



2009 AYSO+ POSTSEASON (ELECTIVE) TOURNAMENT
December 12 & 13, 2009
(WEATHER PERMITTING)



GENERAL INFORMATION

Venues:

[Thomas Potocki \(World Cup\) - Mission Viejo](#)

[SJC Sports Park](#) and [Marco Forster – San Juan Capistrano](#)

[Columbus Tustin – Tustin](#)

Team Check-In Procedure:

All **COACHES (ONLY)** must check-in at the HQ tent at the field where their first game is played (teams playing at Marco Forster will check-in at Sportspark).

PLAYERS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO BE PART OF THE CHECK-IN PROCESS.

Coaches must check-in a minimum of one-half (1/2) hour prior to the team's first game.

Coaches will be asked to sign the Coach Disclaimer document before their first game (see posted preview).

NOTE: The Tournament Director or designated representative(s) will rule on any issue related to player eligibility. Any such decision is to be considered final and not subject to protest, dispute or further discussion.

There is no need for coaches to prepare/furnish lineup cards. These will be provided by the Tournament and are based on information submitted on pre-season rosters furnished by the applicable Regional Commissioners.

Referee Information & Check-In Procedure:

NOTE: As all teams participating in the Tournament needed to have a Referee team representing them, the Referee assignments for Pool Play games for each team will either have them officiate the game before or after when that team plays. The exact assignment of which team is responsible for a specific game is planned to be posted to the website shortly. **If a referee team fails to execute its assignment(s) properly, to include furnishing a 3 person team capable of officiating a game in the level assigned, a two (2) point deduction will be assessed to the team that said referees were representing.**

ALL referees should check in at the “Tents” located at the fields at least thirty (30) minutes prior to their first game assignment. (Sportspark will have a dedicated referee tent and will service games being played at Sportspark and Marco Forester).

Referees will be provided with game cards and lineup cards for matches to which they have been assigned. All are to be returned to field marshals or returned to the “tents” by the referees.

Referees also will check lineup cards v. player/coach ID cards and conduct a safety check at the fields.

Format of Play (4 team flight):

Each team will play three (3) pool games within their flight. Two (2) pool games will be played on Saturday and one (1) pool game will be played on Sunday morning. A ten (10) point scoring system will be used to determine standings. within a pool. Medals (1st – 4th) will be awarded based on points earned.

Format of Play (6 team flight):

Each team will play three (3) pool games within their age/gender bracket. Participating teams will be placed into flights for pool play. Each flight will be made up of six (6) teams, split into two (2) pools. All three (3) teams in Flight 1 Pool “A” will play all three (3) teams in Flight 1 Pool “B.” Two (2) pool games will be played on Saturday and one (1) pool game will be played on Sunday morning. A ten (10) point scoring system, will be used to determine standings within a pool.

The top four (4) teams in a flight, based on points, will advance to the medal round. The top two (2) teams, irrespective of pools, will play for 1st & 2nd, the next two (2) teams, irrespective of pools, will play for 3rd & 4th. Medal round games will be played on Sunday afternoon.

Format of Play (8 team flight):

Each team will play three (3) pool games within their age/gender bracket. Participating teams will be placed into flights for pool play. Each flight will be made up of four (4) teams, split into two (2) pools. Each team will play three (3) games within their pool. Two (2) pool games will be played on Saturday and one (1) pool game will be played on Sunday morning. A ten (10) point scoring system will be used to determine standings. within a pool.

The top two (2) teams in a pool, based on points, will advance to the medal round. The top teams in each pool will play for 1st & 2nd, the second place teams in each pool will play for 3rd & 4th. Medal round games will be played on Sunday afternoon.

The “home” team is the first team listed on the schedule. They will have their choice of sidelines and will kick off. The away team will have choice of direction.

Teams must be ready to begin play at the designated game time. There are time constraints based on available daylight to play games. **Coaches – please eliminate the “warm-ups and drills” that typically delay the start of games.** We will endeavor to do the check-in prior to the completion of the previous game. There will be no grace period.

Duration of Pool Play and Semi-Final Games:

U10 – Two (2) twenty five (25) minute halves

U11, U12, U13 & U14 – Two (2) thirty (30) minute halves

Duration of Medal Round Games – Full Length

The clock will continue to run during substitution breaks, so coaches should be ready to interchange players as opposed to making this “quarter break” into a coaching clinic! The clock will be stopped only for a five (5) minute halftime.

Pool games may end in a tie. Medal games must have a winner. In the case of ties at the end of a medal round game, the outcome will be decided by kicks from the mark.

In cases of ties related to standings in pool play, the applicable tie-breakers, as stated herein, will apply:

- a. Head to Head Play (outcome of the game involving the tied teams).
- b. Team with the lowest number of goals against.
- c. Goal Differential: goals scored, less goals allowed, maximum differential of three (3) goals per game.
- d. Team with highest number of goals scored, maximum of three (3) goals per game (counting no more than three goals more than their opponents in any game).
- e. Lowest point deductions for misconducts and send-offs.
- f. Coin toss.

EACH TEAM IS TO PLAY ALL ASSIGNED GAMES AS SCHEDULED, AT THE SPECIFIED TIME AND VENUE. NO EXCEPTIONS. FAILURE TO APPEAR FOR AN ASSIGNED GAME WILL RESULT IN SAID TEAM FORFEITING ALL POOL GAMES, SANCTIONS AGAINST THE COACH AS DETERMINED BY AN AYSO+ DISCIPLINARY BOARD HEARING AS WELL AS A SANCTION AGAINST THE REGION REPRESENTED BY SAID TEAM.

Game Scoring/Scoreboards:

“Official” scoring will be done at the Sportspark location. Scores/points will be tabulated/posted upon receipt of the game cards from the referees and/or score reports from field marshals at remote sites. Scores will NOT be posted based on input from coaches or “concerned” parents.

Conduct:

Coaches bear the responsibility to ensure proper and appropriate conduct on part of themselves, their players and spectators. A maximum of two (2) coaches will be allowed in the "technical area", the remainder of adults/children associated with a team should remain in the area normally designated for spectators.....as opposed to "patrolling the touchline".....and let's make a concerted effort to keep ALL comments POSITIVE!

Please remember that we are guests at the fields being used for the tournament and should be appreciative of the venue.....be sure to CLEAN UP the sidelines and the areas around the playing field(s) after EACH game.....coaches, please ensure that you bring a couple of trash liners and designate someone to be responsible for this task.

Awards

All players & participating in final and consolation games will receive medals.

All players & coaches participating in the tournament will receive a pin.

All Referees participating in the tournament will receive a coin and pin.

We hope that everyone involved has an enjoyable experience at this year's AYSO+ Post Season (Elective) Tournament.

Good luck to all!

THE AYSO+ STAFF