submitted from the floor of the meeting, approved by those voting. It was intended merely to improve the readability of the National Rules & Regulations without making any substantive change in them. For example:

- *A clarification has been made between “registrants”, “team members”, and “players”.*
- *Tables have been added, where appropriate, to simplify previous text.*
- *In a few instances text has been added to clarify portions of the FIFA Laws.*

The National Board of Directors has reviewed the entire document and concluded the revisions indeed do not significantly affect content or meaning. They have been approved for immediate use, effective August 18, 2007.



**AMERICAN YOUTH SOCCER ORGANIZATION (AYSO)
NATIONAL RULES & REGULATIONS
2006-2007 (Old)**

I. GAME CONDUCT

All AYSO games shall be conducted in accordance with the current FIFA Laws of the Game and decisions of the International Board in effect at a date specified by the area director for his area (approximately the time of team formation for a given season); with the exceptions noted below:

A. COMPETITION

1. Coaches ~~or other~~ officials shall not enter the field of play, unless requested by the referee.
2. Except as noted in paragraph I.H., a minimum of seven ~~(7) players shall constitute a team~~; a scheduled game shall not commence nor be continued ~~if one or~~ both teams cannot field seven ~~(7)~~ eligible players.

**AMERICAN YOUTH SOCCER ORGANIZATION (AYSO)
NATIONAL RULES & REGULATIONS
2007-2008 (New)**

I. GAME CONDUCT

AYSO games shall be conducted in accordance with the current FIFA *Laws of the Game* and decisions of the International Football Association Board (IFAB) in effect on August 1 each calendar year, with the following exceptions and clarifications:

A. COMPETITION

1. Coaches, officials **and spectators** shall not enter the field of play unless requested by the referee.
2. Except for short-sided games (Article I.H), a scheduled game shall not commence nor be continued **unless** both teams can field **at least** seven eligible players.



B. DURATION OF GAMES

- ~~1. U-6 games shall be two (2) halves not to exceed twenty (20) minutes each.~~
- ~~2. U-8 games shall be two (2) halves, not to exceed twenty (20) minutes each.~~
- ~~3. U-10 games shall be two (2) halves, not to exceed twenty five (25) minutes each.~~
- ~~4. U-12 games shall be two (2) halves, not to exceed thirty (30) minutes each.~~
- ~~5. U-14 games shall be two (2) halves, not to exceed thirty five (35) minutes each.~~
- ~~6. U-16 games shall be two (2) halves, not to exceed forty (40) minutes each.~~
- ~~7. U-19 games shall be two (2) halves, not to exceed forty five (45) minutes each.~~
- 8. Half-time periods shall be a minimum of five (5) and a maximum of ten (10) minutes as designated by the referee. (See new I.B.2.)**

C. PLAYING TIME AND SUBSTITUTION

- ~~1. Except as noted in paragraph C.4., all registered players in attendance at AYSO games must participate and play at least half of the game, excluding overtime. Players must be recognized by the referee prior to entry onto the playing field.~~

Such participation is controlled as follows:

B. DURATION OF GAMES

- 1. Games shall be of two equal halves, not to exceed the following maximum durations:**

Division	Maximum Duration of Half
U-5	10 minutes
U-6	10 minutes
U-8	20 minutes
U-10	25 minutes
U-12	30 minutes
U-14	35 minutes
U-16	40 minutes
U-19	45 minutes

- ~~2. Half-time periods shall be a minimum of five and a maximum of ten minutes as designated by the referee.~~
- 3. Where necessary due to scheduling time constraints, the duration of the two halves is to be reduced by an equal amount to allow for substitution in accordance with Article I.C.1.**

C. PLAYING TIME AND SUBSTITUTION

- 1. Except as noted in Article I.C.3 all eligible team members in attendance at AYSO games must play at least half of the game, excluding overtime.**

Such participation is controlled as follows:



- ~~a. Approximately midway through the first half, and approximately midway through the second half, the referee halts the game, stops his/her watch (See new I.C.1.e. re: stopping watch.) and notes on the lineup cards those players substituting. (See new I.C.1.c. re: lineup cards.)~~

~~Stoppage is made when the ball is out of play, and prior to the appropriate restart (i.e., throw-in, goal-kick, corner-kick, kick-off, free-kick, penalty-kick or drop ball). (See new I.C.1.a.)~~

~~Additionally, substitutions may be made at half-time and at the start of any overtime periods. (See new I.C.1.b.)~~

- ~~b. Respective coaches of each team may substitute as many players or none during such interruptions, as long as all players meet the minimum playing requirements. (See new I.C.1.d.)~~

- ~~e. Players substituting must report to the referee. (See new I.C.1.c.)~~

2. Substitution for injury:

- a. If a player is injured, the coach may provide a substitute for the player, in which case the injured player may not return until the beginning of the next quarter. Only the player who is injured is credited with a quarter's play regardless of the actual time played.

- a. Approximately midway through each half the referee shall permit substitution. This normally occurs during a regular stoppage in play, and the game is resumed with the appropriate restart (i.e. throw-in, goal kick, corner kick, kick-off, free kick, penalty kick or dropped ball).

On occasion the referee may need to stop play for substitution while the ball is in play, in which case the game is resumed with a dropped ball.

- b. Substitutions may also be made at half-time and at the start of any overtime periods.
- c. **When the referee signals for substitution, the coaches should have all substitutes entering the game immediately report to the referee or the designated assistant referees, who shall note on the lineup cards those team members substituting.**
- d. During such stoppages, the coach of each team may substitute as many team members, or none, including previously substituted team members, as long as all eligible team members meet the minimum playing requirements.
- e. The referee shall allow for any time lost due to substitution or other cause by stopping his/her watch or adding playing time. (See Article I.B.3. regarding reducing the length of halves to permit proper substitution.)

2. Substitution for injury:

- a. If a player is injured, the coach may provide a substitute for the player, in which case the injured player may not return until the beginning of the next "quarter". Only the player who is injured is credited with a "quarter" played regardless of the actual time played.



- b. The coach may choose to play short thereby allowing the injured player to return during the quarter in which he was injured.
 - c. The player must ~~be recognized by~~ the referee in order to ~~legally~~ return to the game.
3. Signed lineup cards must be completed by the referee and forwarded to the regional commissioner or designee. **(See new I.C.4.)**
4. Late arriving ~~players~~ shall be substituted as follows:
- a. If the ~~player~~ arrives during the first quarter, the ~~player~~ must play a minimum of two ~~(2)~~ of the remaining three ~~(3)~~ quarters.
 - b. If the ~~player~~ arrives during the second or third quarter, the ~~player~~ must play a minimum of one ~~(1)~~ quarter. **(See new I.C.3.)**

D. OFFICIATING

- 1. Referees shall ~~at all times impose~~ the Rules & Regulations ~~of competition as defined by AYSO and the FIFA Laws of the Game in general.~~
- 2. Referees shall ~~at all times put~~ great emphasis on the welfare of the players ~~and officiate the game~~ in a manner inducing clean competition and good sportsmanship. If a player is injured, the referee, at his/her discretion, may stop play to ensure the welfare of the player even if the ball has not gone out of play.
- 3. The Goalkeeper shall not be harassed or interfered with while attempting to put the ball in play.
- 4. It is the duty of referees to protect the goalkeeper against dangerous play.

- b. The coach may choose to **not substitute and** “play short” thereby allowing the injured player to return during the “quarter” in which he **or she** was injured.
 - c. The player must **receive a signal from** the referee in order to return to the game.
3. Late arriving **team members** shall be substituted as follows:
- a. If the **team member** arrives during the first “quarter”, the **team member** must play a minimum of two of the remaining three “quarters”.
 - b. If the **team member** arrives during the second or third “quarter”, the **team member** must play a minimum of one “quarter”.
4. Signed lineup cards must be completed by the referee and forwarded to the regional commissioner or **his/her** designee.

D. OFFICIATING

- 1. Referees shall **officiate in accordance with** the AYSO Rules & Regulations **(the rules of competition)**, the *FIFA Laws of the Game* **and decisions of the IFAB.**
- 2. Referees shall officiate in a manner inducing clean competition and good sportsmanship, **placing** great emphasis on the welfare of the players.
If a player is injured, the referee, at his/her discretion, may stop play to ensure the welfare of the player even if the ball has not gone out of play.
- 3. The goalkeeper shall not be harassed or interfered with while attempting to put the ball in play.
- 4. It is the duty of referees to protect the goalkeeper against dangerous play.



5. The *Laws of the Game* are intended to provide that games should be played with as little interference as possible, and in this view it is the duty of referees to penalize only deliberate breaches of the Law. Constant whistling for trifling and doubtful breaches produces bad ~~feelings~~ and loss of temper on the part of the players and spoils the pleasure of spectators.

E. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF COACHES AND OFFICIALS

It shall be the duty of each coach and official to:

1. Conduct him/herself in a manner becoming a member of AYSO. **(See new I.E.1.a.)**
2. ~~A rectangle defining the coaches' area shall be marked where possible by two lines parallel to the touch-line extending ten (10) yards on either side of the half way line, and by two lines perpendicular to the touch-line. The edge of the coaches' area nearer the field of play shall be, where possible, at least one yard from the touch-line; the parallel edge shall be no more than three (3) yards from the touch-line. (See new I.G.2.)~~
3. ~~At all times~~ encourage clean competition and good sportsmanship. **(See new I.E.1.c.)**
4. Train and coach ~~their respective~~ team to the best of ~~their~~ ability. **(See new I.E.2.a.)**
5. Uphold the Rules & Regulations of AYSO. **(See new I.E.1.b.)**

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E. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF COACHES, REFEREES AND OFFICIALS

1. It shall be the duty of each coach, **referee**, and official to:
 - a. Conduct ~~himself~~/herself in a manner becoming a member of AYSO.
 - b. **Comply with** the AYSO Rules & Regulations.
 - c. Encourage clean competition and good sportsmanship.
 - d. **Prohibit** negative comments and complaints about **officiating**.
 - e. Present a healthy, athletic environment for **team members** by neither consuming alcoholic beverages nor using tobacco products during practices or games or in the immediate vicinity of the soccer fields.
2. It shall **also** be the duty of each coach to:
 - a. Train and coach **his/her** team to the best of **his/her** ability.
 - b. Remain within the coaches' area **(Article I.G.2) during the game; a maximum of two coaches is permitted for each team.**



- 6. Limit ~~their~~ sideline participation during AYSO games to positive ~~instruction and encouragement.~~ (See new I.E.2.c) ~~Sideline participation shall be limited to two coaches from each team and they shall remain within the coaches' area as defined in Section 1.E.2.~~ (See new I.E.2.b. & I.G.2.) Negative comments and complaints about refereeing shall not be allowed. (See new I.E.1.d.)
- 7. Upon team formation, ~~each coach must~~ have in his/her possession a player registration form for each ~~player assigned to the team,~~ during team gatherings, practices, scrimmages, and games (regional, inter-regional, area, sectional, national and tournaments). (See new I.E.2.d.)
- 8. Present a healthy, athletic environment for ~~players by,~~ ~~in the case of coaches and referees,~~ neither consuming alcoholic beverages nor using tobacco products during practices or games or in the immediate vicinity of the soccer fields. (See new I.E.1.e.)

F. SIZE OF BALL

~~1. Size of ball:~~

- a. U-19, U-16 and U-14 Divisions: ~~must be~~ 26.5 to 28.0 inches ~~in~~ circumference ~~and weigh between~~ 14 and 16 ~~ounces~~ (Size 5).
- b. U-12 and U-10 Divisions: ~~must be~~ 25.0 to 26.5 inches ~~in~~ circumference ~~and weigh between~~ 12 and 14 ~~ounces~~ (Size 4).
- c. U-8 and U-6 Divisions: ~~must be~~ 23.0 to 25.0 inches ~~in~~ circumference ~~and weigh between~~ 10 and 12 ~~ounces~~ (Size 3).

- c. Limit **his/her** sideline participation during AYSO games to **comments that are positive, instructional, and/or encouraging.**

- d. Upon team formation, **and** during **all subsequent** team gatherings, practices, scrimmages, and games (regional, inter-regional, area, sectional, national and tournaments), have in his/her possession a **signed** Player Registration Form for each **team member.**

F. SIZE OF BALL

Ball size for each division shall be as follows:

Age Division	Size	Circumference	Weight
U-5, U-6 & U-8	3	23.0-25.0 inches	10-12 oz.
U-10 & U-12	4	25.0-26.5 inches	12-14 oz.
U-14, U-16 & U-19	5	26.5-28.0 inches	14-16 oz.



G. FIELD OF PLAY

1. Dimensions, the field of play, marking, ~~goal area, penalty area, corner area,~~ and goals will be at the discretion of the ~~particular region, except during post-season play-off games where the field must~~ conform to all FIFA Laws of the Game requirements, ~~including the size being no less than 100 yards in length and 50 yards in width.~~
2. ~~On open fields where most youth games are played,~~ the field shall be marked, where possible, with a spectator control line parallel to the touch line (~~side line~~) at a distance of at least three (~~3~~) yards from the touch line. ~~All coaches, referees, linesmen, and other league officials are asked to ensure that spectators remain behind this line. (See new I.G.3.)~~
3. With the exception of photographers who have received authorization from the referee, and who must remain quiet and sufficiently back from the goal line, spectators ~~should~~ not be allowed behind the goal line. **(See new I.G.4.)**

G. FIELD OF PLAY

1. The dimensions **and** markings **of** the field of play and goals **shall** be at the discretion of the region **and, whenever possible,** conform to **the FIFA Laws of the Game or to AYSO short-sided game requirements.**
2. A coaches' area extending ten yards on **each** side of the halfway line **shall be marked by two lines off the field of play and** perpendicular to the touch line.
Where possible, the coaches' area **shall include two additional lines, with one line parallel to and** at least one yard from the touch line, **and a second parallel line** no more than three yards from the touch line.
3. The field shall be marked, where possible, with a spectator control line parallel to the touch line at a distance of at least three yards from the touch line. Coaches and officials **should help the assistant referees keep** spectators behind **the spectator control** line.
4. Spectators **shall** not be allowed behind the goal lines, with the exception of photographers who have received authorization from the referee, and who must remain quiet and sufficiently back from the goal lines.



H. SMALL-SIDED GAMES

1. It is strongly recommended that ~~U-6~~ through U-12 divisions play ~~small~~-sided games, conducted in accordance with the current FIFA Laws of the Game as modified by the age appropriate AYSO Coaching Manual.
2. ~~Small~~-sided games are permitted for all divisions.

II. TEAMS

- A. Team names shall bear no resemblance to a religion or nationality.
- B. Teams shall participate only in games approved by their respective Regional Commissioner and/or AYSO ~~Special Games Committee~~.
- C. ~~Each U-19 and U-16 team shall have a maximum of eighteen (18) and a minimum of twelve (12) registered players at any one time. Each U-14 through U-8 team shall have a maximum of fifteen (15) and a minimum of twelve (12) registered players at any one time. U-8 teams may optionally play with a maximum of nine (9) players on a side in which case teams shall have a maximum of thirteen (13) and a minimum of ten (10) registered players. All divisions may play optionally with teams of smaller sizes for minisoccer, indoor soccer or small-sided games, subject to rules established by the section. (See new II.C.3.)~~

H. SHORT-SIDED GAMES

1. It is strongly recommended that **U-5** through U-12 divisions play **short**-sided games, conducted in accordance with the current FIFA *Laws of the Game* as modified by **the AYSO National Rules and Regulations** and the age appropriate AYSO Coaching Manual.
2. **Short**-sided games are permitted for all divisions.

II. TEAMS

- A. Team names shall bear no resemblance to a religion, **race, ethnicity** or nationality.
- B. Teams shall participate only in games approved by their respective regional commissioners and/or **presiding AYSO governing authority**.
- C. **Team size:**
 1. **For full-sided (11-a-side) soccer (not recommended for U-12 and younger), the number of team members at any one time shall be:**

Age Division	Maximum no. of team members	Minimum no. of team members
U-16 & U-19	18	12
U-8 through U-14	15	12



2. The following are the recommended team sizes:

Age Division	Players per team on field	Maximum no. of team members	Minimum no. of team members
U-19	11-a-side	18	12
U-16	11-a-side	18	12
U-14	11-a-side	15	12
U-12	9-a-side	12	9
U-10	7-a-side	10	7
U-8	5-a-side (No goalkeepers)	7	5
U-6	3-a-side (No goalkeepers)	5	3
U-5	3-a-side (No goalkeepers)	4	3

- ~~D. Every effort will be made to balance team strengths within any one age division, within a reasonable geographical area.~~
- ~~E. A region or area shall not form leagues on a major and minor basis within any, or all of its divisions.~~
- ~~F. Retention of players on any team shall be limited to the head coach's child (ren).~~
- ~~G. The guidelines under item 400.H.C shall be followed but in certain circumstances the area director shall have the authority to allow one or more regions in that area to carry more than the maximum amount of players listed under item 400.H.C but no more than would allow each player to play one half of each game.~~

3. All divisions may play optionally with teams of smaller sizes for mini-soccer, indoor soccer or **short**-sided games, subject to rules established by the section.

- D. The maximum number of team members listed in Article II.C may be increased with approval of the area director, but no more than would allow each team member to play at least half of each game.**
- E. Each primary season, every effort shall be made to balance team strengths within each age division, within a reasonable geographical area.**
- F. A region or area shall not form leagues on a major and minor basis within any age division.**
- G. The only team member(s) a head coach may specify be on his/her team is his/her own child or children.**



III. REGISTRATION

A. The standard age divisions for the Boys and Girls programs are as follows:

- 1. Under ~~five~~ (5) years of age and not younger than 4 years of age. U-5 Division
- 2. Under ~~six~~ (6) years of age U-6 Division
- 3. Under ~~eight~~ (8) years of age U-8 Division
- 4. Under ~~ten~~ (10) years of age U-10 Division
- 5. Under ~~twelve~~ (12) years of age U-12 Division
- 6. Under ~~fourteen~~ (14) years of age U-14 Division
- 7. Under ~~sixteen~~ (16) years of age U-16 Division
- 8. Under ~~nineteen~~ (19) years of age U-19 Division

III. REGISTRATION

A. The standard age divisions are as follows:

Age	Division
Under 5 years but not younger than 4 years	U-5
Under 6 years	U-6
Under 8 years	U-8
Under 10 years	U-10
Under 12 years	U-12
Under 14 years	U-14
Under 16 years	U-16
Under 19 years	U-19



~~B. Regions may form co-ed U-6 Division for boys and girls under six (6) years of age and not younger than 5 years. Regions may form co-ed U-5 divisions for boys and girls under five years of age and not younger than four years. Teams formed in this division will be primarily for the introduction of soccer skills and techniques to the children, not for competitive purposes. (See new III.C.)~~

C. The effective date of age determination shall be the ~~player's~~ age as of July 31st immediately prior to the start of the membership year as defined in Article V.

~~Players~~ who have reached the age of four years as of this date are eligible to participate in the program.

~~Players~~ who are nineteen years of age or older as of this date are not eligible to participate. (See new III.B.)

D. In regions where not enough ~~players are registered~~ to make any or all standard age divisions, ~~a lesser number may be formed.~~

~~Such divisions shall be classified on the basis of the oldest player and shall not, subsequent to the start of the season of play, be reclassified (to a lower age division) should the oldest player(s) then be removed from the roster.~~

~~Regions with a sufficient number of players within a standard age division may, with the approval of the Area Director and Section Director, form single-year sub-divisions within the standard age divisions defined in III.A.~~

B. The effective date of age determination shall be the **registrant's** age as of July 31st immediately prior to the start of the membership year as defined in Article V.

Registrants who have reached the age of four years as of this date are eligible to participate in the program.

Individuals who are nineteen years of age or older as of this date are not eligible to participate.

C. U-5 and U-6 divisions **are** primarily for the introduction of soccer skills.

D. In regions where **there are** not enough **registrants** to make any or all standard age divisions, **divisions may be combined so that teams may be formed.**

Such divisions shall be classified on the basis of the oldest **registrant** and shall not, **after** the start of the season of play, be reclassified to a lower age division should the oldest **registrant(s)** then be removed from the roster.

E. Regions with a sufficient number of **registrants** within a standard age division may, with the approval of the area director and section director, form single-year sub-divisions within the standard age divisions defined in **Article III.A.**



~~E.~~ The regional commissioner is responsible for assuring the eligibility of all ~~players~~ on teams within the region. ~~Any player~~ must present birth certificate or other legal proof of age to the regional commissioner or area director ~~upon request~~. (See new III.H.)

~~F.~~ No ~~player~~ may register without the written consent of a parent or guardian; ~~(unless that player is of legal age), and the approval of the regional commissioner~~. (See new III.F.)

~~G.~~ A ~~player~~ becomes an official team member ~~only after~~ payment of ~~the~~ required registration fee and acceptance of registration form by the regional commissioner; or the designated representative. (See new III.G.)

~~H.~~ A ~~player~~ may be a member of only one AYSO league team at any one time. (See new III.I.)

~~I.~~ Sections may exercise the prerogative to allow boys and girls to play on the same teams where there is an insufficient number of ~~players~~ to establish separate teams with reasonable application of ~~paragraph~~ III.D. It is strongly recommended, however, that separate boys and girls teams be instituted and maintained wherever possible. (See new III.J.)

IV. TRANSFER OF PLAYERS

A ~~player~~ may transfer from one team to another within ~~one~~ region or from one region to another, after the following conditions have been met:

1. Approval of both coaches of the teams involved.
2. Approval of regional commissioner(s).
3. Approval of ~~player or parent~~.

~~F.~~ No **potential team member** may register without the written consent of **his/her** parent or guardian, unless **the registrant** is of legal age.

~~G.~~ A **registrant** becomes an official team member **upon**:

1. payment **to the region** of its required registration fee, and
2. acceptance of **his/her** registration form by the regional commissioner or the **regional commissioner's** designated representative, and
3. **placement on a team** by the regional commissioner or the **regional commissioner's** designated representative.

~~H.~~ The regional commissioner is responsible for assuring the eligibility of all **team members** on teams within the region. **Upon request** of the regional commissioner or area director, a **team member** must present **his/her** birth certificate or other legal proof of age.

~~I.~~ An **individual team member is limited to** one AYSO **primary season** team.

~~J.~~ Boys and girls **may** play on the same teams where there is an insufficient number of **registrants** to establish separate teams with reasonable application of **Article** III.D. It is strongly recommended, however, that separate boys and girls teams be instituted and maintained wherever possible.

IV. TRANSFER OF TEAM MEMBERS

A **team member** may transfer from one team to another within a region, or from one region to another, after the following **three** conditions have been met:

1. Approval of both coaches of the teams involved.
2. Approval of regional commissioner(s).
3. Approval of **team member and parent/guardian; parent/guardian approval is not required if team member is of legal age**.



V. DURATION OF SEASON

The official ~~playing season of AYSO~~ shall be from August 1st through the following July 31st each year.

VI. PROPER DRESS

~~A. Each chartered and pilot (upon the third anniversary of their pilot inception/existing pilot programs three years commencing July 1, 2004) AYSO region shall provide for players to wear a matching team uniform consisting of jersey, shorts, and socks. Such uniform shall be properly marked with the AYSO logo on the left front of the jersey and otherwise conforms to the markings on the attached drawing.~~

~~B. The AYSO uniform may bear a manufacturer's name and/or trademark provided that the brand name and/or trademark is contained in the same location(s) on uniforms available to the general public.~~

V. DURATION OF REGISTRATION

The **period of official membership** shall be from August 1st through the following July 31st each year.

VI. PROPER DRESS

A. Each chartered AYSO region shall provide for **team members** to wear a matching team uniform consisting of a jersey, shorts and socks. Such uniform shall be properly marked with the **AYSO Traditional logo, described in Exhibit "A" of these Rules and Regulations, approximately three to four inches in height located on the upper left front of the jersey, and otherwise shall conform to the markings on Exhibit "A".**

The **AYSO Traditional logo is not required on goalkeepers' jerseys but is highly recommended.**

A pilot region may use non-conforming uniforms which were purchased prior to the program becoming a pilot for their useful life but no longer than three years from the date of admission of the pilot region.

B. The AYSO uniform may bear a manufacturer's name and/or **logo. The manufacturer's name and/or logo must not be displayed more prominently or be larger than the AYSO Traditional logo nor be placed in an area other than specified in Exhibit "A". In no event shall a manufacturer's name and/or logo appear in the area designated for the AYSO Traditional logo. No other markings may appear on the uniform without the prior approval of the National Board of Directors.**



- C. The AYSO uniform may bear an optional emblem on the sleeve and/or the front of the shorts in accordance with ~~the attached drawing~~. Such emblems shall be ~~approved by the regional commissioner, shall be about~~ three (3) inches in diameter (or equivalent diagonal), and shall ~~generally provide for player, regional or sponsor identity~~.
- D. The AYSO Uniform may ~~not bear the player name or team name by any application of lettering, silk screening, etc.~~
- E. ~~Each section shall determine the application of dress code to competitive play within the section, each area within the area, and each region within that region, respectively.~~

- C. The AYSO uniform may bear an optional emblem **representing region, skills, sponsor or sportsmanship** on the **upper right** sleeve and/or the **lower right** front of the shorts in accordance with **Exhibit "A"**. Such emblems shall be **no more than** three inches in diameter (or equivalent diagonal) and shall **be approved by the regional commissioner**.
- D. No AYSO uniform may bear a **team member's name**, or team name, **league name**, or **program name**.
- E. The **team member's uniform number shall appear on the back of the jersey in a color that contrasts with the jersey color**, and (optionally) may be placed on the front of the uniform below the standard manufacturer's name and/or logo on the jersey or on the left side of the shorts. The number on the front of the uniform shall not exceed **four inches in height**.
- F. The AYSO Traditional logo must appear in a color that **contrasts with the player's primary uniform color**. The AYSO Traditional logo must have a **prominent appearance on the uniform**.
- G. No person may use any of the AYSO trade names, trademarks or logos for any use other than AYSO-authorized activities without the prior written consent of the NSTC. This includes having the AYSO Traditional logo stamped on soccer balls, soccer shoes or other equipment, or used in association with the products or services of any person. Those types of activities weaken any national licensing program and may violate license agreements then in force. Any approved use shall require that an ® should be placed next to the AYSO registered trade name or trademark or, if the trade



- ~~F.~~ Regulation soccer shoes, gym shoes, or sneakers (with or without ~~rubber~~ cleats) are permissible in all AYSO competitions. **(See new VI.H)**
- ~~G.~~ ~~Players shall not be allowed to participate in any game or practice unless they are wearing shin guards.~~ **(See new VI.I)**
- ~~H.~~ ~~Players shall not be allowed to practice or participate in any game with any type of cast or splint. Removal of any type of cast or splint at the field or surrounding area in order to participate shall disqualify the player from practice or in any game.~~ **(See new VI.J)**
- ~~I.~~ ~~Players shall not wear anything that is dangerous to either themselves or other players.~~ **(See new VI.K)**

VII. OWNERSHIP AND RESPONSIBILITY OF UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT

The custodianship and disposition of equipment and supplies purchased by an individual region shall be the responsibility of that region.

VIII. INJURIES

~~Any injury or damage involving an AYSO participant shall be reported to, and by, the regional commissioner in accordance with the directive of the American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) National Support & Training Center.~~

*~~NOTE: Most recent changes are indicated by **bold-type** and are underlined.~~*

name is not registered, a TM should be placed next to such trade name or trademark. These symbols serve notice that the trade names and trademarks belong to AYSO.

- ~~H.~~ Regulation soccer shoes, gym shoes, or sneakers (with or without cleats) are permissible in all AYSO competitions **subject to the referee's approval regarding their safety.**
- ~~I.~~ **Team members must wear shinguards that provide a reasonable degree of protection, and that are completely covered by their socks, to participate in any practice or game.**
- ~~J.~~ **Team members shall not be allowed to practice or participate in any game with any type of cast or splint. Removal of any type of cast or splint at the field or surrounding area in order to participate shall disqualify the team member from practice or game participation.**
- ~~K.~~ **Players shall not wear anything that is dangerous to either themselves or other players.**

VII. OWNERSHIP AND RESPONSIBILITY OF UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT

The custodianship and disposition of equipment and supplies purchased by an individual region shall be the responsibility of that region.

VIII. INCIDENTS AND INJURIES

All incidents, injuries or property damage involving an AYSO participant or occurring at an AYSO event shall be reported to, and by, the regional commissioner or safety director on the AYSO Incident Report Form in accordance with the directive of the American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) National Support & Training Center (NSTC).

2007-2008 (New) Exhibit “A”

3” or 4” AYSO Traditional logo on upper left front of jersey. Logo color must contrast with jersey color per Article VI.F.

Number on back of jersey and (optionally) on **right** front of jersey or left front of shorts. Number color must contrast with jersey color per Article VI.E. (Optional numbers on front of uniform not to exceed 4” in height.)

Optional emblem (region, skills, sponsor or **sportsmanship**) on upper right sleeve **and/or lower right** front of shorts – **no more than 3” in diameter or equivalent diagonal** per Article VI.C.



Optional standard manufacturer’s name **and/or logo** per Article VI.B.

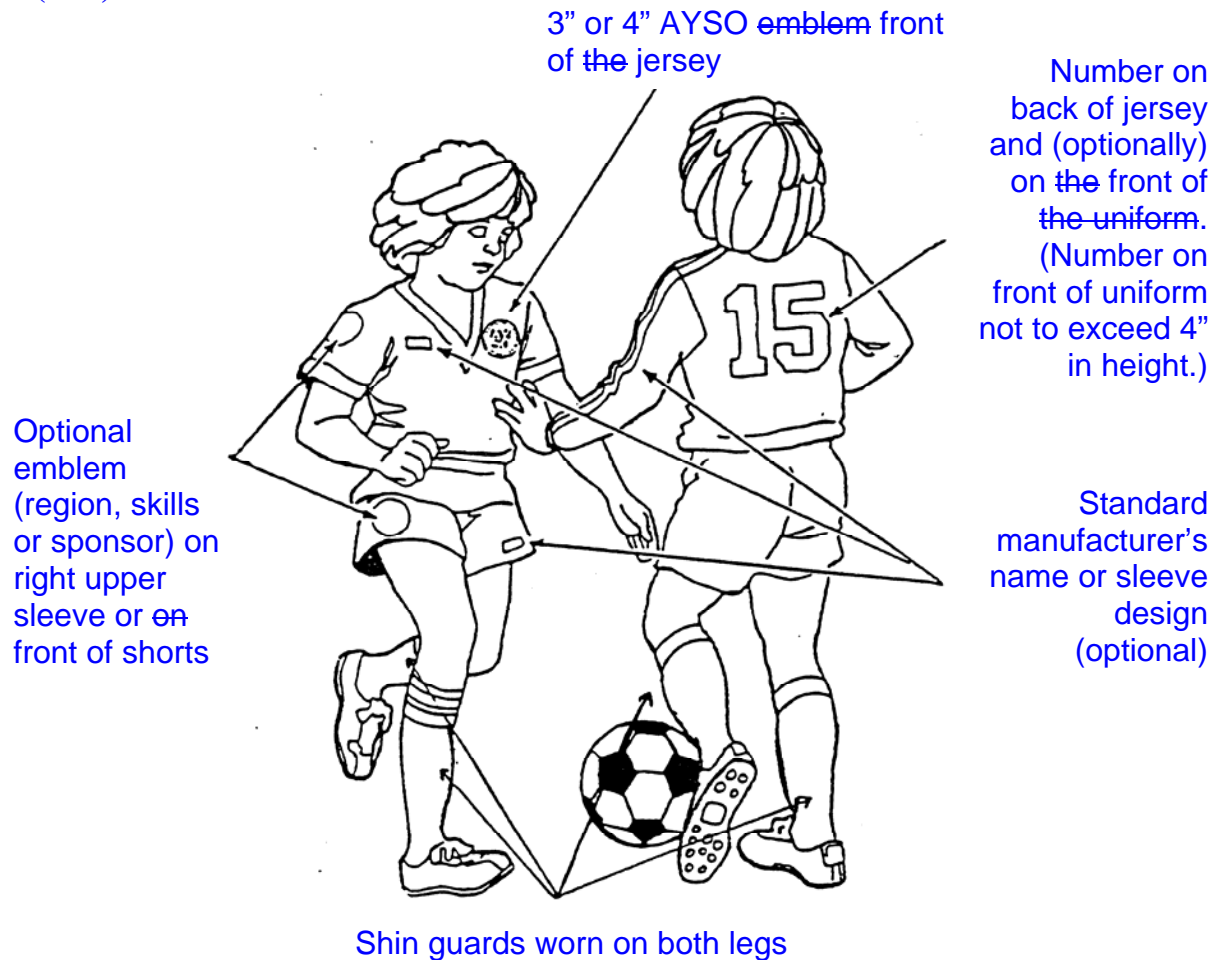
Optional sleeve design **is allowed.**

Shinguards worn on both legs, **completely covered by the socks** per Article VI.I.

NOTES:

1. The AYSO **Traditional logo** shall be worn on the left front of the jersey.
2. Except as indicated in **Article VI** and in the drawing, **no other markings may appear without the prior approval of the National Board of Directors.**
3. For clarification of proper application of AYSO and manufacturers' logos, refer to the AYSO National Rules and Regulations **Article VI.**

2006-2007 (Old)



NOTE:

1. The AYSO emblem (registered trademark) shall be worn on the left front of the jersey. The uniform number, not to exceed 4" in height, may also be put on the front of the uniform.
2. Except as indicated in Note 1, and in the drawing, additional markings on uniform are not permitted.
3. For clarification of proper application of AYSO and manufacturers' logos refer to the AYSO National Rules and Regulations Section VI. A.