

San Mateo AYSO Select Programs

Overview

San Mateo AYSO (Region 36) offers a Select soccer program, open only to players (and coaches) who participate in the Fall recreational season. The San Mateo AYSO Select Soccer Program consists of the following three (3) independent programs:

- Fall Select Program – concurrent with Fall Primary Program (consists of Bay Area Fall Soccer League)
- Winter Select Program – runs in January and February (consists of games between Area 2N teams)
- Spring Select Program – runs from March to May (consists of Pacific Coast Spring Soccer League and Tournaments)

Please note that since each program is independent, team rosters and coaches are subject to change based on coach availability and Select program rules. All efforts shall be made to follow the AYSO philosophies including Balanced Teams.

These programs provide a higher level of competition than the regular Fall recreational program. With a more competitive program for our players, we expect players in these programs will develop player skills to a level not always possible through the Fall recreational program. These players (and coaches) bring their improved skills back to the recreational program, improving the overall experience for ALL players. The Select programs require a higher level of commitment from the players, coaches, and parents.

It is important to remember, however, that these programs are still a part of AYSO, and therefore are still guided by the same principles that cover the Fall recreational program.

The AYSO philosophies are:

1. Open Registration
2. Balanced Teams
3. Player Development
4. Positive Coaching
5. Everyone Plays
6. Good Sportsmanship

All teams will follow the AYSO Philosophies of good sportsmanship and positive coaching in the Select programs.

Fall Select Program:

Overview – The Fall Select season starts with weekly training beginning in July with potential scrimmages with other regions and clubs. The BAFSL season starts in August with teams competing against teams from other regions in the Greater Bay Area. The season runs concurrently with the Fall Primary Season and ends in November. The number of teams participating in Fall Select program will be dependent on the willingness of coach volunteers.

Eligibility – Players are selected based on their performance at tryouts in May and June. All players must be registered for the Fall Primary season in order to attend tryouts and be assessed for Select teams.

Winter Select Program:

Overview - The Winter Select season starts with weekly training beginning in late December and games run from the first week in January to the last week of February. San Mateo teams will compete against teams from the other 7 Area 2N regions (Belmont, Burlingame, Foster City, Half Moon Bay, Hillsborough, Redwood City, and San Carlos). The number of teams participating in Winter Select program will be dependent on the willingness of coach volunteers.

Eligibility – Players are eligible to be invited via a tryout session in November or December, if they were identified as a higher rated player during the Fall recreational season.

Spring Select Program:

Overview – The Spring Select season starts with weekly training beginning in late February and PCCSL games run from the first week of March to the last week of May. For more information on the PCCSL league, please visit PCCSL.org. The number of teams participating in Spring Select season will be dependent on the willingness of coach volunteers.

Eligibility – Players from eligible based on either already being assigned to a Winter League team or being identified on the waiting list from the Winter League tryout session in November or December.

Tournaments:

In any of the listed programs, Select teams are eligible to participate in AYSO sanctioned tournaments with the approval of Regional Commissioner. For more information regarding AYSO tournaments and dates, please contact the Tournament Coordinator.

Referee Volunteers:

AYSO relies on certified and trained referee volunteers to officiate AYSO games. Without referee volunteers, no AYSO game can occur.

Parents (or siblings older than age 12) of Select players are strongly encouraged to volunteer to referee, at any level, in order for more experienced referee volunteers to officiate Select games. Please sign up to be a referee for regular, select and/or tournament games. Without your help, games may not be played.

For more information, contact the Select Program Coordinator or Regional Referee Administrator for more information on how to become a referee.

Coach Eligibility:

To be eligible to be a Head Coach or Assistant Coach:

1. **The coach must have demonstrated commitment to the AYSO philosophies.**
2. The coach must be currently registered with the San Mateo AYSO program.
3. The coach must have coached a team in the current Fall season.
4. The coach must have replied to the Division Coordinator after being recommended.
5. In addition to updated Safe Haven certification and Concussion Training, coaches must have the appropriate coaching certification for their age group:
 - i. 10U and 12U coaches – 10U or 12U Coach certification
 - ii. 14U coaches – Intermediate Coach certification
 - iii. 16U and 19U coaches - Advanced Coach certification.

Select Program Questions:

The Select Program is administered by the San Mateo Select Program Committee, under the supervision of the San Mateo AYSO Regional Board. If there are any questions regarding the Select Program, please contact either the Select Program Coordinator or the Regional Commissioner.