

Player Evaluation Dates

Your U8 and old player(s) **needs** to be rated if they did not play in San Bruno AYSO during the Fall 2007 Season or if they did but did not receive a rating by their coach.

You should have been told during the Registration process if the player(s) need to be rated.

Dates for Players to be rated are:

June 19, 6:30 - 7:00PM Crestmoor Field

June 21, 11:30AM - Noon Crestmoor Field

June 24, 6:30 - 7:00PM Crestmoor Field

Please check on the San Bruno Web Site www.sanbrunoayso.org for updates.

All coaches need to be age specific trained.

Coach Training Date

New Coaches Thursday June 5, 7-8:30 PM

U10 Class on Saturday June 7, 9 - Noon

U06/08 Class on June 21, 9AM - Noon

New Coaches Thursday July 10, 7-8:30 PM

U06/08 Class on July 12, 9AM - Noon

Calendar Updates & Training Location:

<http://www.sanbrunoayso.org/calendar.html>



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**San Bruno
Region 249**

**Season Changes
for 2008**



Important Changes Adopted by San Bruno AYSO for the Fall 2008 Season

In order to better fulfill AYSO's five guiding principles, we have adopted several program enhancements initially developed at the national level by AYSO. They have been piloted by other AYSO regions and have had the overall effect of strengthening their programs. The following changes, grouped by AYSO philosophy, will be put in place by our region for the fall 2008 season:

Everyone Plays:

San Bruno AYSO is following the AYSO National Coaching guidelines for short-sided games to give each player more touches of the ball, to increase the number of shots on goal, and to help develop an earlier understanding of the game.

- Under-6 age group teams will play 3 versus 3 with no goalkeepers (played 5 versus 5 with goalkeepers in prior years).
- Our under-12 age group teams, along with the other AYSO leagues in our area, will play 9 versus 9 with goalkeepers (played 11 versus 11 with goalkeepers in prior years), on a slightly smaller field.

Open Registration:

To put on the highest quality program, we will only form as many teams this season as we have appropriately trained volunteer coaches and referees.

Thus, as you register your child for the fall 2008 season, we'll let you



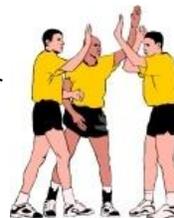
know if, based upon the number of coaches and referees we've secured, your child will be placed on a team or need to go on a waiting list. Updates on the waiting list will be regularly posted on our regional website as we recruit and train additional coaches and referees.

We will work hard to fill every required volunteer position, but we may fall short, and may ultimately have to refund your registration fee. If your child is on the waiting list or about to go on the waiting list, players with one or more parents who volunteer to coach or referee and commit to go through the required training will be moved off of the waiting list and placed on a team.

Good Sportsmanship:

Starting with this season, the number of players and teams we have in any of our age groups will also be determined by the number of trained referees we have in place. Therefore, it's up to each team secure a team referee who will:

- Attend Safe Haven Training
- Age specific Referee training (approximately 3-4 hours)
- Be available to help referee home games as needed



Balanced Teams:

Under-8 and older teams will be balanced using an AYSO program based on numeric player ratings. This will require that all Under-8 and older age group players be rated including those that did not play or were not rated last year. Players without a rating will need to attend a soccer skills session on a weeknight or Saturday in late June so that we can assign them a player rating.



Coaches will be able to specify a certain number of players for their team based upon:

- A player that he/she is coaching (normally son/daughter),
- Additional player(s) as follows: U-8 = 1, U-10/12 = 2, U-14 & up= 3.
- One additional player if the team's assistant coach attends age specific training

Because of the use of the computerized team balancing tools, we will no longer be able to accept carpool requests nor, after a team is formed, will we be able to accommodate transfers of players between teams. If you need to arrange carpooling for your child, try to work something out with the other families at your child's team meeting or first practice in August. If something can't be arranged, the league will be happy to give you a refund. (see back for evaluation dates)

Positive Coaching:

The best way to achieve the positive coaching objective is to recruit good coaches and have them appropriately trained and certified by AYSO to coach in that age group. Minimum requirements to be a coach include:

- Coach Safe Haven trained (take only once)
- Attend Age Specific Coaches' Training (approximately every 2 years)
- Register as a volunteer (every year)
- Attend pre-season Coaches' Meeting in August
- Turn in ratings for your players at mid-season

While not all of the above apply to assistant coaches, those who do attend the appropriate age-level coaches' training will secure an additional player choice for their team. (see above)

