



AYSO EXPO 2017

Workshop Descriptions

Not all workshops will be offered at all meetings. Please check your agenda for workshops offered at your specific EXPO. All courses are 1 hour and 15 minutes, unless otherwise noted.

* Indicates updated for 2017.

REGION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (RMS)

NEW! RMS: Registration (324)

Learn how to open registration for volunteers, player programs, seasons and different age divisions. See how the Blue Sombrero features make registration simple for Region, Area and Section administrators.

NEW! RMS: Scheduling (325)

Blue Sombrero's Region Management features include game scheduling, referee scheduling and tournament management features which lighten the administrative burden for Region administrators. Learn how to use these features to help organize your Region's playing seasons and see how the tools can really help your team.

NEW! RMS: Website Focus Group (326)

Meet members of the Blue Sombrero development team and learn more about how to leverage the free AYSO websites, domain names and key AYSO features to market your Region and communicate with your families.

COACHING

*** Age-Appropriate Training: Environments and Expectations (101)**

Children learn in ways that differ from adults, especially when learning involves both intellectual and physical activity. This session focuses on the effect on kids when standards are lowered by adults to meet their own needs for the kids' success. Fun and excellence, responsibility and freedom, worth and recognition, giving and receiving are all addressed as we look at optimal environments for youth development.

*** Attacking Technically and Tactically (102)**

This session will expose any coach to the theory of possession, from the standpoint of clean first touch and what that means; receiving the ball away from pressure, and what that means; introducing them to the phases of play dependent on thirds of the field from goal to goal (build up from the back with using goalkeeper, moving through midfield looking for final pass through, and attacking the goal) that will help them understand how to use first touch and receiving away from pressure to attack properly.

*** AYSO Storefront: The Coach as AYSO Brand Ambassador (103)**

The coaches on the field working with the children of AYSO either during practice or a match are the most visible representatives of AYSO; they are the storefront to your Region. This workshop will discuss what Regions can do to promote the AYSO program by ensuring the coaches working with the children on the field represent the AYSO brand as a brand of value, quality and one that puts the development of the AYSO children as the top priority.

*** Building Blocks of Player Development (105)**

Not every player can be a Lionel Messi; however, all athletes can develop and model constant qualities that are an important ingredient in player and team harmony. This session is designed for coaches to understand what type of things can and should be constant from one athlete to the next, regardless of ability.

*** Coach Administrator Training (106) - CERTIFICATION**

Arguably one of AYSO's most important roles, this session is a necessity for all Regional Coach Administrators to learn and enjoy their duties and responsibilities. Topics include an overview of the AYSO National Coaching Program, the importance of our accreditation by the National Council for Accreditation for Coaching Education (NCACE), implementation of US Soccer Player Development Initiatives, how to manage coaching courses, managing your coaching budget, working with the Region Board to

create an environment that supports coach and player development, the Stewards of the Game format for MY2017, the importance of a coaching calendar, and much, much more! Experienced coach administrators are encouraged to attend and to add their experience to the discussions.

*** Staying True to the AYSO Culture and Coaching Program (107)**

The pressure society (and parents) place on coaches (and players) to win is often detrimental to athlete development. All AYSO programs should be truly player-centered; however, there are often noticeable discrepancies between some Regional programs and our AYSO National Program. This session examines some potential discrepancies, including staying true to AYSO Philosophies and prioritizing Development over Winning.

*** Maximizing Coaching Moments with Young Players (110)**

How to successfully teach the game to young players using the observation skills, psychological motivation, maximizing coaching opportunities and coaching points.

*** Standing on the Shoulders of Giants! Roundtable Discussion on Coach Mentoring (112)**

New coaches attend certification training. Some go to clinics and EXPOS. But then, all begin the long, slow process of figuring out what it really takes to be a great coach. Within your Region, there are at least 100 years of coaching wisdom in the collective experience of your experienced coaches. Are you capturing it? Do you have a system in place to pass along these hard-learned lessons? Or does it seem you're reinventing the wheel every season? Join this session to discuss best practices and ideas for building a culture of great coaching in your Region.

*** Tactical Formations and Systems of Play 11 v 11 (113)**

To educate coaches on the different types of tactical formations and how to use them in a match. In this session, Systems of Play are broken down into tactical areas explaining, for example, when to defensively use a flat back four versus a diamond formation, and the best tactical formation to counter with based on what system your opponent is using. This would highlight why it might be time to switch formations in the middle of the match. This session will also explain the difference between a 3-line system and a 4-band formation.

*** The ABCs of Coaching the Goalkeeper (114)**

To better educate coaches on how to train the goalkeeper working with the three principle parts of the successful goalkeeper: positional play, collection and distribution. This course includes explanations of angle play, reading the attack, organizing the defense and controlling the "box."

WSSGCAOSD – Understanding Law 18 (115)

Why Some Stuff Gets Called And Other Stuff Doesn't (WSSGCAOSD) presents scenarios for coaches and referees to discuss different interpretations of the Laws of the Game. This course will help you expand your vision, read the game better and build a better understanding of why certain calls are made during a game.

NEW! Effective Session Planning and Implementation (116)

Become a better coach now! Coaches will learn how to plan and conduct a successful practice. This includes efficient time management, what a complete training session should look like and how to develop and progress the session to fit the needs of both the individuals and the entire team.

NEW! US Soccer Player Development Initiatives and Other Global Updates (118)

For coaches, referees, administrators and board members. A review and discussion on the recent changes to the soccer landscape in the United States, specifically, the US Soccer Player Development Initiatives and IFAB/FIFA changes to the Laws of the Game and the changes to AYSO's National Rules of Play. The companion course to this is listed in the Officiating section: "2016-2017 Changes to the Laws."

NEW! Get To Know Their Mindset (119)

To really develop the player, you must get to know the person. How well do you know your players? This workshop introduces growth and fixed mindsets, the traits and points for discussion as they relate to players reaching their potential. Based on the research by Stanford psychologist Carol Dweck.

NEW! 2017 Advanced Course Overview (120)

An overview of the new Advanced Course including precourse online content, classroom content, field content, and grading. This is not a certification class.

NEW! Coaching The Modern Defender (121)

No other position has changed more in recent years than that of the defender. From playing out of the back to the role of the wingback, this workshop brings the demands of defenders in the modern game to the forefront.

NEW! Play Anyone? Playground Soccer and Schoolyard Activity Leader–CERTIFICATION (122)

A practical session, where we will discuss what the AYSO Playground, AYSO Playtime and AYSO Schoolyard programs are; who should be the lead volunteer; how the programs are run; and why the programs are so important to AYSO. Instructor will recreate the environment conducive to learning for this special age group.

DEVELOPMENT

RC/AD Training Continuing Education: The Next Generation (201)

Written specifically for the leaders of local AYSO programs, this session is a hands-on workshop connecting you the “AYSO Volunteer Leadership” with our new customer – the next generations: Echo Boomers, Generation Y, Millennials - the largest generation of adults since the Baby Boomers!- Many now have kids three years and older. We'll help you figure out the specific steps you must take to make your Region programs more valuable to these important members of your community!

Using a combination of group discussion and case study, we'll strategically incorporate our newest programs like AYSO Playground Soccer and success stories for welcoming, start-up and volunteer engagement. As you increase the quality of your Region, you become more valuable to your community. When you are valuable to your community, your program becomes self-sustaining and more fun.

AYSO Playground Soccer 101 (202)

AYSO Playground Soccer is the newest program for introducing three-year-old children and their parents to the wonderful world of AYSO. Your Region has the manual, you understand the focus is motor skill development not competitive games, and you've even purchased the special “Playground Equipment Box” from the AYSO Store. But how do you put it all together & deliver an amazing program that engages both child & parent for a lifetime of AYSO fun? We'll take you on a step by step best practices ride!

This workshop has been developed through collaborations of the former Development, Coaching, and Marketing Commissions. This Workshop #202, first introduced in 2016, is ‘Authentic AYSO’!

NEW! Building Strategic AYSO Community Partnerships (203)

Why does working with the local parks & recreation, school system, or city governments keep you up all night? We've got some of the best practices, success stories and the Top 10 ‘Must Do Action Items’ to share. Using a combination of group discussion and case study, you'll learn (and be entertained) from instructors who have worked the trenches, building partnerships with even the most difficult bureaucratic officials. Give us 75 minutes, we'll take you on a step-by-step best practices ride!

MANAGEMENT

*** Auditor (301) - Revised for NAP Online**

This workshop provides basic training for the Region, Area or Section Auditor to independently ensure fiscal management in all levels of AYSO and identify potential problems before they occur. Learn how to spot a “red flag” and what to do if improprieties are uncovered. Even if you have no financial background, this course will help you get started with the tools that you'll need for an independent review of your Region, Area or Section.

Budgeting for the Regional Board (302)

Preparing the annual budget is not just the Treasurer's responsibility; the entire Regional Board should work on the process. Learn the responsibilities for each Board Member and how to involve all in the budgeting process. Get tips on how to be responsible and creative with the money that has been entrusted to you. The workshop will be especially helpful to Coach and Referee Administrators, Equipment Coordinators, Safety Directors, Registrars, CVPAs and all Treasurers and RCs. Everyone will learn what they need to do to complete their portion of the budgeting process. This budget information, when gathered from the entire Region Board, will prepare the Regional Commissioner and Treasurer to assemble a financially sound budget.

Developing a Region Calendar (303)

You won't believe how clever and useful a Region calendar can be. This workshop will walk you through the steps of creating and personalizing your Region calendar. These techniques address how to create a Regional calendar to help you plan and properly prepare for each event: registrations, opening day, picture day, etc. Included are various online tools to help you automate your processes. It will be an indispensable tool in recruiting volunteers and in succession planning.

Dispute Resolution (304)

Reviews the many tools available to properly deal with difficult people and difficult situations which, left to smolder, can turn your “sunny Saturdays” into “manic Mondays.” Regional Board Members and Area/Section Staff learn to recognize potentially explosive situations and how to deal with them before they flare up.

Division Coordinator (305)

The Division Coordinator is a vital member of the coaching support team in any Region. All the basics of the Division Coordinator position are covered including roles and responsibilities and the importance of functioning as an intermediary between the Region Board, Coaches, Referees and parents. See how a Division Coordinator can be effective in different scenarios and learn how to have a real impact on the success of your Region.

Due Process (306)

Formerly part of the Dispute Resolution, this workshop provides more detail and information for all RCs, RCAs, RRAs, CVPAs, ADs and Area staff. Learn the process to use when limiting, suspending or removing/terminating a volunteer (Non-Executive Member) from their participation in AYSO. This workshop will review the many tools available to properly deal with serious personnel problems and examine the procedures when offering the volunteer their due process and appeal protection.

*** NAP Online (308)**

2 ½ hours

NAP Online is a secure and easy-to-use web based bookkeeping system that allows you to track finances and easily share accounting reports. Learn the many benefits of adopting NAP Online for your Section, Area or Region. This workshop is designed specifically for SDs, ADs, RCs and Treasurers and will teach you how to use NAP Online, put you in control and make your job easier. We will cover entering payments and deposits, printing checks, creating categories and subaccounts, uploading images of invoices and receipts, reconciling bank accounts, searching and editing transactions and running the required monthly treasurer reports, including additional reports for Sections and Areas.

Governance Made Easier: Standard Regional Policies and Protocols Intro (309)

Membership Year 2016 brought full transition to the Standard Regional Policies and Protocols. Detailed guidance for converting from Guidelines to the Policies and Protocols will cover the separation of the “must dos” from local Region policies. The course is designed for Regional Board Members to discuss the new, simpler process and for Area Directors, Section Directors and Management staff as reviewers of the Region governance documents.

*** Regional Board Member Training (310)**

Calling all volunteers in positions such as – but not limited to – Fundraiser, Division Coordinator, Newsletter Editor, Purchaser, Secretary, Field or Equipment Manager, Snack Bar Manager and Team Parent; this workshop is for you! Learn the common responsibilities all volunteers share in the areas of budgeting, time management, communications and recruitment necessary to make a Region successful.

Regional Management (311)

4 ½ hours (for all RCs, Board and Staff Members)

Learn how a Board works together to make life easier by improving trust, communications and understanding. Discover the importance of running effective meetings and ensuring good communication and program planning by developing a budget and calendar together in class. This workshop includes active participation, exchange of ideas, testing your ability to delegate and give directions and a lot of interaction!

*** Registration Events –What Benefits the Region Most? (313)**

This workshop is not just for Registrars! Is your Region considering discontinuing in person registration events because player registration and volunteer application can be done online? E-signature technology has simplified these processes and can save time for both the participants and the Region staff. But is there still value in having in person, face-to-face events? What are the benefits of personal interaction with your potential volunteers and players? Come and explore the pros and cons with your fellow Registrars and other Board Members.

This course was formerly the in person vs. online. It has been updated based on the launch of the Region Management System and integrates feedback from Regions that have been successful with volunteer recruitment and player registration in the online world.

Safety Director (314)

This position, more than any other, has the opportunity to create the “safe, fun, fair environment” that all AYSO parents expect. Learn what it takes to fulfill the role of the Safety Director including the responsibilities and duties necessary to ensure the safety and risk management of the Region’s soccer program. What do Soccer Accident Insurance (SAI) and risk management mean to your Region? Find out what it means to AYSO and your program.

Treasurer (315)

This workshop covers the policies and procedures a Regional Board is required to know to ensure financial responsibility within your Region, Area or Section boards. Learn about the procedures for opening a bank account, submitting required reports, important deadlines and maintaining financial records including supplemental documentation and receipts.

Running an Effective Region Board Meeting (316)

This session will focus on length of time, agenda creation, who should be there, and what should be reported on a monthly basis. You will be given 10 ideas to make Region Board Members look forward to each meeting.

30 Great Volunteer Recruiting Ideas (318)

Is your Region always short on volunteers? Are they tired and overworked? Learn about the 30 most recommended ideas for recruiting new volunteers to help out in your Region. Any one of these ideas may change and revitalize your Region. These 30 great ideas came from volunteers just like you. These are real and tested ways to recruit volunteers successfully.

NEW! The RAP and Your Region (327)

What is the Regional Assessment Program (RAP), and what is it for? What does it mean for your Region? Why should you do this assessment? How should you fill it out? What parts are important? This module will answer these questions and more!

Round Table Discussions are an opportunity for all AYSO volunteers in every discipline to be heard and to benefit from listening to other volunteers. These Round Table Discussions will utilize facilitators to guide discussions. We suggest that these topics be offered as Round Table Discussions.

1. **NEW! Managing Region Finance – Advice for sound financial management (328)**
2. **NEW! Starting New Player Programs (329)**

*** Registrar (323)**

Did you volunteer for this job but now feel overwhelmed? Are you confused or need help getting started, or worry about what to do next? Ever wonder why AYSO does things in certain ways? The answers are in this workshop. Learn about the entire registration process and the critical responsibilities of the Registrar and other Region Board Members. All Region Board Members will benefit from the fun activities.

NEW! Leadership Forum with NBOD Members and Section Directors (330)

An open session to follow up on National Updates for volunteers to discuss AYSO with senior volunteer leadership.

MARKETING

Advanced Social Media (402)

Here's a workshop that's designed for Regions with a more advanced digital footprint and some experience/working knowledge of social media on behalf of their Region. Part workshop, part round table, you'll get updates on the latest and greatest in all things social that can enhance your Region's presence, and have the opportunity to share what's working for your Region, ask questions and learn from others how they are putting these tools to work to strengthen their programs.

*** Sponsorship and Fundraising: Getting the Most for Your Region (404)**

Do you know the difference between a sponsorship and fundraising? This workshop will walk you through different ways your Region can raise money, whether it's through sponsors or donors. Topics will include: what's the difference between fundraising and sponsorship; finding the right person to sell AYSO to; identifying the benefits you can offer to potential sponsors; using your parents to find new sponsor contacts; is crowdfunding right for your Region; how to maximize volunteer hours through employee volunteer grants; and working with AYSO's sponsors—World's Finest Chocolate and The Promotions Department.

Great Social Starts Here: How to Set Up and Kick Start a Social Media Presence for Your Region (405)

You know about and probably use Facebook, and maybe even Twitter, but you're not sure where to begin when it comes to your Region. If you feel like you're behind the curve in general when it comes to your Region's social media presence, and might be losing a chance to connect with today's young parents, you are not alone! This workshop is designed to help you get set up and offer some simple ideas you can put to work right away to give you the confidence to get things started. Technical expertise is not a requirement. Don't let an absence of social media presence make your Region look second-class – here's how you can get it all going!

Making Great Customer Service an AYSO Experience (408)

Most of us don't think of ourselves as being in a customer service role as AYSO volunteers. Difficult and demanding parents can make you feel like they're the enemy, not the customer. But whether you are a coach, a ref, a Region Board Member or a temporary helper, the fact is our actions make an impression on our Regions' families – our customers - in one way or another. Offering great customer service can pay off in more volunteers for you and more players for your Region. This workshop helps us consider our roles through the lens of our customer and offers practical tips for how to deliver a great customer experience in your Region.

NEW! How to Promote Your AYSO Menu (409)

Does your community know and understand your AYSO Menu? This workshop will go over how to promote Playground Soccer, AYSO Primary, AYSO United, AYSO Adult and the VIP Program to different audiences. Learn how to leverage who we are and take pride in what we do in AYSO, and some of the key facts you need to rally your community to your program. You'll leave this workshop fortified with information, techniques, tips and tactics to help promote your AYSO Menu.

OFFICIATING

NEW! 2016-2017 Changes to the Laws (for Referees and Coaches) (529)

Presentation and discussion for the practical application the changes to the Laws for 2016-2017, with emphasis on those that impact AYSO games. We'll use content provided by FIFA with integrated AYSO content to make it easier to communicate and understand the changes. This is the companion course to "US Soccer Player Development Initiatives and Other Global Updates" listed in the Coaching section.

*** Advantage - When and Where? (502)**

Designed for the more experienced referee, this workshop reviews the proper use of advantage and how to signal it properly in different situations. Using scenario training, this workshop provides guidance to help the referee decide when to apply advantage based on the age and skills of the players, the location on the field, the nature of the match and other relevant factors.

*** Annual Referee Update (503)**

Attendance is essential for all AYSO volunteers in the referee program including referees, instructors, assessors, mentors, schedulers/assignors and administrators. This workshop covers the latest changes in the Laws of the Game, review of program changes, points of emphasis and a discussion of "Problems Inside the Touchline" (handling, slide tackles, offside and more.)

NEW! Be a Great Mentor (530)

Learn, understand and effectively use the mentoring process. Interactive session to present, discuss and use the Elements of Mentoring which referee leaders can use to influence the referees' ability to learn, retain information and modify behavior.

*** Establishing a Mentoring Program (505)**

The workshop is designed for Referee Administrators and Intermediate and above referees with at least two years of refereeing experience interested in developing and maintaining a successful mentoring program in the Region. The workshop helps the referee program administrators understand the importance of mentoring and how to set up and run a Region Mentoring Program. It also defines the attributes of a quality mentor. The workshop describes ways that Areas and Sections can enhance the Region Mentoring Programs and how they can help when Regions lack the staff to run such a program.

*** Fouls and Misconduct Review for U14 & Above Games (506)**

This workshop will provide a review of Law 12; pictures and video clips to help the participants better understand basic fouls that are common in U-14 and above games; and facilitate a discussion allowing the participants to make decisions based on the video clips presented. The correct decision for each video clip presented will be provided along with tips and recommendations on how to manage fouls and misconduct.

*** Fouls and Misconduct Review for U12 & Below Games (507)**

This workshop will provide a review of Law 12 with an emphasis on the Direct and Indirect Free Kicks; pictures and video clips to help the participants better understand basic fouls that are common in U-12 and below games; and facilitate a discussion allowing the participants to make decisions based on the video clips presented.

*** Free Kicks & Restarts (508)**

Restarts matter: statistics indicate that more than 60% of goals result from restarts in the attacking third of the field. This session focuses on how to manage free kicks and other restarts and provides recommended (and alternate) referee positioning. It also addresses the role of the referee team in directing restarts.

Game Reports (509)

This is a workshop to teach participants the components of a game report and how to prepare one. It will include an interactive exercise where every participant will complete a report. The focus is on preparing correct game reports. Administrators have a consistent challenge with reports that are submitted before they are reviewed and correctly completed. 90% of referees around the world don't like to do paperwork so this workshop provides a creative, fun way to get participants to practice and learn how to develop good reports.

How To Be a Lead Referee Instructor (510)

This workshop shows why Lead Instructors are important in the AYSO Referee Instructor program and discusses the administrative and leadership roles that Lead Instructors play in AYSO courses and other instructional activities.

Judge & Jury I (512)

You make the call in this workshop that presents scenarios that may occur in U-12 and below games. Newer and younger division referees will challenge themselves and each other to judiciously apply the finer points of the Laws, decide whether to whistle or not. You're the judge and jury on your game; be prepared for it by sharpening your courtroom skills in this dynamic workshop.

*** Judge & Jury II (513)**

You make the call in this workshop that presents difficult scenarios that may occur in older players' games. Experienced referees will challenge themselves and each other to judiciously apply the finer points of the Laws, decide whether to whistle or apply advantage, determine how to handle gamesmanship and misconduct and more. You're the judge and jury on your game; be prepared for it by sharpening your courtroom skills in this dynamic workshop.

Nurturing and Retaining Youth Referees (514)

With an emphasis on the development and retention of youth referees, this workshop explores techniques for establishing and running a successful youth referee program. Intended primarily for referee administrators, this workshop explores the **who, what, when, where, why and how** of a youth referee program. Participants share their experiences and ideas, learning best practices that are known to make such programs effective.

This workshop will also provide the opportunity to share Region, Area and Section experiences in growing and retaining youth referees, thereby uncovering best practices and new ideas from which all participants may benefit. (This integrates the round table workshop to make this session more effective).

Officiating as a Team (516)

Refereeing as a team begins with the pregame conference and goes on to include clear delegation and execution of duties, proper positioning by the referee and assistant referees, eye contact between officials, and signaling per the USSF Guide to Procedures. More experienced referees will learn skills to enhance their performance and communication both as the referee and as an AR. The workshop emphasizes the communication subtlety required when refereeing older players. Attendees should bring assistant referee flags.

*** Offside Review (517)**

A review of Law 11: Offside basic components. This is a simple Law per the text content but very challenging because of the physical and mental requirements. In this session, we'll review the basic concepts; provide tips and advice to help the assistant referees and referees evaluate offside incidents; and review diagrams and video clips with simpler offside scenarios.

Proactive Refereeing - Reading the Game and Taking Action (520)

This workshop focuses on techniques that help referees anticipate game-control challenges they will face when refereeing older players. Referees learn that anticipation comes from "reading the game" – that is, understanding specific keys to the players' objectives revealed in their actions and behaviors. Referees also learn techniques to adjust the balance of flow and control in response to their reading of the game, especially in high-risk situations.

*** Recruiting & Retaining Referees (521)**

This workshop focuses on methods/techniques for recruiting and retaining referees, an essential but challenging aspect of our soccer program. This workshop covers proven approaches to recruiting, developing and retaining referees across the country, and mentoring is emphasized as a retention and development technique. Attendees exchange ideas and effective methodologies and best practices in recruiting and retaining referees.

This workshop will also provide the opportunity to share Region, Area and Section experiences in recruiting and retaining referees, thereby uncovering best practices and new ideas from which all participants may benefit. (This integrates the round table workshop to make this session more effective).

Refereeing is Thinking (523)

Intended for experienced referees, this workshop emphasizes the importance of avoiding "book refereeing" in older players' games. It uses scenario training to explore real game situations in which rigid application of the Laws is not the best remedy. Referees learn practical techniques and specific referee behaviors – rooted in the Spirit of the Laws but mostly unwritten – to maximize player enjoyment through flexible game management.

*** Refereeing with Fewer Than Three (524)**

This workshop addresses the all-too-common problem of officiating a game with fewer than three trained referees. The mechanics of the diagonal system of control (DSC) are reviewed with an emphasis on the responsibilities of the three officials. The workshop focuses on how to redistribute those responsibilities when there are fewer than three trained officials. Compromises and variations are examined to deal with the loss of field coverage. The workshop emphasizes the application of these techniques in younger division matches, but it also addresses referee positioning for older players' matches when fewer than three officials are available.

NEW! Seeking Success 1 (531)

Techniques, skills and processes needed to successfully manage younger players' games. Designed for the less experienced referee, this workshop presents key topics that every referee should know well in order to be a good referee.

NEW! Seeking Success 2 (532)

Techniques, skills and processes needed to successfully manage older players' games. Designed for the more experienced referee; this workshop presents key topics that every referee should know well in order to be a good referee.

Women Referee and Coach Forum (528)

Experienced women referees and coaches answer questions and lead discussions on the challenges and opportunities for women in this male-dominated arena. Attendees at this session learn their secrets of success by sharing questions, suggestions and ideas for dealing with difficult situations in order to feel more comfortable on the field. All are welcome.

SAFE HAVEN

Child & Volunteer Protection Advocate (601)

2 ½ hours

The Child and Volunteer Protection Advocate (CVPA) is a required board position put in place to help protect our two vital resources: the players and volunteers. It takes a special individual to fulfill this important role. Come find out if you are the right person for the job! This training class leads you through an understanding of the position description, AYSO's Criminal History Background Check Policy, volunteer screening protocols and volunteer application processing. This workshop is also open to others who wish to learn more about the volunteer eligibility and what AYSO is doing to protect players and volunteers.

Concussions: Keeping the Kids Safe (602)

This workshop is designed to facilitate coaches, referees and board members in working together as a team for the safety of our players.

*** Safe Haven Addendum 2017 (603)**

Designed for Region, Area and Section board members, this workshop covers new challenges in providing a safe haven and additional protocols needed for dealing with these challenges. Workshop facilitates discussions about common issues and concerns.

Stewards of the Game (604)

Learn about the role of coaches, referees, and administrators in managing a safe, fair, fun, family-friendly experience on game days. Discussion of on-field collaboration and on-field confrontation may be managed.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

NEW! AYSO's Adult Soccer (716)

How can hosting an Adult Soccer program benefit your Region? Learn how easy it is to give your parents and volunteers the opportunity to play soccer in a safe, fair, fun and family-friendly environment. Currently hosting Friday friendlies? Protect the youth program and formalize an insured adult program.

NEW! AYSO United – Club Soccer the AYSO Way (703)

This workshop will talk about the AYSO United Club program and how this level of programming supports the AYSO Player Development pyramid. You will be exposed to various AYSO United models that have been implemented throughout our membership and learn some of the requirements needed to participate in external gaming circuits.

Grow with VIP (705)

Attend this workshop to get answers on how to start an AYSO's VIP (Very Important Player) Program – the programs for players with physical and mental disabilities. Starting a VIP Division is like adding any new Division, and is simple following our step-by-step plan. Ideas for how to grow your current VIP program will also be shared. Growth is important to all Regions and providing VIP is the right thing to do! Let us help you start or improve your VIP Division today!

How to Run a Soccerfest (706)

Want to have a fun Registration Day and make some money for your Region? Looking to sign-up more players or volunteers? This workshop is for you. We'll show you how to organize a Soccerfest from planning to execution to clean-up. We'll also discuss how to combine a Soccerfest with other events to enhance both and make the day's activities memorable for all.

NEW! Introduction – Player Development Pyramid (707)

AYSO now supports a greater variety of play level options than ever before. This workshop is designed to provide an overview of EXTRA, club programs and other ways that your Region, Area or Section can offer a variety of soccer options to help strengthen your program by retaining and attracting players and volunteers. This workshop will highlight AYSO's development pyramid from AYSO Playground Soccer through AYSO United.

Know It When You See It – Recognizing and Rewarding Good Sportsmanship (708)

This workshop is for players, parents, coaches, referees, board members and volunteers. It will help you understand, recognize and reward the habits and behaviors associated with AYSO's Fifth Philosophy – Good Sportsmanship. Learn what you can do in your own Region to foster sporting behavior, and if you're lucky enough to be sending a team to the National Games, all the opportunities they will have to be caught doing something right.

More Opportunities for VIP Players (709)

Ever wonder how to enhance your VIP program and bring more soccer to more VIP players? This workshop will share best practices of how to offer more opportunities to our VIP players through a variety of events.

More Soccer For More Kids (710)

Soccer events of varying types and sizes provide valuable opportunities to play beyond the primary AYSO season, which is good for the kids and good for their Game! Community involvement, camaraderie for players, coaches and referees and even income for the hosting body are the results. Learn the nuts and bolts of organizing and managing "more soccer for more kids" and review up-to-the-minute policy changes.

NEW! More Soccer for More Kids - Part II (717)

Sometimes it's a struggle to get enough coaches, volunteers or even players to fill tradition-size teams and game schedules. Discuss and learn about alternative approaches to creating opportunities for kids to play soccer: open training sessions, small-sided for all ages, hosting skills clinics, coach clinics, referee clinics and even day camps.

VIP Volunteer Training (715)

2 ½ hours (for all VIP volunteers)

This course provides the training needed for all coaches, referees, administrators and buddies who volunteer with your VIP division.