

Coach(es)/Team Managers – Challenge Agreement



Welcome to Valencia United. In order to ensure a positive experience for all, it is imperative that coaches/team managers and the Club share the same understanding of the commitments and expectations required by AYSO Challenge

By signing this document, coaches and team managers acknowledge the following:

- The head coach must make the Challenge team their priority over any other team.
- Coaches commit to an AYSO Challenge team for the fall soccer season (begins on August 1st and runs through a team’s conclusion of play at State Cup (date TBD).
- Coaches and team managers must be committed to the AYSO Philosophies in all facets of coaching and administration of the team.
- The coaches and team managers must commit to be in compliance with AYSO Section 10, Regional Challenge, Cal South and Coast Soccer guidelines, including but not limited to required coaching certifications and Safe Haven/Risk Management courses. This includes having a certified assistant coach and team manager.
- The coach is required to participate in player tryouts in conjunction with neutral evaluators and must follow host region player selection policies. Team Managers are required to assign volunteers to assist with tryouts as check-in staff, etc.
- Coaches must acknowledge that no player is guaranteed a roster spot for any season other than the season in which they have successfully tried out and have been selected. All players must try out annually in a fair and open tryout process. Any coach who promises a roster spot prematurely may be subject to disciplinary sanctions.
- Coaches must be committed to a Tournament season that extends past the State Cup tournament. The expectation is that the coach will play in multiple tournaments (four or more)
- **Coaches and team managers must ensure compliance with the AYSO National mandate that “Everybody Plays” a minimum of 50 percent of every game they are eligible and present to compete in.** Any playing time above 50% is at the coach’s discretion. Any issues concerning playing time MUST be addressed through the Region Challenge Coordinator.
- Coach must commit to documenting all practice and game attendance and should a disciplinary issue arise, must be able to produce documentation that details a lack of player commitment. **Each player is expected to attend a minimum of 80% of all practices, clinics and games and arrive at practices and games on time per team policy.**

Organizational Commitment: As administrators for a dual registered team (Cal South and AYSO), team administrators must comply with all rules, regulations and standards of AYSO and host region polices as well as Cal South. AYSO Challenge and the host region reserve the right to apply additional penalties above and beyond what is required by Cal South or the Coast League and such disciplinary measures may only be appealed to the AYSO host region and all decisions are final.

Volunteer Commitment: As AYSO Challenge is a subsidiary of AYSO, an all-volunteer, non-profit youth soccer association, it is the responsibility of coaches and team managers to support and ensure compliance of all “Give Back” volunteer duties as set forth by the host region and AYSO Challenge guidelines. These volunteer obligations are in addition to any team obligations or fundraising efforts and are intended to enhance the overall region soccer experience. Refusal or neglect of your responsibilities may result in sanctions, up to and including dismissal from the team.

Team Sportsmanship: Team officials commit to be positive and respectful to fellow team members, referees, and any other players, coaches, parents, spectators and AYSO or Club administrators. Any concerns must be expressed in an appropriate manner to the Region Challenge Coordinator.

Player Fees: Team Manager and coach are responsible to ensure all players are registered with AYSO and then Cal South. All AYSO Challenge fees are due no later than **April 1** of the calendar year in which you will be participating in. Payment should be made in full to the host region. Any arrangement for a deadline extension must be made between the Region and Player Family. There are no scholarships, but a player may seek sponsorship or apply money raised through team fundraising.

Team Division/Gender _____ **Host Region** _____

Coach/Team Manager name _____

Coach/Team Manager Signature _____ **Date** _____