

Spring Select All-Star & Tournament Team Parent and Player Agreement

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Congratulations! Your child has been selected to be on a Spring Select All-Star or Tournament team representing Santa Monica AYSO. Being named to a Spring Select team is very much an honor and a privilege that reflects your child's skills, performance, attitude, teamwork, and potential in soccer. It is important that both the players and their families understand that being on a Spring Select team comes with certain responsibilities and requires a higher level of commitment than playing on a regular Fall Season team.

We know that many of our children are over-scheduled and have scholastic, musical, and other commitments to juggle, but players who want to play on a Spring Select team must commit to the following:

1) MAKING THE SPRING SELECT TEAM YOUR FIRST PRIORITY.

Players on a Spring Select team must commit to making this their first priority extra-curricular activity. Santa Monica AYSO realizes that our children play on other sport teams (such as club soccer, softball, basketball) or participate in other non-scholastic activities (such as theatre or music groups) that have known schedule conflicts with Spring Select games and practices. Should a conflict arise, players must make every effort to attend AYSO Spring Select team practices and games. Any player not willing or able to make the Spring Select team their first priority, should not sign this agreement nor accept a position on the Spring Select team. There are many SM AYSO players who want to play on a Spring Select team. Players who are not committed, or who are too busy to participate fully, should not take spots away from players who will give the team their full effort.

2) ATTENDING ALL PRACTICES.

Spring Select teams practice at least 2 times per week: one or two weeknights & one weekend (*see also below*). If your child is unable to make a practice due to illness or a scheduling conflict, you **MUST** notify the coach ahead of time. With Region approval, coaches may dismiss players who miss too many practices.

3) PLAYING THE FULL SPRING SEASON.

The Spring season will run until June. The team will participate in tournaments that could occur as often as every 3 weeks, many times coinciding with holiday weekends. Tournaments are typically within a 90 mile radius, and, based on game times, some families may choose to stay in a hotel. All expenses are the family's responsibility. In addition to tournaments, some coaches may choose to participate in a weekly Spring League such as the Palos Verdes Spring League. In this case, there would be one practice per week and one game each Saturday or Sunday.

4) PLAYING WITH A POSITIVE ATTITUDE AND EXHIBITING GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP.

Players commit to bringing a supportive and positive attitude to practices and games. Team cohesion is very important. Teams depend on all players and families bringing their best both on the field and off.

At tournaments, good sportsmanship is essential at all times for both parents and players. Remember that you're representing Santa Monica AYSO's best. Tournament organizers have long memories and troublesome teams and regions can be left on the sidelines in future seasons. Shouting at players or refs sets a bad example for kids and will not be tolerated.

Parents, please don't coach your children from the sidelines at games or practices. For obvious reasons, this makes the work of both the coach and the players more difficult. On the other hand, cheering, jumping up and down, clapping and other general positive support are strongly recommended. This encouragement makes the kids feel good about themselves and what they're doing, win or lose.

FINANCIAL COMMITMENT: Spring Select teams must be financially self-sufficient. Each family will be requested to pay a non-refundable \$270 deposit towards Spring Season expenses (inclusive of uniform costs, tournament fees for 3 tournaments, practice field & administrative costs). All-Star teams will pay a \$330 non-refundable deposit, which includes all of the above and a 4th tournament AND the Area 1P All-Star Tournament in January. Additional fees may be assessed during the season, based, in part, on the number of tournaments the team participates in. This will be payable via credit card through our online registration system. Optional expenses, which are at the family's individual discretion: backpacks, sweatshirts, jackets, travel expenses, etc., are not included as part of the deposit.

If you have questions about other payment arrangements, or would like to be considered for a financial assistance, please contact our registrar at Registrar@ayso20.org. Anyone who has been approved for financial assistance for the Fall, will automatically receive assistance for the Spring, without a need to reapply.

VOLUNTEER COMMITMENT: As with your regular AYSO team, all parents are expected to assist with responsibility for the team or the region as a whole, which includes participation as a referee. All teams are expected to provide a 3-person referee team (Center Ref + 2 Assistant Referees). Typically the referee team works together as a unit at other non-conflicting games during the tournament. Not having a full referee team may prevent your team from participating in some tournaments and those that do admit your team will assess higher fees, which may be passed onto your team.

If you have any problems or questions that can't be answered by your coach, please bring them to the attention of the Regional Spring Select Chair, the Regional Coach Administrator, or the Regional Commissioner.

Thank you so much for making your great kids available and for your strong support of soccer in Santa Monica. We couldn't do it without you.

Have a great time!

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We, both player & parent, understand the commitment we are making to be a part of the Spring Select team, and recognize that we may be removed from the team if we are unable to fulfill this commitment.

PLAYER

PARENT