



Glossary of Terms

STANDARD PRIMARY PROGRAM

The AYSO standard primary program is that set of scheduled games in a Region for which open registration is held, balanced teams are formed and all registrants play. This is also the first time in each AYSO membership year (August 1 – July 31) for which team member registrations have been paid, national fees remitted and insurance is in effect.

Most Regions have their standard primary program only in fall; a small number have a winter or spring or summer primary program; a few have a different primary program time of year for each upper age gender based on the high school play season. Some Regions split their standard primary program into two sets of games, usually due to weather and field issues. When the program is split, both sets of games count toward a player's total participation in the standard primary program.

Some primary programs, due to lack of enough Region participants, must interplay with neighboring Regions or with non-AYSO programs.

Currently, only participants in standard primary programs are eligible to participate in the AYSO National Games and most AYSO-hosted tournaments.

NOTE: Terms no longer representative of AYSO standard primary programs: *regular program; regular season, core program; rec program; house program; league program*

SECONDARY PROGRAMS

Secondary Programs are defined in National Policy Statement 2.1 as “any program other than the regular season primary program (whether in single or split format) and any associated playoffs”. The practical definition is any programs for teams formed from primary program players, typically for playing opportunities after the primary program has concluded play (some opportunities for secondary play do occur in some locales during the time of the primary program). This definition, for our purposes, includes the “AYSO All Star_Programs” (defined in AYSO Policy Statements as an extension of the primary program).* Though most secondary program teams are “selected” teams, many Regions also have primary program teams participate in secondary programs such as tournaments.

NOTE: Many sections have Regions that run select secondary programs but use different names, often because (a) the common title “All Stars” is objectionable or (b) they are unaware that they are operating the same type program with a different name.

NOTE: *All Stars, effective 8-1-2010 will be solely a secondary program.

AYSO FLEX™

AYSO FLEX is new primary program options which join AYSO's standard primary program, including our U-5, U-16/19 Experimental and VIP. AYSO FLEX is an umbrella for all optional player opportunities that enable Regions, Areas and Sections to choose programs that best serve their local needs.

EXTRA CONCURRENT

An Extra Concurrent program requires that all participants participate on a Region's standard primary program team in order to participate on an Extra program team. It allows and *requires* participation on two primary program teams – in the standard primary program and in the pilot Extra program. Games are usually played on a different day so as not to impact the standard primary program.

EXTRA SIDE-BY-SIDE

An Extra Side-by-Side program does not require participation in a standard primary program or *on any other* primary season team (such as programs that are held for high school players whose season conflicts with the standard primary program timeframe).

The Extra Side-By-Side program is a stand-alone primary program often referred to as a major/minor or an A/B program. Teams and players may be eligible for some tournaments, but not for All Stars or National Games at this time.

NOTE: The National Tournament Advisory Commission is working to create more secondary play opportunities for these teams as well as a method of including the Extra Side-by-Side program in the National Games post 2010..

ALL STARS

The All Star program is a secondary program competition defined in National Policy Statement 2.7 in which the Region determines a selection process to choose players from the just concluded standard primary program who have played in at least fifty percent of that season's scheduled games. All Star play is typically confined to intra-Area and intra-Section competition and sometimes divisional winners go on to compete with other neighboring Sections in a championship tournament. The All Star program's usual duration of play is six to eight weeks.

NATIONAL GAMES

“The National Games shall offer an opportunity to bring together different Regions and sections to share in the diverse soccer culture of the AYSO family. This occasion focuses on sportsmanship, team spirit and making new friends through the activities and events that are offered during this weeklong event. The Games should not be interpreted nor represented as any form of an AYSO national championship.”

PARTICIPATING EXECUTIVE MEMBER

Regional Commissioners, Area Directors and Section Directors whose Region/Area/Section are participating in an Extra Pilot Program or other program

EXTRA PROGRAM COORDINATOR

Region, Area or Section volunteer who takes on the task of overseeing the approved Extra program for their level of responsibility

EXTRA PROGRAM REFEREE COORDINATOR

Region, Area or Section volunteer who takes on the task of overseeing the referee components of the approved Extra Program

EXTRA PROGRAM COACH COORDINATOR

Region, Area or Section Volunteer who takes on the task of overseeing the Coach components of the approved Extra Program

EXTRA VACANCY POLICY

The policy in place for EXTRA for replacing a player selected for an Extra team should they need to drop off the team regardless of the reason.

SELECT PLAY

Opportunities under secondary programs which base team membership primarily on skill, attitude and sportsmanship. Select programs are usually organized on the Regional or area level. ***From the National Tournament Handbook***

EXTRA SELECTION PROCESS

Regions and Areas will have a number of methods that are acceptable to use to choose players to participate in Extra programs. These evaluation and selection options will be open, fair, quantitative and consistent methods that are mindful of the players' feelings and self esteem are required and are the foremost concern of the organization.

PILOT PROGRAM REPORTING

Program monitoring requirements are being developed to help the Task Force measure success and needed areas of improvement. The Task Force is required to give periodic reports and a year-end report to the NBOD to ensure that the needs of the membership and the organization are properly met.

Program monitoring requirements are being designed with the understanding that volunteers have limited time and/or desire to write reports. These measurement tools will be created as concisely as possible to properly gauge program success. The final program monitoring requirements will be given to Regions and Areas accepted into the pilot program at the time of approval.

EXTENDED PLAY TASK FORCE

This is a group of 12 volunteers from across the country and two National Support & Training Center staff who were chosen for their knowledge, longevity and geographic diversity. They were assigned the task of researching all of AYSO's programs and determining if additional primary programming could be developed that would meet the legitimate needs of the Regions and Areas by responding to the desires of our AYSO membership. They have worked since July 2007 on the assigned task.