

Chappaqua AYSO Receives Highest Honor

Everyone in town knows that our AYSO program is fabulous. Every weekend there are literally thousands of smiling faces on our fields.

Congratulations to everyone in our community, and especially David Perlmutter, John Re and Larry Grob who have been instrumental in taking our program to the highest level. At the recent Section Conference in Philadelphia, AYSO National honored Chappaqua AYSO Region 139 with their highest recognition – the Platinum Award. AYSO National recognizes regions with Platinum, Gold,

Silver, Bronze awards for their successful implementation of AYSO programs in their local communities. Chappaqua's dedication and quality delivery of services and innovation will again be recognized at the National Annual General Meeting. Chappaqua should be proud, keep up the good work!



Memorial Day parade 2008

Kids Kick Cancer

This Spring, two of our U9 boys came up with a great idea for a worthwhile program, Kids Kick Cancer. It's a great way for our players and parents to contribute to the community and a worthy cause through playing soccer. At the end of the season, each team contributes \$1 for each goal scored during the season. For example, if your team scored 40 goals during the season, and most teams have about 10 players, the contribution per player would be \$4. Our Commish Emeritus, David Perlmutter, notes that the initiative ties in with our core philosophies of positive coaching and good sportsmanship, and opening the teams to all players. David was recently quoted in LoHud.com saying "Kids Kick Cancer exemplifies this by using soccer as a way to get kids to think about a serious issue our society faces and gives them a tool to help make a difference in the search for cures."

All the money collected will be donated to The Jimmy Fund, a charity that raises money for patient care and research at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston, one of the world's leading research facilities dedicated to developing cures for children and adult cancers. If every team participates, potentially thousands of dollars could be raised. If kids feel inspired, they could also ask friends, relatives and neighbors to contribute and help them and their team kick cancer. Perhaps parents can get involved too and match the team donations.



Contributions should be made payable by check to "The Jimmy Fund" and collected by the team coach or team parent and sent to:

The Jimmy Fund, c/o Chappaqua AYSO P.O. Box 113 Chappaqua, New York 10514

We hope everyone will get behind this great cause.

Chappaqua AYSO and the NY Red Bulls Partnership

The New York Red Bulls proudly announced that Chappaqua AYSO has become the second "Student of the Game" partner for the 2008 season.

"We are proud to announce that Chappaqua AYSO has become our second Student of the Game partner for 2008," said Red Bulls Director of Sales and Fan Services Rich Searls. "For the past several years, the Student of the Game program has been one of our most successful initiatives. We look forward to continuing our strong relationship with Chappaqua AYSO and providing them top notch resources to supplement their club's programs."

"Chappagua AYSO's mission is to develop kids through the game of soccer," said Chappaqua AYSO board member Rick Oseroff. "The SOG program accomplishes this through positive role modeling, good sportsmanship, and a great family experience. There are many reasons why it is important for kids to see live professional soccer matches: For our younger players, it is the entire stadium experience; the excitement and scale of the event. At this level, players will start to identify with the players as fans and as players themselves. Our older players will notice skills, more subtleties of the game and some will model their game and emulate their favorite players. Lastly, our AYSO parents, guardians and coaches will join the children at games. This reinforces the entire experience both as a game to enjoy and as a social event."

The Student of the Game program, which is limited to just the first 25 clubs to be accepted, is designed to provide players, coaches and parents of youth soccer clubs in the tri-state area with a variety of resources that will help them learn, play, and teach the game. This program is dedicated to the development of the youth club on every level - from recreation to travel

The recruitment and retention of volunteers remains a challenge for most youth soccer organizations, and the Student of the Game program provides clubs with various tools aimed at assisting in this area. 'Club Nights' at a Red Bulls match are one aspect of the program that gives youth players from each club the opportunity to watch a game live and learn from the professionals, while also providing parents an opportunity to meet each other in a social setting. These 'Club Nights' also provide

chances to interact with Red Bulls players and coaches in person through exclusive on-field opportunities and a pregame and halftime locker room 'Chalk Talk'.

"The Red Bulls organization was very accommodating when the Chappagua AYSO hosted its 2007 game event," Oseroff said. "This success led to our interest to join the Red Bulls SOG program."

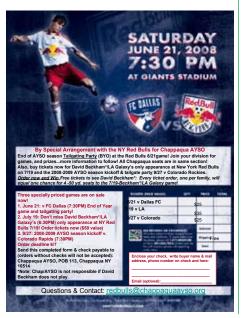
Through this partnership, a member of the Red Bulls coaching staff will travel to Chappagua to lead the club's coaches through a clinic and give them tips on game strategy and team tactics. The Red Bulls will assist the club with their fundraising efforts throughout the season and organize sportsmanship clinics designed by specialists to help create players who are successful on and off the field.

Additionally, players, coaches and parents from Chappaqua AYSO will be able to develop personal relationships with Red Bulls players through player appearances at their respective home fields.

Reprinted from the New York Red Bulls website

For more information on the Student of the Game program, please contact the New York Red Bulls at 1-877-RBSOCCER.

Order forms available at www.chappaquaayso.com



AYSO Missions & Vision Statement

A friendly reminder about our goals, reprinted from soccer.org, the AYSO National website.

Vision Statement

American Youth Soccer Organization's mission is to develop and deliver quality youth soccer programs where everyone builds positive character through participation in a fun, family environment based on the AYSO philosophies:

AYSO is a nationwide non-profit organization that develops and delivers quality youth soccer programs in a fun, family environment based on AYSO's Five Philosophies:

Everyone Plays

Our program's goal is for kids to play soccer so we mandate that every player on every team must play at least half of every game.

Balanced Teams

Each year we form new teams as evenly balanced as possible because it is fair and more fun when teams are of equal ability play.

Open Registration

Our program is open to all children between 4 and 19 years of age who want to register and play soccer. Interest and enthusiasm are the only criteria for playing.

Positive Coaching

Encouragement of player effort provides for greater enjoyment by the players and ultimately leads to better-skilled and better-motivated players.

Good Sportsmanship

We strive to create a positive environment based on mutual respect rather than a win-atall-costs attitude, and our program is designed to instill good sportsmanship in every facet of AYSO.

The core values which guide the American Youth Soccer **Organization are:**

- 1. **FUN**
- 2. EDUCATION
- 3. ETHICS
- 4. ACCESSIBILITY 2

How To Help The Environment By Recycling Your Soccer Ball

By Roberta Lasky

Have you ever wondered what happens to a soccer ball when people are done playing with them? Soccer balls use natural resources and energy, which can have a large impact on our world, especially our land, water and air.

Disposal is not an option for getting rid of your soccer ball. The materials comprising a soccer ball cannot be separated for recycling. Most of the materials are glued, stitched or printed.

Ideas to help recycle a soccer ball

- 1. Donate your used soccer ball to an organization that send the balls to children who cannot buy their own.
- 2. Donate your soccer gear to organizations that collect used sporting equipment: www.passback.com www.oneworldrunning.com www.goodwill.org www.nikeresueashow.com
- 3. Make a bank out of your ball. For directions, see: www.epa.gov/epaoswer/education/pdfs/life-soccer.pdf
- 4. Old soccer balls make terrific bumper guards for the front of a car when you park it in a garage.
- 5. When the soccer ball will not hold air anymore or is too grungy to donate, turn it into a chew toy for your or a friend's dog.



Tip: When you buy a soccer ball, try putting a few drops of silicone oil into the valve. The oil will help the ball retain air, and make it easier to insert the needle when refilling it. Please e-mail us and tell us what you do with your old soccer ball.

Fact: In1855 Charles Goodyear designed and built the first treated rubber soccer ball.

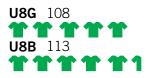
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AYSO Registration Stats 2007-2008

















Coaching Tips and Strategies: Avoiding Runaway Games

by John Re

It is late in the fourth quarter of the match, your team has a lead of five or six goals, and your best player is now at the striker position ready to extend that lead. Things could not be better for your team, right? Maybe not.

In the heat of the battle on Sunday afternoon, coaches sometimes forget that "winning" is not the primary reason we are out there. While teaching the game does include the fact that your team is supposed to score more goals than the other team (i.e. a win), we coaches need to remember that running up the score is never acceptable.

We have all heard (and maybe used) the excuses: "But I couldn't tell the kids just to stop playing;" "It was my best player's turn to play up front and it wouldn't be fair to hold him/her back;" and "I really didn't realize what the score was." Putting aside the last one (a coach always has an idea of how far ahead they are), the problems and pitfalls of runaway games can be minimized with some simple strategies. Here are some to consider.

Move stronger offensive players to defense.

By keeping your goal scoring machines away from the goal, there is less of a chance of the excessive goal being scored.

Tell your defensive players that they cannot cross mid-field. Too often, especially in U7, U8 and even U10, coaches allow defensive players to dribble the length of the field and add numbers to the offense. Keeping the defense back will reduce the mismatch in the offensive zone.

Institute a 3 pass rule – i.e. the team must connect 3 consecutive passes before it can shoot on goal. If 3 passes is not enough, make it a 5

pass rule. Not only will the scoring slow down, the teamwork aspect of the game will be emphasized.

Require your players to shoot (and if necessary, pass) with their non-dominant foot.

Again, while reducing the scoring, this strategy keeps the kids in the game and helps them work on often neglected skills.

Put one fewer player on the field. Although this is not a popular solution, it may be the advantage the other team needs to make the game more competitive.

If all else fails, direct your players not to shoot at all.

Finally, pay attention to the relative strengths of the teams early in the game. Consider implementing some of these strategies before the fourth quarter. For example, if you find your team has a three goal lead before half time, try to keep the game in check before you find yourself having to explain how you let the game get out of hand. And in implementing these strategies, please be discrete. Players on the other team do not need to hear you bellow across the field, "OK team, hold back now."

Remember, everyone is out there to have fun. But it is not fun to lose by too big a margin. How many goals is "too many?" AYSO rules and guidelines do not provide an answer. Some travel leagues prohibit (and fine coaches and/ or clubs for) winning by more than 6 goals. But, if you are ever in doubt, a good rule of thumb should be to ask yourself, how would your kids feel if they were on the losing end of the score you are wondering about.

Shin Guards!

For proper use of shin guards, please contact Jonathan Taub.

Gift Ideas

If you're looking for soccer related gifts, check out aysostore.com. You'll find clothes, equipment, videos and a bunch of other stuff you never knew you needed.



Caetano Pro Soccer School

If you're looking for some late summer soccer, check this out. Please note, Chappaqua AYSO does not sponsor this camp, but we offer this information for anyone who may be interested. For more information, call 203.744.0021 or visit their website at www.caetanoenterprises.com



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