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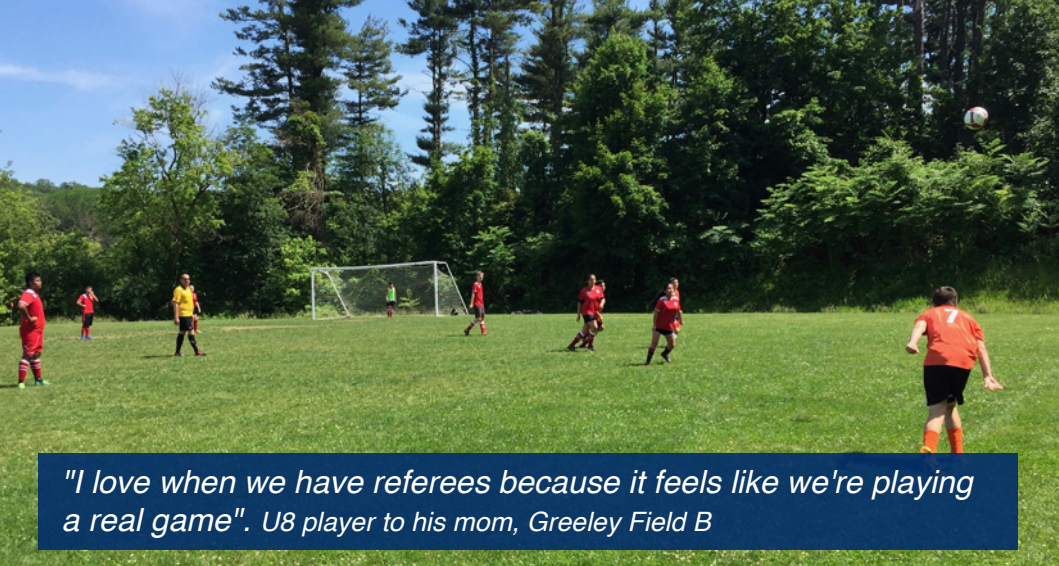
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*"I love when we have referees because it feels like we're playing a real game". U8 player to his mom, Greeley Field B*

## 01 Become a Referee

AYSO teaches kids how to PLAY soccer and we teach kids and adults how to REFEREE the games.

Our referee team is made up of anyone 12 and older who is up to the challenge of keeping our U8 and older games safe, fair, and fun.

All our referees (kids and adults) take the same Safe Haven and CDC Concussion Awareness training classes as our coaches. Then they take an online referee class and THEN an in-person class taught by a certified referee trainer. AYSO covers the cost of all this training so the players can have qualified referees running their games.

This spring we had five newly-certified referees. We start our new youth referees working the U8 games where they get used to time management and directing the players.

As referees get older and more experienced we move them up to referee the older age groups. U10 introduces goalkeepers and the challenge of calling offsides. The U12, U14 and U19 games on Sundays against teams from other towns can get rough, and our referees have to make tough decisions while managing energetic coaches and parents. This isn't a job for the meek and our referees step up to the challenge.

This year we had 24 different referees take charge of our players' games in town, yet still almost half of our games were played without a certified referee.

*Become an ADULT referee yourself!  
It is fun, it is a challenge, and you  
get the BEST view of the game!*

> **ROB CATARELLA**  
Assistant Commissioner

## Six 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 50 percent of every game. It's no fun to spend the game on the bench, and that's no way to learn soccer!*

**Balanced Teams**

Each year we form new teams as evenly balanced as possible because it's more fun and a better learning experience when teams of similar ability play. It allows for each player to gain the experience of a wide variety of teammates of different skill levels.

**Open Registration**

Our program is open to all children who want to register and play soccer. Interest and enthusiasm are the only criteria for playing. There are no elimination try-outs and nobody gets cut.

**Positive Coaching**

Encouragement of player effort provides for greater enjoyment for the

players and leads to better-skilled and better-motivated players. A coach can be one of the most influential people in a child's life, so AYSO requires they create a positive experience for every boy and girl.

**Good Sportsmanship**

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

**Player Development**

We believe that all players should be able to develop their soccer skills and knowledge to the best of their abilities, both individually and as members of a team, in order to maximize their enjoyment of the game.



## 03 High School Sportsmanship

Ten years ago, I attended my first AYSO coaching courses as I was going to be an assistant coach for my daughter's U7 team. It was there I learned the importance AYSO puts on good sportsmanship; it is, in fact, one of AYSO's six core philosophies.

Throughout my involvement with AYSO, across all my roles (assistant coach, head coach, referee, and AYSO Assistant Commissioner), I've stressed good sportsmanship to players, coaches and parents. The last two years, as an assistant coach of a U19 team and as a referee, I have seen the amazing sportsmanship of Chappaqua AYSO's U19 players.

Week in and week out, across three co-ed teams, over 60 high school boys and girls play soccer together. As coaches, we do our best to help our players further their soccer development. At U19, some of our players are varsity and junior varsity athletes in disciplines ranging from soccer to skiing, some have always played AYSO soccer, while others return after years of playing elsewhere. And, perhaps most impressively, we have players who are just beginning to play soccer, out on the field because they want to be there with their friends. We also have siblings, able to compete with or against each other for the first time given the broad age range and/or co-educational nature of our division

Given the dearth of adult referees in town, most of the matches that I've refereed have also been in the U19 division, giving me additional insight into the makeup and mettle of these players.

Being on the field with these teams as they play against each other or other towns' U19 AYSO teams, I see and hear, up close, how hard our players compete.



*They are athletes playing a match, and they want to win. But at the end of the day, they are classmates, siblings, and friends enjoying themselves together.*

They want to be there and not because they are chasing promotion to elite soccer clubs or academies, college scholarships, or the eye of a college coach. Even better than coaching on the sidelines, as a referee I am running up and down the field among them. I am able to see and hear them encourage each other to try their best, laugh with their teammates at their own miscues, and pick up each other (and their opponents) when they fall down, both figuratively and literally. And at the end of each match, win or lose, and after each practice, there are many smiling faces. After all, they've just been playing a great sport and displaying great sportsmanship. As we close another season, my hat off to all of them. This is what makes AYSO great.

> **KEN SILVERMAN**  
Assistant Commissioner

04 Fun for All





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We had **885 players** fully registered this season. Some divisions were full and could not accommodate late registrations, leaving close to 30 kids without a team.

Division	Players
VIP	20
U5B	69
U5G	66
U6B	82
U6G	56
U7B	82
U7G	64
U8B	70
U8G	45
U10B	101
U10G	70
U12B	34
U12G	14
U14B	18
U14G	17
U19	77
<b>Total</b>	<b>885</b>



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## 07 Team Work



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## 08 Pulisic: A Rec Soccer Approach

If you have not heard about Christian Pulisic yet, you will be hearing this youngster's name more often than you can think of in the not so distant future.

I am convinced that Pulisic is the most promising young soccer player to come out of the US in the last few decades, with the potential to become a world class player – possibly one of the few to stand out at the very top.

Christian is only 18 years old, 5'8" tall and weights around 160 pounds. He is pretty much an average US teenager. But he is also a forward midfielder, a modern 10, with great skills and fantastic vision. He already plays for one of the top teams in Europe, Borussia Dortmund in the German Bundesliga. And he is now a starting key player for the USMNT.

Yes, his parents Mark and Kelley were college soccer players, his dad played professional indoor soccer, and yes, he has been playing competitively since he was a very little kid. From an early age, he grew up around around his dad's Brazilian indoor soccer teammates, learning their fun approach to the game. And there is no question that his current development in Europe has been carefully crafted.

This boy is certainly an outrageously talented soccer player with a fantastic career ahead of him. Nobody can dispute that.

But what really struck my attention in his upbringing is the approach



Isaiah J. Downing-USA TODAY Sports

Christian's parents took while he was quickly becoming such a promising talent. Mark and Kelley were out there in the fields just encouraging this prodigy to have fun. Practices were relatively light, without demanding high concentration from the boy, understanding how difficult it is for kids to pay attention for longer periods.

*Christian's parents, were "ice cream parents", notes a former coach, as opposed to parents who correct their kids' performance immediately after each match. Their only single most important objective was that their son enjoyed the game.*

Christian quickly evolved into the prospect that he is today, but just look at all that positive non-invasive approach from his parents, who already knew this boy was to become a truly unique player. No question, we can probably learn a thing or two from them, it is a great example to all of us. Will that truly become a defining factor in Christian's path to the heights? Just think about that for a second.

> **RODRIGO OCEJO**  
U19C Coordinator



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