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Commissioner's Final Update

This is the final day of play for the fall season. How did we do – **FANTASTIC**

So here is the report up to this day and I think today will go fine:

Player Substitutions: after a few instructions perfect

Player Ejections: None / Player Red Cards: None / Player Yellow Cards: None /

Game Forfeitures: None Coach Ejections: None / Coach Removals: None /

Parent Ejections: Close but none Spectator Ejections: None

Congratulations to everyone in the region for accomplishing something that has never been accomplished before.

This year has brought many changes with the New Extra Program – a step up in competitive AYSO Soccer starting with the U10 Division, the New U5 Program - extremely successful, Volunteer Program – better than we expected, New Berylwood Field Support by the Recreation and Park District – update and renovation of fields, New Storage Bin at Berylwood Fields and New Portable Goals on our U14 Fields.

The 2010/2011 Regional Board was selected in February of this year and faced many challenges with normal work for a soccer year and then we added the above additional items and we were into overload. The board members met each month and figured out and solved new problems on a continuous basis. They gave everything they had including many volunteering for more than one job. The majority of board members handle two and three assignments. Such as Division Director, Team Coach and Referee. That is asking a lot from one person. They all stepped up, completed their tasks and if it wasn't for the following members, your children would not be playing soccer. When you see them, thank them a million times over:

Regional Board 121 Members: Crystal Barlow, Reggie Barnard, Chris Boynton, Jamie Carter, Ken Crowle, Jim Fleckenstein, Kambria Fortuna, Tonya Giesseman, Mike Greenup, Cammy Hardy, Leonard Hendricks, Patricia Howard, Greg Kocis, Keith Krasnigor, Bob Lang, Jennifer Lang, Concetta Langford, Eric Marnoch, Dan Mason, Matt Matter, Kyle Matter, Matt Matteson, David McMillan, John Meeker, Alain Missoul, Annette Morgan, Mary Morrissey, Jung Oh, Kim Pagliarli, Rich Pagliarli, Cheryl Platamone, Lisa Redding, Erika Riccardi, Brian Ring, Karyn Ring, Jayna Rose, Danny Sison, John Tone and Roger Weiss.

These are the unpaid, unselfish members who gave everything they have along with the unpaid, unselfish coaches, referees and team parents who were there every practice and game to make sure your child got the best we could supply.

We did a cost breakdown this year, which has never been done before, and discovered the cost per player was \$130.00 and we are charging \$90. You can't find a better deal than that anywhere.

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TROPHY UPDATE

All coaches must turn in their player rating forms to receive the trophies for their team.

Participation trophies in the U10, U12, and U14 Divisions need to be picked up on Saturday, Nov. 20 starting at 7:45am at the RSSP Fields.

Participation trophies in the U8 Division need to be picked up on Saturday, Nov. 20 at the Berylwood Fields.

Those teams in the U10, U12, and U14 Divisions that are in contention of placing in the 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place spots will receive their trophies on Saturday, Nov.20, during the day, depending on the game standings.

All other teams can pick up trophies starting at 7:45 am.

If there is any problem with a trophy please take it to the location listed on the bottom of the trophy.

AND NOW A WORD FROM OUR SPONSORSHIP CHAIR....BOB LANG

On behalf of the Region 121 AYSO Board I would like to thank all who participated and contributed to our fundraising efforts. In 2010, we raised nearly 10K for the region through fundraisers, sponsorships, donations, discount cards and contributions, which will help to pay for some needy items for our soccer kids. We appreciate the support, as this shows it is truly a team effort. The region can thrive and grow when it is financially fit. We helped to recognize some of our local businesses and supported them too, striving to help in some way, shape or form...and everyone does it in their own special way. It's all about the kids, and given these tough economic times we all face it's good to know we can rise above and make a difference in their lives.

Once again, thank you for your support!

Bob Lang Sponsor Director, AYSO Region 121

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I want to thank the regional board, the coaches, the referees, the team parents and the many dedicated parents who came out each Saturday and volunteered to help us with running the region.

And most importantly a great big hug and thank you to all the players in region 121. Your dedication at practices and games to allow us the privilege to watch you play soccer is an honor and without you we would be nothing. No matter where you placed in the standings this season you are all winners to us. We love and care for you and will protect you forever. Thank you so much.

In closing, last Saturday I was approached by a young mom with her beautiful blonde little boy. She wanted to thank the region and me for everything we do and said her son had a great time in the U6 Division and will be back. The little boy kept hiding behind mom while she was trying to have him say thank you. Moms know exactly about that. I did see a smile and that was enough to know why my board and I do this all year. That is the priceless reward that makes everything okay.

Sincerely,
Russell S. Platamone

Upcoming Events

- ♥ **Trophies – Nov. 20**
- ♥ **Spring Season Sign Ups –**
Nov. 20, 9am to 1pm at Berylwood Fields
Dec. 11, 9am to 12pm at Rancho Santa Susanna Recreation Center (Stearns and L.A. Ave)
- ♥ **Final Standings** - U10, U12 and U14 Division placing for 1st 2nd and 3rd - Nov. 20
- ♥ **Final selection of teams** in the U10, U12 and U14 Divisions to be invited to the Area Play Offs – Dec. 4,5,11,12
- ♥ **Area League Playoffs –** Dec. 4, 5, 11, 12 – Come out and cheer on the Simi Valley Teams

Thank You and We Will Miss You

At the end of this regional board season, we will be losing two wonderful and valuable volunteers from our family. Karyn and Brian Ring are retiring after thirteen years of service.

Karyn is currently our Uniform Director and U14 Division Director. Over the years she has also been an Assistant Coach Administrator, Team Coach, Assistant Coach, Team Parent, Coaching Staff and holds ten AYSO Certifications. Karyn is a respected board member who has donated thousands of volunteer hours and has been an important person in keeping the region a success.

Brian is currently the New Years Tournament Director, U14 Division Director and Referee. Over the years he has been the Regional Commissioner, Regional Director of Instruction, Referee Staff, Team Coach, Assistant Coach and holds twelve AYSO Certifications. Brian has brought so many valuable volunteer hours and service to Region 121. Taking the helm as Commissioner he kept the region on track and brought the AYSO sign to the city entrance at Los Angeles Ave. and Madera Rd. When he took over the New Years Tournament he raised the level of professionalism to the utmost point. Teams come from all over to participate in one of the most prestigious AYSO Tournaments. His soccer ball hat logo is known everywhere. The tournament fills up quickly and has a waiting list to prove the class act Brian has brought to our region.

We will miss both of you.

***Love you both,
Russell***

Invitational Area League Playoffs-Reminder

On Nov. 20 the fall season core soccer program comes to an end. If you play in the U10, U12 and U14 Divisions, your team has an opportunity to go on to the Area League Playoffs. This is a no cost playoff hosted by the Area Staff.

The Regional Commissioner invites teams based on their fall season standings, coach and player participation in following the AYSO philosophies and parent volunteer participation.

If selected your team has the opportunity to play against other teams, in your division, from our surrounding AYSO regions. They include Moorpark, Newbury Park, Malibu, Westlake/Agoura and Thousand Oaks. This playoff is similar to a tournament and your team will play three competitive games on Saturday and if you place to move on to Sunday, you have the ability to play one to three games to advance to the winner's circle.

You get to travel to other playing fields, just like AYSO Tournaments, and have a great weekend of fun soccer at no additional cost.

The playoffs are done on Saturday Dec. 4 and Sunday Dec. 5 for the U10 Division at Conejo Creek Park in Thousand Oaks. The U12 and U14 Divisions play Saturday Dec. 11 and Sunday Dec. 12 at Conejo Creek Park and Arroyo Vista Park in Moorpark.

New Upcoming Program Grandparents for AYSO

I am so excited to bring information on a new program we are launching to help everyone. The new program is called Grandparents for AYSO.

We are asking for everyone's help in finding our retired citizens to participate as volunteers to help run our fields.

We are looking for retired individuals looking for something to do and become part of our family to interact with our players and members of AYSO. You won't find a greater joy than helping to give children a fun day of soccer.

The volunteering is easy and rewarding. Send out the word and we will make it happen.

Have them send an email to 121rc@sbcglobal.net If they don't email help them out and get a phone number and send that to the email address.

This could be one of the best programs we ever start.

U10, U12 and U14 Final Season Standings

There is only one game left to decide the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place standings in the U10 and U12 Divisions.

The **U14 Division** has final results at this point:

U14 Boys:

1st place: Team #01 – Coach Czach
2nd place: Team #04 – Coach Pugliese
3rd place: Team #02 – Coach Nelson

U14 Girls:

1st place: Team #03 – Coach Schussman
2nd place: Team #01 – Coach McCormick
3rd place: Team #02 – Coach Irvin

Congratulations to all U14 Division teams.

The **U12 Boys Division** has three teams competing for the top three positions and will be decided this Saturday.

Team #05 – Coach Hardy
Team #06 – Coach Barnard
Team #04 – Coach Goodwin

The **U12 Girls Division** has three teams competing for the 2nd and 3rd positions with a final for 1st place already won.

Team #04 – Coach Barnard has won the 1st place spot.
2nd and 3rd positions to be decided Saturday:
Team #01 – Coach Chelonis
Team #08 – Coach Grzywacz
Team #07 – Coach Czach

Congratulations and good luck to all U12 Division teams.

The **U10 Division** has no final decisions and all games indicating 1st, 2nd and 3rd will be decided this Saturday:

U10 Boys:

Team #04 – Coach Ruiz
Team #12 – Coach Platt
Team #10 – Coach McMillan
Team #09 – Coach Corugedo
Team #03 – Coach Tone

U10 Girls:

Team #13 – Coach Crawford
Team #15 – Coach Martin
Team #03 – Coach Ma
Team #04 – Coach Buchan

Congratulations and good luck to all U10 Division teams.

Flex Extra Launches This Year

Flex Extra is a new competitive side of AYSO. Launched this year in a restricted amount of teams, it is the next step of competition in our organization. Region 121 has our core program, then All Stars, followed by Tournament Teams and at the top of the scale is Flex Extra.

We have four competitive Extra Teams in the program including one U10 Girls Team, one U11 Boys Team, one U12 Boys team and one U13 Girls Team. It is separate from the core program and runs with some different rules and regulations. Coaches and players must try out and be accepted by an Extra Committee. Teams play half their games at home and half are travel games. Players and parents must understand the amount of dedication and commitment required to join and be part of the Flex Extra Program. It is far above the All Star and Tournament Team requirements.

If you are interested in the Flex Extra Program for your child or as a coach visit the website at:

http://aysopacific.clubspaces.com/default_css.aspx

Our Flex Extra Program Director is Lisa Redding who can give you more information if you desire to join Extra-contact her at lisa.redding@sbcglobal.net

SAYSO Newsletter Lady

A special thank you to Annette Morgan who has dedicated countless hours in handling our SAYSO Newsletter. A couple of years ago Annette went into semi-retirement from AYSO but stayed on to run the SAYSO Newsletter for me. It may be mentioned the reason I am part of AYSO is because Annette talked me into joining the board some time ago. Whenever I get frustrated I blame her for bringing me on. Annette I love you.

Annette has been with the organization for fourteen years and during that time she gave hours and hours of time each day to help keep the region running. Her positions included Assistant Regional Commissioner, Registrar, Secretary, Auditor, Team Parent and Regional Mom with ten AYSO Certifications.

Annette has been editor since 1998 and has watched as the SAYSO has evolved and now we are an electronic medium and print has gone away.

Thank you for all you have done.

Your friend,
Russell

New and Appreciated

Region 121 would like to welcome new board members:

Michael Carter - Uniform Director
Jeff Blackwell – Division Director
Amy Martin – Division Director

We are all so happy to have you join our family.

If you are looking for a rewarding volunteer position join the Regional Board and have a positive impact on your child and the many other children we have in our region.

Contact any board member and they will be more than happy to help you out.

Team Sponsorships

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Keep the sponsorships coming



REFEREE CORNER



Why I Can't Be A Referee

To save you the trouble of having to create an excuse of your own, we have listed the most of the common excuses for non-participation in this critical function in the AYSO program.

I Don't Know Anything (Enough) About the Game

Most of us knew little, or less than you, about soccer when we became referees. Not to worry... for the investment of a day (eight hours) we will train you with more knowledge of the Laws of the Game than most Americans ever possess.

I Don't Have Time

Becoming a referee is the perfect slot for those AYSO parents who have crowded schedules. Referees are free to choose the games they can do, which can be scheduled at your convenience; possibly just before or after the game your child is playing. You may do as many or as few games as you choose.

I'm Not the Right Kind of Person

Yes you are. You obviously care about your child. This is a youth development program run by volunteers. Would you want your child involved with someone who is not as good as you? Who would be better than a concerned parent like you?

I'd Look Silly in That Uniform

Good heavens... you obviously haven't seen the Referee Administrator.

I'd Be Embarrassed

Everyone makes mistakes (even those of us who have been officiating for years). The import thing is to approach the job with enthusiasm and enjoyment, because that will be passed on to the players and coaches (and we can team you up with an experienced referee to help you through the initial learning process).

I'm a Woman - I Never See Them Referee

Wrong! We have many qualified women referees - and they are great! We could use many more. What other time in your life will you ever...with just one breath (or whistle)...be able to make 22 kids stop what they are doing, actually listen to you, and then do what they are told? And almost half of our players are girls and they love having women referees. They are comfortable with them and look up to them as role models. If you are a mom, you already are used to making quick decisions and multi-tasking. (If you are the mother of two or more children, you already know what it means to be a referee!) Don't worry, we will teach you and support you and start you off refereeing younger children. We will be there to mentor you until you feel comfortable and confident.

I can't afford the equipment

Don't worry about expense, because the Region will provide you with the necessary equipment to get you started.

I don't think I could keep up with the players. Some of them are pretty fast!

Don't worry, most of us can't keep up with them either. We give the older age division games, with the faster players, to our fitter and more experienced referees. We still have plenty of younger division games on smaller fields where you would be able to keep up. You know, refereeing is also a good way to get a little exercise and to have fun at the same time.

Now that we've addressed all your concerns we can't wait to see you at referee training. We need you badly. And in return, we promise you:

- Enjoyment
- Exercise
- A sense of belonging
- A free uniform
- A small fan club of kids who think you're great and are thrilled to see you

A great time - Like many before you, it may turn out to be the most fun you have had in a long time

ONE FINAL NOTE: if you still don't think you are the right kind of person for this job, you took the time to read this whole flyer and that means you care. That means you are exactly the right kind of person.