

Region 678 FAQ's



What's included?

Your registration fees include a uniform (socks, shorts and jersey) and the standard picture package. The rest of your registration fees help to pay for park usage, field upkeep and maintenance, insurance, etc. Your fees do NOT pay salaries – we are all volunteers who are here for the kids.

I want to join in the fun – how can I help?

There are many ways. AYSO Region 678 in Valencia is a total volunteer organization. We need people like you! Volunteer to coach, and you get to pick the practice days/time that best fit YOUR schedule! There is great free coaching and referee clinics to help you get started. Be a referee – the kids can't play without referees! Be an assistant coach or team parent. The possibilities are almost endless! For more information email commissioner@ayso678.org

What equipment do I need?

Shin guards are required for both games and practices. Shoes can be tennis shoes or soccer shoes. Note that soccer cleats do not have a toe cleat. Baseball shoes/cleats may not be worn unless the toe cleat is removed. Your child should have a soccer ball for the practices, it's not mandatory, but it will help the coach – the coach will let you know what size is appropriate for your child's age group. Water is needed for both practices and games.

When does practice start?

Practices cannot start before August 1st, by AYSO insurance coverage rules. You'll be notified by the coach of your team's practice schedule sometime in late July to early August.

How often/what days and times will practice be?

Practices will be 1 to 2 hours, 1-2 times a week, depending on the age group. Practice schedules and locations are selected by the coach. Do you want to pick the time and place for practice? Sign up to help out as a coach! Coaches should be in contact some time after August 1st for a parent meeting and to share specific information about your team.

When does the season start?

Opening day is September 9th

Does my child have to be at every practice and game?

Soccer is a team sport. The other children on the team need to be able to count on your child. Please have your child attend each scheduled practice and match. Please have the courtesy to notify your coach in advance if your child will be absent. There is a policy in place covering Adequate Participation of players and what type of outcome can occur if a player misses a significant amount of practices or matches. For players 10U and older there will be league and All Star competition in January and February.

How long does the season last?

The season runs from September 9th through November 11th for Non-Competitive Divisions (5U thru 8U) and September 9th through November 18th for Competitive Divisions (10U thru 14U).

Where do we play?

We play games at Placerita Junior High School, Peachland Elementary School, Wiley Elementary and Central Park. 5U/6U play at Wiley Elementary; 7U/8U play at Peachland; 10U/12U play at PJHS; and 14U plays Friday nights at Central Park and Saturday's at Castaic Middle School. Region 678 must adhere to certain conditions, which include the prohibiting of parking or driving on to the school property and also includes a no dog policy on any school campuses.

When are pictures?

Picture Day is set for September 16. Picture times will be scheduled around game times. Your coach and team coordinator will be advised in advance of those dates and times.

Who will be the coach?

We need coach volunteers – want to help out? We'll train you! Want more information, ask us – Go to the [Board](#) page and locate the age appropriate Division Coordinator.

When will I hear from my coach?

Coaches are given team rosters in late July. Most coaches contact their players thereafter, but some are unable to do so until August due to vacation or other commitments. If you haven't heard from your coach by the 2nd week of August, please contact us. Go to the [Board](#) page and locate the age appropriate Division Coordinator.

My child wants to be on a team with his/her friend.

In keeping with AYSO National Guidelines and the philosophy of “Balanced Teams” our region does not grant special requests for player and/or coach placement. In recent years however, the enforcement of this policy has become lax and team balance has suffered greatly. As a result we have revised this policy effective as of April 1, 2016.

A request for up to two players can be made in the 5U or 6U division by the head coach of a team. The Regional Commissioner reserves the right to deny such requests if they appear to have no benefit other than to provide one team an advantage. All other special requests regarding coach and/or player placement for divisions 7U and above will be denied except in the most extreme cases. Requests for players to “play up” in ANY age group will also be denied except when it provides extreme benefit to the player or the region as a whole.

If you feel that you have a special situation which deserves additional consideration, you may email a written request for review to commissioner@ayso678.org. If the Region feels there is a need to approve such a request, it will only be granted if possible without effect to other players or overall team balance. All requests will require Regional Commissioner approval.