



Dear AYSO parents,

August 30, 2016

We apologize for the confusion at the Meet the Coach event Sunday. Since we did not manage to talk with everyone, we would like to make sure that we share the following information in hopes it will help us have a smoother start to the season.

- Games begin September 10<sup>th</sup> at the Socorro Soccer and Rodeo Complex. The game schedules will be posted at [www.socorrosoccer.com](http://www.socorrosoccer.com) once they are available. The U5 kids meet at 10am each week and the U6 at 11am (there are no practices for children in U5/U6).
- Some AYSO game days coincide with high school games. The high school charges for parking in the West parking lot. Your coach will pass out AYSO season parking passes. To watch AYSO games without a pass, please try to park in the East lot to avoid being charged.
- Your child's coach will contact you to let you know when and where practices will be held. U8 teams practice once a week; U11 and U13 teams practice twice a week.
- Every child needs shin guards to play or practice. Cleats are optional (but if worn, they must be the kind for soccer, not football –soccer cleats have no toe cleat). Our region has a collection of free, used cleats – we will try to bring them for the first game. If you have old cleats that are too small for your child, feel free to add them to the collection.
- We had lots of kids sign up to play soccer this year (registration fees cover both the Fall 2016 and Spring 2017 seasons). To ensure that each child gets enough playing time to enjoy the game, the board made 6 teams (instead of 4) in the U11 and U8 divisions – accordingly, we needed to recruit more coaches and order more uniforms. They should be here by game day.
- AYSO is run entirely by volunteers. Everyone involved in coaching, refereeing, organizing the Turkey Tune up Tournament, etc. is volunteering. Nothing gets done unless someone sees the need for it AND volunteers to do it. Please be prepared to pitch in – each team needs to provide sideline refereeing each game and repaint the lines a couple times during the season.
- Huge thanks to the following folks who have volunteered to coach teams this fall:
  - **U5** – John Garcia
  - **U6** – Laila Sturgis/Savannah Morris
  - **U8** – Silver Sturgis, Matt Baxter, Melissa Gutierrez, Ephraim Ford, Ken Watkins, Carlos Acosta
  - **U11** – Alex Valadez, Tracy Romero, Tyler Crespin, Brad Hofmann, Sonia Rosas, Greg Valentino
  - **U13** – Greg Spitz/Lloyd Carothers, Damian Castillo, Jesus Sierra, Michael Olguin

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