

AYSO REGION 13

2009-10 TOURNAMENT/ALL-STAR INFORMATION FOR PLAYERS AND PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Welcome to the AYSO Region 13 Thanksgiving tournament and All-Star tryouts and season. We hope this document provides all the information you need. If you have questions, direct them to your division coach or the Advanced Play Coordinator. A directory of those persons is provided below.

Please complete the attached questionnaire, detach it, and give it to the volunteer at the check-in table. Complete only one questionnaire for each player trying out, no matter how many tryouts are attended. Keep this document for future reference – it contains much valuable information, including a calendar of important dates.

COMMITMENT, COMMITMENT, AND COMMITMENT !!!

All-Star participation entails an opportunity to play at a higher level against better competition from the entire West San Gabriel Valley. **With the honor and recognition of being selected to All-Stars come commitment and responsibility, which extend to both player and family. Above all, practices and games are not optional; they are mandatory.** There will typically be two practices per week during the All-Star season, plus two games on most weekends (including Sundays, and both the MLK and President's Day weekends), and local travel will be required. In addition, for the remainder of the fall season, players must be able to attend practices of their Thanksgiving tournament and/or All-Star team in addition to their fall season team. **This commitment sometimes interferes with other activities or sports. Please be aware of this potential conflict when deciding what is best for your son or daughter, and review the calendar that is provided below, in order to avoid making a commitment that cannot be kept.**

THE ALL-STAR PROGRAM

All-Stars, comprising three levels of play (Sectional, Area, and Regional), is an AYSO Area 1C program. Within each level, Region 13 All-Star teams will play All-Star teams from the other AYSO regions within Area 1C, all of which are located in the West San Gabriel Valley (Arcadia, San Gabriel, Alhambra, Glendale, Temple City, South Pasadena, El Monte, and Boyle Heights). Games are held on fields in all regions, so local travel is required. Games will be held on both Saturdays and Sundays in January and February, including both the MLK and Presidents' Day holiday weekends. Rainouts may be made up on weekday evenings. Practice begins in December, with games beginning in mid January and running through mid to late February, including playoffs (although Sectional teams may play into March, as described below).

For each gender in each division (U10, U12, U14) within the region, there is one Sectional team and one Area team. These teams are made up of the better skilled players within the division, with the Sectional team composed of all or mostly older players and the Area team of mostly younger players within the division. Sectional teams may go on to play in the Section 1 playoffs in March, and if a Sectional team finishes as one of the top two teams in Section 1, it goes on to play in the Tri-Section Tournament in late March or early April against like teams from all over Southern California.

There are also one or more Regional teams in each division, composed of both older and younger players and balanced relative to each other. Play is quite competitive and provides players with a great opportunity to develop and enhance their skills. The commitment expected of players on Regional teams is equivalent to that for the Sectional and Area teams.

TRYOUT SCHEDULE

There are three different tryouts, two before Thanksgiving and one after Thanksgiving. The first two tryouts will be on Sunday, November 1 and Sunday, November 8. The third and final tryout will be on Sunday, December 6. Tryout times and locations are as follows:

Sun 11/01: U10 and U12 at LCHS-JV; boys 12:00–2:00 PM, girls 2:30–4:30 PM
U14 at Muir North; boys 12:00–2:00 PM, girls 2:30–4:30 PM

Sun 11/08: U10 and U12 at LCHS-JV; boys 12:00–2:00 PM, girls 2:30–4:30 PM
U14 at Muir North; boys 12:00–2:00 PM, girls 2:30–4:30 PM

Sun 12/06: U10 and U12 at LCHS-JV; boys 12:00–2:00 PM, girls 2:30–4:30 PM
U14 at Muir North; boys 12:00–2:00 PM, girls 2:30–4:30 PM

Arrive 15-20 minutes early to complete the registration process before the designated start time; the later you are, the longer your wait in line may be. Players should bring soccer shoes, shin guards, soccer ball, water (and gloves if a goalkeeper), and must be signed in by a parent or legal guardian – NOT a family friend. **Be sure to check the regional website, www.ayso13.org, for possible last-minute changes due to weather, field closure, etc.**

A player **must attend at least one tryout** to be eligible for a Thanksgiving tournament team and/or an All-Star team. If a player is interested in playing on a Thanksgiving tournament team, he/she must attend at least one of the first two tryouts. All players are encouraged to attend as many tryouts as possible. This enables each player to more fully display his or her skills and to be observed more closely by the coaches. **Players are strongly encouraged to attend more than just the last tryout in December**, because if a player chose not to attend either of the first two tryouts and then missed the December tryout due to unforeseen circumstances, he/she would not be eligible to play in the All-Star program.

TEAM SELECTION

Shortly after the November 8 tryout, all coaches observing the tryouts will meet to select the Region 13 Thanksgiving tournament teams. These teams will mirror the eventual All-Star teams, in that one team in each division will be composed of the most skilled players meeting the selection criteria (Sectional equivalent). A second team will consist primarily of the most skilled younger players meeting the selection criteria (Area equivalent). Finally, one or more additional teams will be formed from the remaining players who meet the selection criteria (Regional equivalent). Of course, only those players who indicate that they will be available for tournament play over the Thanksgiving weekend (including practices earlier that week) will be eligible for these teams. After initial selection, if there are dropouts prior to Thanksgiving, players may be moved up to higher level teams as the need arises, and players not initially selected could be chosen.

Similarly, shortly after the December 6 tryout, all coaches observing the tryouts will meet to select the Region 13 All-Star teams. The Sectional All-Star team in each division will be composed of the most skilled players meeting the selection criteria. The Area All-Star team in each division will consist of the next most skilled players meeting the selection criteria. Finally, one or more Regional All-Star teams in each division will be formed from the remaining players who meet the selection criteria. After initial selection of the All-Star teams, if there are dropouts, players may be moved up to higher level teams as the need arises, and players not initially selected could be chosen.

Selection to a Thanksgiving tournament team does not guarantee that a player will ultimately be chosen for an All-Star team. At the same time, a player who is not chosen for, or who chooses not to participate in, a Thanksgiving tournament team is still eligible to be considered for an All-Star team if he or she meets the selection criteria.

SELECTION CRITERIA AND PROCESS

The selection of Thanksgiving tournament and All-Star teams is a collective process with all interested coaches having input. Players are selected based on their performance during tryouts, observation of players during fall season games, the needs of individual teams, player age and roster size restrictions, input from the player's fall season coach, demonstrated commitment to the extra practices and travel required, family volunteerism, and adherence by the player and his or her family to AYSO principles and values. This last factor is very important. **It is possible that a skilled player will not be selected if, in the opinion of the coaches, a player or his or her parents are divisive or disruptive to team unity.**

If a player is not selected for a Thanksgiving tournament or All-Star team, it does not necessarily mean he or she does not have the skills needed. There is a finite number of teams that can be formed within a given division. Further, the coaches regrettably have only a limited amount of time to evaluate many talented players. The coaches do their best and hope that in the event a player is not selected, he or she will nonetheless keep working hard and continue to participate enthusiastically in the other programs offered by Region 13.

COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THANKSGIVING TOURNAMENT PLAY

Slots in Region 13's Myles Standish Tournament, held at the Rose Bowl fields over Thanksgiving weekend, are reserved for Region 13's Sectional, Area, and up to two Regional equivalent Thanksgiving teams in each division. One additional Regional-equivalent Thanksgiving team in each of the U10 divisions will play in the Thanksgiving tournament held by South Pasadena.

Playing in these tournaments requires the payment of an entrance fee of approximately \$25-35 per player, a uniform deposit of \$50, and a referee deposit of \$15-20 per player. **These fees must be paid by separate checks, payable to AYSO Region 13, given to the team coach at the first practice.** The uniform deposit will be given back upon return of the jersey at the end of the last Thanksgiving tournament match. The referee deposit will be returned if the team fulfills its referee and volunteer responsibilities.

If the costs associated with Thanksgiving tournament play would prevent your son or daughter from playing, talk with your Division Coach. Scholarships are available for those with demonstrated financial need.

Region 13 Thanksgiving Tournament teams will be provided with jerseys. **Players must furnish black socks and black shorts. The jersey must be returned after the team's last match of the tournament.**

COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH ALL-STARS

Region 13's All-Star program is independent from the fall season and is entirely self-supporting, per AYSO National policy. Families hoping to participate should plan on expenses for registration, local travel, and (optionally) spirit clothing. The registration fee for All-Stars will be approximately \$40-50, payable by check made to AYSO Region 13 and given to the team coach at the first team meeting.

If the costs associated with the All-Star program would prevent your son or daughter from playing, talk with your Division Coach. Scholarships are available for those with demonstrated financial need.

Region 13 All-Star teams will be provided with jerseys, which are the players' to keep. Players must furnish black socks and black shorts.

Players may purchase spirit clothing, such as jackets, sweatshirts, ball bags, etc. at additional cost. Region 13 strongly urges that names, nicknames, or other personal information not be displayed on spirit clothing.

TOURNAMENT SEASON

After the All-Star season, All-Star teams often stay together, or combine, and participate in various tournaments in and around Southern California. Some of the teams will stay together well into the summer months. Some of the tournaments are in the San Gabriel Valley; almost all are in Southern California between San Luis Obispo and San Diego. Each tournament has an entry fee that typically runs \$25-40 per player, plus a referee deposit, and there may be travel/lodging expenses. Some of our more adventurous coaches have taken their teams to Northern California or out of the state altogether; Hawaii has been a summertime favorite from time to time. Check with your coach about his or her plans for your team, the fundraising opportunities, and what you can do to make the tournament season an experience to cherish. In the event an All-Star team decides to stay together for tournaments, participation is entirely optional. Players may be added to replace those who choose not to continue on the team.

SUPPORT

The Thanksgiving tournament and All-Star coaches need the support and encouragement of every person associated with the team – players, parents, siblings, the person who may help get the child to practice. Remember that AYSO Region 13 is an all-volunteer organization that needs hard-working, dedicated coaches, referees, and parents to make the program work. A thank-you, a word of encouragement, or a pat on the back will go a long way to encourage these dedicated volunteers to continue to improve their abilities so that all of the region's children benefit.

WHOM TO CONTACT

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AYSO AREA 1C 2009-10 POST-SEASON CALENDAR (Tentative)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Sun 11/01/09	Tryout #1
Sun 11/08	Tryout #2
Week of 11/09	Thanksgiving team formation and notification
Mon-Tue 11/16-17	Thanksgiving team practices (optional)
Sun 11/22	Thanksgiving team scrimmages (mandatory)
Mon-Wed 11/23-25	Thanksgiving team practices (mandatory)
Fri-Sat 11/27-28	Arroyo Seco Cup (South Pasadena) for 1 BU10 team and 1 GU10 team
Fri-Sun 11/27-29	Myles Standish Tournament (Pasadena) for all other Thanksgiving teams
Sun 12/06/09	Tryout #3
Week of 12/07	All-Star team formation and notification
Week of 12/12-18	All-Star teams may practice
Sat 12/19-Sun 1/03	Holiday practice moratorium (any practices are optional)
Mon 1/04/10	All-Star teams resume or begin practice
Sat 1/16*	Game date #1
Sun 1/17*	Game date #2
Sat 1/23	Game date #3
Sun 1/24	Game date #4
Sat 1/30	Game date #5
Sun 1/31	Game date #6
Sat 2/06/10	Game date #7
Sun 2/07	Game date #8
Sat 2/13*	Game date #9
Sun 2/14*	Game date #10
Sat 2/20	Sectional team playoffs (top 4 only), or rain date (all levels) if needed
Sun 2/21	Area team playoffs (top 4 only); Sectional team playoff rain date
Sat 2/27	Sectional, Area team playoff rain date
Sun 2/28	Sectional, Area team playoff rain date
Sat-Sun 3/06-07/10	Section 1 Playoffs (Riverside) for top 2 Sectional teams in each division
Sat-Sun 3/27-28/10	Tri-Section Tournament for Section 1 champions in each division

*Holiday weekend

**AYSO Region 13
2009-10 Tournament/All-Star Program
Parent/Guardian Tryout Questionnaire**

PLEASE ANSWER COMPLETELY, AND LEGIBLY PRINT ALL RESPONSES

Division: GU10 BU10 GU12 BU12 GU14 BU14 Date Completed: _____

Player Name: _____ **Date of Birth:** _____

Parent or Guardian:

Name _____

Street Address _____

City & ZIP Code _____

Home Phone _____

Preferred Email(s) _____

PLEASE CIRCLE CORRECT RESPONSE

- If selected, will the player be able to participate in a Thanksgiving tournament? Yes No
- If selected, will the player be able to attend mandatory Thanksgiving team practices and scrimmages (November 22-25)? Yes No
- If selected, is one or more of the parents/guardians able and willing to help/volunteer at a Thanksgiving tournament? Yes No
- If selected, will the player be able to play throughout the All-Star season (January-February 2010, possibly into March for sectional)? Yes No
- If selected, would the player be interested in playing in tournaments after the All-Star season (March-July 2010)? Yes No
- If selected, will the player be able to play matches on Sundays? Yes No
- If selected, will the player be able to attend 2 practices per week? Yes No
- If selected, is one or more of the parents/guardians certified and willing to act regularly as an Assistant Referee? Yes No As a Center Referee? Yes No
- If selected, will the player have any other commitments that may interfere with full participation in the All-Star Program? Yes No If yes, what are they: _____
- Will the player be participating in other organized sports in January-February 2010? Yes No If yes, which sport(s) and organization(s): _____
- Are the player and his/her family willing to commit the time, resources, and energy necessary to compete fully in the All-Star Program? Yes No
- Have the player and his/her family read, understand, and acknowledge the commitment that is expected of an All-Star player, including attendance at practices and games per the calendar provided? Yes No

Player Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature