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AYSO Region 92 – All Stars Selection Guidelines

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Purpose

AYSO Region 92 typically participates in the Area 1D All Stars tournament at the end of the Primary (Fall) season with teams representing the BU10, BU12, BU14, and the GU10, GU12, GU14 Divisions. Successful teams may advance to the Section 1 All Stars (Premier) tournament and the State games. The purpose of this guideline is to provide for a fair and consistent process for selecting coaches and players to participate as Region 92 All Stars.

*In the event that Area 1D allows for our Region to have more than 1 All Stars team to participate, each division should determine at the mid-season meeting whether or not said division intends to field a second All Stars (Select) team based on available talent, interest, and other contributing factors.

Coach Selection

Qualified individuals who are interested in being an All Stars coach candidate from within their divisions in U10, U12, and U14 must submit a statement of interest and qualifications (maximum of 150 words) to the respective Division Commissioner by the mid-season Division Meeting. In addition, each candidate shall indicate if they are willing to coach whether or not their child is selected as an All Star and also if they are interested in coaching the Select Team, if not selected as the Premier All Stars Coach. This statement will be distributed by the Division Commissioner to all head coaches within the division.

The “blind ballot” voting for the All Stars Coach will be conducted at the end of the Players’ Ratings Meeting. Prior to the vote, each candidate will be provided an opportunity to explain their interest and qualifications followed by questions (up to 3 minutes each for this process).

All head coaches (or Designee approved in advanced by Division Commissioner) within the division present at the meeting must vote (or specifically abstain from voting) to select the All Stars coach. In the event of a tie, the Division Commissioner and Board Member representative at the meeting will make the final selection.

The selection of the All Stars Coach will not be announced until after the Automatic Player Selections have been made.

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The All Stars head coach may choose his or her assistant coach provided that the assistant coach meets AYSO eligibility requirements, including: appropriate age-level coach certification, Safe-Haven certification, and approved Region 92 volunteer.

The All Stars head coach and assistant coach selections are subject to approval by the Regional Commissioner.

*In the event that Area 1D allows for our Region to have more than 1 All Stars team to participate, the above policy will be followed to select the Premier team coach. Should we decide to field a Select Team (second team to Area), the Regional Commissioner, Coach Administrator, and the Program Commissioner will collectively decide who will coach this team. Interested candidates will be identified via e-mail communications with the Regional Commissioner.

Player Selection

1. The Division Commissioner will convene a ratings meeting prior to November 15th. It is the Division Commissioner and Program Commissioner's responsibility to ensure the meeting is held prior to this date. The meeting's goals will be to ensure that player's ratings are reviewed and agreed to by coaches and to select candidates for All Stars team selection. Where consensus cannot be reached, the Division Commissioner will make all final decisions. **See player Ratings policy for important additional information regarding this ratings meeting.**
2. All coaches are encouraged to attend other team's games throughout the season to identify and assess prospective All Stars candidates. Division rosters will be distributed by the Division Commissioner to assist in player identification. In addition, near mid-season, the Division Commissioner should obtain and distribute a list of "Players to Watch" from each team for all-star consideration.
3. After completing the finalized ratings grid for all players in the division, the Division Commissioner will conduct the All Stars selection process.
4. A minimum of twenty players will be considered as candidates for All Stars selection. If other players have the same rating as those in the top 20 then they will also be included as eligible for voting on the All Stars ballots. For example, suppose we have the following partial list of final ratings:

Rating	# of Players
10	1
9	3
8	6
7	15
6	30

In the above example twenty-five players would be eligible for voting on the All Stars ballots to include all players rated as a 7 or higher (All Stars eligible candidates).

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5. To be eligible for All Star competition a player must have played in at least half of the total number of league matches played by the team to which he/she was assigned during the regular season, except in the situation where the player is assigned in time to meet this requirement but is unable to play because of illness, injury, extenuating circumstances, or a change of residence which causes a change of Region. All exceptions shall be approved by the Regional Commissioner.
6. From the list of All Stars eligible candidates, each coach will be asked to vote by blind ballot for those players who should be considered for automatic selection onto the All Stars team. Factors to be considered should be overall athletic ability, knowledge of the game, soccer skills and observed performance in the position normally played (coaches should balance their selection based on positions to create a balance team). Coaches must vote for the number of Automatic Selections on the All Stars team roster. The players receiving the top number of votes will be designated as automatic selections as follows (unless revisions to maximum roster size are changed):

Division	Automatic Selections	Maximum Roster Size
U10	8	10
U12	9	12
U14	11	14

Once the voting has been completed, the selection of the All Stars (Premier) coach will be announced. The Player Ratings meeting is complete.

7. The blind ballot lists will be given to the Division Commissioner who will determine which players received the most votes. In the event of a tie the Division Commissioner will make the final decision with input from the All Stars (Premier) coach. The information regarding players receiving automatic selection is to remain confidential. Players are not to be informed at this stage.
8. Based on information regarding a player's prior behavior or lack of attendance in the AYSO program the Regional Commissioner may overrule the selection of a player to an All Stars team. It is recommended that the Regional Commissioner consult with the All Stars Coach and Program Commissioner before making his/her decision.
9. The remaining selections to the All Stars team will be made by the All Stars coach. The All Stars coach must select all remaining players from the list of All Stars eligible candidates. To assist in the selection process, the coach voting results shall be distributed to the selected All Stars coach. The All Stars coach will submit his/her roster, including their coach selections, to the Division Commissioner within 3 days of the conclusion of the player ratings meeting.
10. The Division Commissioner will submit the roster to an All Stars committee, who will be comprised of 3 selected members from the AYSO Voting Board (these board members have to be unbiased, meaning they cannot have a child at all in the Division they are evaluating) for approval of the coach selection only. (Note: The All Stars committee may consist of different members for each Division.)

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11. The roster with approved coach selections will then be submitted to the Regional Commissioner for final approval. This should be done in the most expeditious way possible (e-mail followed by phone).
 - 11a. If it is decided to also field a Select Team, the chosen Select All Stars coach will select his or her team from the remaining list of All Stars eligible players following the confirmation and player acceptance of the Premier Team roster. All players who received two or more coach votes, but were not selected to the Premier team, shall be automatic selections on the Select Team. The Select All Stars coach will submit ALL of his or her selections for approval to the same 3-member All Stars committee for that division to minimize potential bias on this team as well. If there is not a sufficient number of remaining players available on the All Stars eligible player list to provide for a full team roster, then the Select All Stars Coach may select players from the next player rating level only.
12. Following approval of the Premier Team roster, the Regional Commissioner will notify all selected players by letter through the mail. Ideally all letters for all divisions should go out at the same time if possible. The Regional Commissioner will notify all coaches and commissioners involved when the letters have been mailed. (One blank invitation should go to the All Stars coach so he/she will be aware of the approximate date of receipt). Select Teams notifications will follow in the same order upon their formation.
13. Invitations will include a commitment form to be signed by the player and parent/guardian. This signed document must be delivered to the All Stars coach the next day to confirm acceptance of a position on the All Stars team.
14. The All Stars coach should expend maximum effort to obtain immediate responses from all invited players. If the All Stars Coach determines that a player has refused commitment or declined his/her invitation to the All Stars team, then that invited player shall be immediately replaced by the All Stars Coach from the original eligible candidate list used for balloting.
15. The final accepted team will be submitted by the All Stars Coach to the Regional Commissioner. The Regional Commissioner, or designee, will form the eAYSO roster with the coach names, player names, and jersey numbers. The Regional Commissioner will sign the Tournament Roster and submit the roster to the Section Director. Any changes to the All Stars roster must be completed and approved by the Regional Commissioner before the start of tournament play, in accordance with AYSO Rules & Regulations.