

## KIDS ZONE PARENT PLEDGE

1. I pledge to be on time or early when bringing my child to his/her practices and games. I understand that it may be uncomfortable for my child to be late to a game or practice and that he/she is subject to physical risk if not provided with adequate time to warm up. I understand that I am encouraged to stay during practices and games, but if I do not, I will be there when he/she is finished. Being punctual shows respect for the coach, who has other time commitments, and it tells my child that he/she is my top priority. \_\_\_\_\_
2. I understand that the top three reasons kids play sports are to have fun, make new friends and learn new skills. I understand that the game is for the kids, and I will encourage my child to have fun and keep sport in its proper perspective. I understand that athletes do their best when they are emotionally healthy, so I will be positive and supportive. \_\_\_\_\_
3. 3. I will redefine what it is to be a "Winner" in my conversations with my child. Winners are people who make the maximum effort, continue to learn and improve, and do not let mistakes, or fear of making mistakes, discourage them. I understand that mistakes are an inevitable part of any game and that people learn from their mistakes. I understand that all children are born with different abilities and that the true measure of success is not how my child compares to others, but how he/she is doing in comparison to his/her best self. \_\_\_\_\_
4. I will "Honor the Game." I understand the importance of setting a good example of sportsmanship for my child. I will show respect for all involved in the game including coaches, players, opponents, opposing fans, and referees. I understand that officials, coaches, and players make mistakes. If the referee makes a call I do not agree with, I will refrain from questioning, insulting or making personal attacks against him or her. \_\_\_\_\_
5. I understand that games can be exciting for my child as he/she deals with the fast-paced action of the game, responds to opponents, referees, teammates, and listens to coaches. I will not yell out instructions. During the game, I will make only sportsmanlike comments that encourage my child and other players on both teams. \_\_\_\_\_
6. I will not make negative comments about the game, coaches, referees or teammates in my child's presence. This sets a bad example, which can negatively influence my child's motivation and overall experience. I agree to act in a sportsmanlike manner and make every effort to foster a friendly and nonviolent atmosphere. \_\_\_\_\_

I agree to honor the AYSO Parent Pledge in my words and actions.

## VALLEY WIDE RECREATION DISCLOSURE

This is NOT a Valley-Wide Recreation and Park District-sponsored activity/program, and the district has no affiliation with the organization. Participation in this activity is voluntary. Valley-Wide Recreation and Park District and its officers, agents, or employees are not responsible for liability demands or claims for losses, damages, or injuries resulting from participation in this activity/program.

## PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

As a parent, you play a special role in contributing to the needs and development of youngsters. Through your encouragement and good example, you can help all the boys and girls learn good sportsmanship and self-discipline. In AYSO, young people learn to work together, to sacrifice for the good of the team, to enjoy winning and deal appropriately with defeat - all while becoming physically fit and healthy. Best of all, they have fun.

**SUPPORT YOUR CHILD** - Supporting your child by giving encouragement and showing interest in their team is very important. Help your child work toward skill improvement and good sportsmanship in every game. Teach your child that hard work and an honest effort are often more important than victory - that way your child will always be a winner despite the outcome of the game!

**ALWAYS BE POSITIVE** - Parents serve as role models for their children. Be aware of this fact and work to be a positive role model. Applaud good plays by your child's team as well as good plays by the opposing team. Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from youth sports.

**REMEMBER: YOUR CHILD WANTS TO HAVE FUN** - Remember that your child is the one playing soccer, not you. It's very important to let children establish their own goals - to play the game for themselves. Take care not to impose your own standards and goals on them. Don't put too heavy a burden on your child to win games. Surveys reveal that 72% of children would rather play for a losing team than ride the bench for a winning team. Children play for the fun of playing.

**REINFORCE POSITIVE BEHAVIOR** - Positive reinforcement is the best way to help your child achieve their goals and overcome their natural fear of failure. Nobody likes to make mistakes. If your child does make one, remember it's all part of learning, so encourage your child's efforts and point out the good things your child accomplished.

**DON'T BE A SIDELINE COACH OR REFEREE** - AYSO coaches and referees are usually parents just like you. They volunteer their time to help make your child's soccer experience a positive one. They need your support, too.

**THAT MEANS REFRAIN FROM COACHING OR REFEREEING FROM THE SIDELINES.** In a volunteer organization like AYSO there's always an opportunity to take your interest in coaching or refereeing to the next level and become one yourself!

No PET POLICY

Region 137 participants agree and understand that NO PET shall be permitted at any AYSO activity or event regardless of venue or location. This policy includes but is not limited to practices, games, picture day, opening ceremonies, team parties, tournaments, etc. This Policy is consistent with those of neighboring Regions and is in keeping with the AYSO Insurance Policy, which does not cover animal bites or related injuries. Service animals are generally exempt from this Policy.

REFEREE POINT SYSTEM

Referees are an integral part of the game of soccer. In order to facilitate a positive AYSO experience for the youth in our region we strive to provide certified referees for each game at 10U and above. Our goal is to provide three referees for the competitive divisions: 10U, 12U, 14U, 16U, and 19U.

To achieve this goal we need in excess of 150 referee slots to be filled each week. In order to ensure that we have the referee slots filled, we need each team to provide us with volunteer referees. For the past several years Region 137 has used a point system to reward teams that supply *certified* referees for our games. Each team is asked to supply at least one referee (preferably three, preferably new, and preferably not including the coach) for the season. It is very important for parents to volunteer for this opportunity. Points earned by a each team's *certified* referees are added together and qualify the team for secondary season play (Region Playoffs and beyond).

**All teams are required to achieve a minimum of 20 referee points by the end of the regular season in order to play in Region Playoffs. Team will be required to fulfill 9 referee spots during the Regional Playoffs in order to qualify for Area Playoffs. Teams who do not meet the requirements will not be allowed to advance into Area tournament play. NO EXCEPTIONS. Teams will need to provide referees at the Area Playoffs as well to cover games the Region is responsible for.**

POINT SYSTEM

- Each referee earns 1/2 point per game for 6U & 8U. Assistant referees do not earn points for 6U/8U.
- Each referee earns 1 point per game & assistant referee (AR) earns 1/2 point per game for 10U & 12U.
- Each referee earns 2 points per game& assistant referee (AR) earns 1 point per game for 14U games.
- Each referee earns 3 points per game& assistant referee (AR) earns 2 points per game for 16U & 19U games

IN ORDER TO EARN POINTS, REFEREES MUST:

- Be certified. Referee classes are free and are typically offered at 3-4 times at the beginning of the fall season.
- Be in uniform. Region 137 will provide an acceptable uniform at no cost.
- Have a current signed and accepted volunteer form on file with Region 137 for the current MY and have completed Safe Haven, Safe Sport, CDC Concussion, Sudden Cardiac Arrest, Sterling Volunteer BGC & LiveScan

Parent*: Print	Player Name(s): Print
*By signing this document, the parent indicates that ALL family members and spectators associated with the family understand and will abide by the AYSO Region 137 Parent Code of Conduct, AYSO Region 137 Referee Point System, and the AYSO Region 137 No Pet Policy.	

Failure to respect the Parent Code of Conduct and AYSO Kids Zone Pledge can be grounds for removal from the sideline, match suspension or abandonment, or match forfeiture for the team of the offending spectator. Repeated incidence of failure to comply with the Parent Code of Conduct can result in disciplinary action up to and including removal from the program.