

Guidelines of AYSO Region 66

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Article One

Purpose

The purpose of these Guidelines is to regulate the affairs of Region 66. These Guidelines have been adopted pursuant to Section 1.04 of the National By-Laws of the American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) and are subject to such By-Laws, the Articles of Incorporation of AYSO, the AYSO National and Section 1 Rules and Regulations, Area G Guidelines and the policies adopted from time to time by the AYSO National Board of Directors (collectively, the National Regulations). Copies of these documents (except for the Articles of Incorporation) will be made available by the Region on request and are hereby incorporated by reference. To the extent that these Guidelines conflict with or are in contradiction to any of them, they shall prevail over these Guidelines.

Article Two

Mission

To operate a soccer program where young people can learn to develop a positive self-image, self-confidence and other positive character traits through their interest and participation in soccer based on our philosophy of:

Everyone Plays: Our Region'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, although we do encourage our Coaches to play every player three-quarters.

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

Positive Coaching: Kids win when they are built up, not when they are torn down! We train and encourage our coaches to make the extra effort to understand and offer positive help to our players, rather than negative criticism.

Open Registration: Our program is open to all children between 4 and 16 years of age who want to register and play soccer. Interest and enthusiasm are the only criteria for playing.

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

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Article Three

Duties and Responsibilities of the Region

The duties and responsibilities of Region 66 shall be:

- A. To run a quality youth soccer program in a safe environment that complies in letter and spirit with the philosophy, objectives, National Regulations of AYSO and FIFA Laws of the Game;
- B. To maintain good community relations and become involved in youth development and other community activities;
- C. To register players, coaches, referees and other Regional Officials with the National Support & Training Center (NSTC);
- D. To assign players to assure proper balance of teams;
- E. To obtain and maintain safe field facilities;
- F. To obtain and be accountable for uniforms, balls, goals and other necessary equipment;
- G. To schedule games;
- H. To recruit, train & assign coaches, referees and volunteers;
- I. To disseminate information to participants, their families and the community concerning the Region;
- J. To recognize volunteer efforts;
- K. To hold meetings at least once a year for all parents and guardians of participants in the Region to inform them about and involve them in the Region's activities;
- L. To make available to the participants and their families the Regional Guidelines and the financial statements of the Region. These documents shall be displayed in a central location (i.e. snack bar). All families of the Region shall receive a copy of the most current Annual Financial Report at registration. In addition, all of these documents will be posted on the Regional web site;

- M. To collect and disburse fees and other monies for the sound financial organization and operation of Region 66, to keep and submit to the National Support Center accurate records to insure continuation of the tax exempt status of AYSO, to participate in the National Accounting Program and to pay the NSTC prior to the start of the season, the National portion of its registration fees and for its purchases;
- N. To comply with Soccer Accident Insurance and to submit on a timely basis accident notification forms and claims according to current procedures;
- O. To notify the NSTC of any threatened or actual claim against Region 66;
- P. To implement AYSO National programs available to Region 66 including referee and coaches training at least once a year;
- Q. To assist in and encourage the growth of AYSO programs both within and outside Region 66; and
- R. To participate in Area, Section and National events and programs.

Article Four

Membership In the Region

There shall be three kinds of members in Region 66.

Participating Members: those persons serving the Region in a coaching, Refereeing or administrative capacity, including the members (Board Members) of the Regional Board of Directors (Board Members) who shall, in the case of coaches and referees, be registered with the AYSO NSTC on the appropriate forms prescribed by AYSO.

Playing Members: all registered soccer players.

Contributing Members: those persons to whom the Regional Board grants Membership to recognize a contribution of value to Region 66 or to express gratitude.

The names, addresses and telephone numbers of all members of the Region, as well as the information contained in the AYSO Organizational List of Board Members, are private and confidential.

They may not be disclosed or distributed to anyone including any vendor or sponsor without the prior written approval of the NSTC.

Article Five

Management of the Region

- 1. The Regional Board shall conduct the business and affairs of the Region.**
- 2. Unless otherwise specifically provided by these Guidelines, all decisions of the Regional Board shall be made by a majority decision of the Board Members voting on any such matter provided however that the Regional Commissioner (RC) may veto any such decision if the effect of such decision would be to violate any of the National Regulations. Such veto may be reviewed by the Area Director (AD) on a request by a 2/3 vote of the Board Members voting on such matter. By a 2/3 vote of the entire Regional Board, any other issue may be put to the participating members of the Region subject to voting procedures to be adopted by the Regional Board.**
- 3. The Regional Board shall fix, at the February meeting each year (Annual Meeting), the time, date and place of each regular meeting of the Board. In addition, the RC, the Secretary or 1/3 of the Board Members may call a special meeting of the Regional Board on three day prior notice stating the purpose of such a meeting. This notice may be given in writing, by telephone or in person. A majority of the Board Members shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of holding either a regular or special meeting. It shall be the policy of Region 66 to hold at least one Board meeting every month during the soccer season and at least once every three months during the off season. All Regional Board meetings shall be open to all participating members unless the Regional Board determines it is necessary to hold an executive session. The Board shall take minutes of the proceedings of each meeting and make them available to the members of Region 66.**
- 4. At the February Regional Board Meeting, the Board Members shall be appointed by the Regional Commissioner.**
- 5. The new Regional Board shall serve from March 1st through the end of February, each year.**
- 6. Whenever there is a vacancy in the position of RC, the Regional Board, including the outgoing RC shall recommend a successor and submit each recommendation to the AD. It is recommended that the term of any particular Board Member, including the RC, be limited to three years in any one particular position.**
- 7. No Board Member or any other participant in the Region shall receive monetary or other compensation for his/her services to the Region, nor may he/she use his/her position to benefit directly or indirectly in any other way such as a supplier of equipment or camp programs to the Region.**
- 8. Any vacancy on the Regional Board may be filled by an appointment by the RC.**

9. Any Board Member (except the RC) may be removed by a 2/3 vote of the Board Members whenever it is judged to be in the best interests of the Region or AYSO. The RC may be removed only by the National Board in accordance with Section 3.07 of the National By-Laws.

Article Six

Officers

The Regional Board shall consist of the Regional Commissioner (RC), the Treasurer, the Regional Coach Administrator, the Regional Referee Administrator, Child & Volunteer Protection Advocate (CVPA), the Safety Director and such other positions as the Regional Board shall deem desirable, including without limitation Assistant RC's, Secretary, Fund-raising Director, Concession Director, Picture & Awards Director, Fields Director, Registrar, Sponsor Director, Purchasing Director, Divisional Coordinators. In addition, there may be members at large, as the Board shall create. The following are the job descriptions for the above positions.

Regional Commissioner

The Regional Commissioner shall have the responsibility and the authority to manage the day to day business of Region 66 within the framework of the National Regulations and these Guidelines. The RC shall administer all of the Regional activities.

- A. Registering players, coaches, referees and administrators.
- B. Assigning of players to assure proper balance of teams within each age division.
- C. Obtaining and maintaining proper playing fields
- D. Securing of uniforms, balls, goals and other equipment.
- E. Scheduling of all league and playoff games.
- F. Complying with Soccer Accident Insurance and submitting claims according to current procedures.
- G. Disseminating Information.
- H. Judging and ruling on appeals and disputes.
- I. Overseeing the selection of a volunteer staff.
- J. Keeping the Regional Board informed of actions and decisions on matters of importance.
- K. Attending Area meetings, the Section Conference and the National AGM (NAGM).
- L. Maintaining close liaison with the AD.
- M. Making such decisions and taking actions as may be required to run the Region, within the limits of the Regional budget and these Guidelines. The RC shall preside at all meetings of the Regional Board.
- N. Create an Organizational List of Board Members with all Board positions listed. The RC shall indicate those members with voting rights.

The RC may be suspended by the AD or the Section Director (SD), and or removed only by the National Board of Directors (the National Board).

Assistant Regional Commissioner

Each Assistant RC shall assist the RC in fulfilling his/her duties and in his/her absence the first Assistant RC shall perform the duties of the RC.

The Treasurer

The Treasurer shall have custody of all funds, securities, evidence of indebtedness and other valuable documents and shall deposit funds and securities in the name and to the credit of Region 66 in the designated bank. The Treasurer shall keep in appropriate books an accurate account of all money received and paid out. The Treasurer shall give a written report of the funds, receipts and disbursements of the Region at each monthly Board Meeting. The Treasurer shall be responsible for timely filing with the NSTC the Regional Information Form, the annual budget and other such information as may be required or requested from the NSTC and for complying with the National Accounting Program. The Treasurer shall promptly pay the NSTC the portion of the registration fees of Region 66 before the start of each season.

Child and Volunteer Protection Advocate (CVPA)

The Child and Volunteer Protection Advocate (CVPA) will receive all volunteer forms from the registrar and keep one copy for the Region and send one copy to the NSTC for their records. All volunteer forms will be stored in a locked cabinet under his/her control. The CVPA will notify the Regional Commissioner upon detection of a volunteer form not being completed, or if it comes back to us after checking his/her record with a law enforcement agency, that a felony conviction with a child has been listed. The CVPA and the Regional Commissioner will then take the necessary actions.

The Safety Director

The Safety Director shall be responsible for administering AYSO Soccer Accident Insurance and liability insurance program for the Region, handling all reports of accidents and/or SAI claims for such programs. It is the Safety Director's responsibility to ensure the safety of all participants in the Region by inspecting all field equipment, goal posts and fields to ensure they are in safe conditions and to make information available.

The Regional Coach Administrator

The Coach Administrator shall be responsible for recruiting, training and supervising of all coaches in the Region. He/She shall arrange for and/or give clinics and training programs where needed and disseminate information when appropriate to assist the local coaches. The Coach Administrator shall be responsible for coordinating with the Divisional Coordinators for the fair placement of players on teams. He/She shall coordinate his/her efforts with the RC and the Area Coach Administrator.

The Regional Referee Administrator

The Referee Administrator shall be responsible for recruiting, training and supervising all referees in the Region. He/She shall arrange for clinics and training programs at least annually and shall coordinate his/her efforts with the RC and the Area Referee Administrator. In addition, the Regional Referee Administrator should appoint an Assistant Referee Administrator, a Referee Instructor and a Referee Assessor to assist with the program.

Divisional Coordinator

The Division Coordinator shall be responsible for the operation of their respective divisions such as supervision of the player draft, recruitment and supervision of coaches, assistant coaches and team parents, coordinators with the Fund Raising Director and other duties as assigned by the RC.

The Regional Registrar

The Regional Registrar shall be responsible for the proper registration of each member in the Region on the proper AYSO Registration Form, the mailing or transmission of such forms to the NSTC prior to the start of the season, the distribution of copies of such forms as required, the collection of registration fees and the turning over of such fees to the Treasurer. The Registrar shall be responsible for keeping an up to date master copy of all teams' rosters and a Regional copy of the Registration Form.

The Field Director

The Field Director shall be responsible for maintaining the playing fields and facilities, he/she ensure that goal post and corner flags are provided for each game, that they are put up before the first game of any day and taken down after the end of the last game of such day and properly secured at all times. They shall also oversee storage and inventory of regional equipment. He/She shall also ensure that the fields are properly lined and that the lights are turned on and off at the proper times.

The Sponsorship Director

The Sponsorship Director shall be responsible for the coordination of all Sponsor solicitation, the recording of all relevant information and the proper recognition of sponsors. Working closely with Division Coordinators and Regional Commissioner to ensure a team sponsor for each team. They shall also oversee Team Banner distribution if related to a team sponsor fee.

The Purchasing Director

The Purchasing Director shall be responsible for the purchasing of all uniforms and equipment for Region 66.

The Fund Raising Chairperson

The Fund Raising Chairperson shall be responsible for the coordination of the major Regional Fund Raiser.

The Concessions Chairperson

The Concessions Chairperson shall be in charge of coordinating the operation of the Regional Concession Stand including purchasing, volunteer staffing and providing a monthly accounting report to the Regional Board.

The Pictures and Awards Chairperson

The Pictures and Awards Chairperson shall plan, organize and supervise the Picture Day, distribution day and make up day as well as the purchase and coordination of all Regional awards.

Article Seven

Information about the Program

1. Players in (U5) through (U19) shall be assigned to teams using the player draft guidelines below.

Each Division Coordinator shall be in charge of the player draft unless he/she is a coach within the same division. In that case, the RC shall designate an unbiased Board Member to supervise the draft.

All coaches shall use the Regional Player Rating Form to rate all players on their team at the end of each season, using a scale of one (1) through five (5), five being the highest. The maximum number of total points any one player may earn is forty-five (45). The same scale will rate new players after they do a small skill assessment as well as answer a few related soccer questions and what physical activities they have participated in.

Assigning five (5) points to the highest score in each individual skill and the appropriate percentage to the balance of the scores shall tabulate scores. Players within each age division shall be divided into groups of one year each August 1st to July 31st. When two or more players within the same age group end up with the same total score, they shall be placed in alphabetical order.

All players in Division U5, U6, U8, U10 and U12 shall be placed on teams by using the eAYSO Team Balance Program.

All other Divisions will have a pre-draft coaches meeting to determine the sequence of the draft and receive a Draft list of all players in their Division. Coaches will draft in order with the last coach drafting twice and then reversing the order; the older group in each age division shall be drafted first. The draft order for the younger age group shall be in reverse order.

When drafting, a coach must select a player whose name appears in the available section of the draft.

The number of players in the available section shall be equal to the number of teams drafting but never less than ten or no more than

fifteen. Coaches with sons or daughters who wish to have them on their team must draft them as soon as they become available. When one family has brothers or sisters within the same division, the coach who drafts the first one is obligated to choose the second one as soon as he/she becomes available.

When at the beginning of a new draft round there are not enough players to complete an entire round the remaining players shall be set aside temporarily. The next age group will be drafted until there are sufficient players to complete a round. At this time all remaining players will be combined into one group and drafting will resume with the number one team and continue until all players are selected.

No spectators are allowed in the draft room including prospective assistant coaches, spouses or children.

All trades must be completed on draft night directly following the draft. Trades must be approved by the draft supervisor and 2/3 of the division's coaches as well as both affected coaches. Traded players must be within 10 points unless otherwise approved by the RC.

2. Registration Fees; Refunds

The registration fee for each player shall be set by the Regional Board; the fee for this season is set forth in Appendix D. Such fee may be waived by the RC in whole or in part with respect to any participant if in his/her judgment the fee would create such a hardship that the player(s) would not be able to participate.

Refunds shall be paid based on a timetable and procedure authorized by the Regional Commissioner. The refund timetable and refund procedure shall be designed by the Regional Treasurer, Regional Registrar and the Regional Commissioner.

3. Eligibility

All boys and girls between the ages of 4 and 18 shall be eligible to register for the program subject to field availability and volunteer support.

4. Length of season and Cancellation of Games

The season shall be a minimum of eight (8) games for U5, U6, U8, U10, U12, and a minimum of ten (10) games for U14. Bad weather or poor field conditions may from time to time force the cancellation of games. All cancellations will be at the discretion of the RC, the Safety Director or their designee. Once a game begins, only the referee in charge may suspend or cancel a game.

5. Attendance, Participation

All players in U12 through U19 shall be entitled to play a minimum of one-half (1/2) of time present. U5, U6, U8, U10 shall play three-quarters (3/4) play, as long as it is possible with the number

of players on the team. Moreover, it is the policy of Region 66 to encourage all coaches to play each player at least three quarters (3/4) of each game, to have different players play the first quarter each week, and in U8 through U10 have different players as goalkeepers as much as possible. Late arriving players must play half (1/2) of the remainder of the game.

Divisions U5 and U6 will play without a goalkeeper at all times.

Divisions U12 through U19 shall play 11 versus 11, U8 and U10 shall play 7 versus 7, U5 shall play 4 versus 4 and U6 shall play 5 versus 5.

Each player is strongly urged to attend every practice and game. Coaches have the right after three consecutive unexcused absences from practice to request the Regional Board to consider action on an offending player. Requests must be reported to the Regional Coaching Administrator who will report to the Regional Board. Under no circumstances may a coach play a player less than one-half (1/2) or three-quarter (3/4), depending on the division, a game without permission from the Regional Board.

All registered players shall be eligible to participate in Regional, Area and Section playoffs, provided they have participated in half of all regular season games (excluding time lost due to injury or illness).

6. Protests

No protest of games will be permitted. No protests of yellow cards or red cards will be considered. Coaches are encouraged to file written reports with a Referee Administrator within 48 hours of the game of any misapplication of the basic rules by a referee. If it is found that a rule was misapplied the referee shall be so informed to ensure that no further problems will take place.

7. Conduct during Games

The highest standards of conduct and good sportsmanship must be maintained at all times. Abusive or foul language is forbidden at practices and games. All participants must wear the official uniforms provided at all times and dress in a neat and clean manner. The wearing of shin guards is required at all practices and games. Coaches are expected to be positive and set the best example for the participants. Excessive coaching from the sidelines shall not be permitted; the function of the coach should be to provide encouragement and positive direction. The coach may enter the field of play only with consent of the referees and may coach only within ten (10) yards of the half line. Spectators at games must remain behind the spectator line (at least three feet back from the sidelines) and between the penalty areas and their vocal efforts must be limited to positive compliments to the participants. Under no circumstances should they attempt to coach or address remarks derogatory to players or the referee. All spectators must remain on the same sidelines as the person they

came to see play. They may not go to the other side of the field to cheer or coach in any manner. All spectators must follow all Regional Guidelines while at any AYSO Junction.

The use of alcohol or tobacco products in the vicinity of the playing field during practice or games is strictly prohibited. At the end of the game, the players on each team shall line up and shake hands with the players of the opposing teams and thank the referee and assistant referees. Discipline shall be up to the referee before, during and after each game. No appeal of disciplinary action by a referee shall be allowed.

Players or coaches who are sent off (Red Card) shall be ineligible to play or coach the remainder of that game plus the next game, at a minimum. All disciplinary cards are subject to review by the Regional Board. Players or coaches receiving their third Yellow or their second Red Card in a season or a violent conduct send off shall be suspended until a disciplinary hearing can be conducted.

8. Parental Participation

Each parent who has a player in Region 66 is strongly encouraged to volunteer in the same way, however, no child shall be excluded from participation because of he/her parent not volunteering.

9. Playing Fields, Responsibility

It shall be the responsibility of each team playing the first game of the day to set up the nets and corner flags before game time. Referees will be instructed to start the game time at the assigned time and not start any game until the field is properly prepared for the day's activities. Each team that plays the last game of the day shall take down all of the equipment and place it behind the east goal.

Each team is required to pick up all of the trash of their player and spectator area after each game.

10. Sponsors

All teams are encouraged to obtain a team sponsorship of \$225.00. All sponsor money is to be made payable to AYSO Region 66. Teams receiving a sponsorship may receive a team banner, flag or cupend. All contributions are to be accompanied by a Region 66 sponsor form and are considered charitable contributions, deductible for US tax purposes, subject to the applicable limitations in the Internal Revenue Code.

11. Equipment

Region 66 shall provide each player with a uniform shirt, shorts and socks. Each player is responsible for providing an official pair of shin guards and appropriate footwear. Each team shall receive a game ball for their use. Equipment owned by the Region is not available for loan.

12. Practices, Fields

All fields reserved by Region 66 are available to AYSO teams on a first come, first served basis. Goal areas are restricted to a maximum of thirty minutes from such a time that another team requests its use. Fields may not be reserved unless a minimum of six players and a coach are present. The use of school facilities is with the understanding that all school activities have priority.

Each team is limited to a maximum of three hours practice per week that a player is required to attend. Additional practices during the pre-season must be noted as optional, and players may not suffer any consequences by not attending.

13. Line-Up Cards

Each coach must have a line-up card neatly and completely filled out a minimum of fifteen (15) minutes before game time. All players are to be listed in numerical order. Only players officially dropped with the Regional Registrar need not be listed. Captain and Assistant Captain should be noted with a "C" or an "AC". The goalkeeper is to be designated by a "GK". All teams and game information on the top and bottom of the card is to be completed by the coach. Substitution will be completed by the Assistant Referees.

Line-Up cards will be kept by the ARC for the season.

14. Club Assistant Referees

Each team in U8 through U14 shall have a minimum of one parent or person at least 13 years of age and a minimum of two years older than the oldest player, to serve as a Club Assistant Referee for all regular season games. Each official Club Assistant Referee must attend a three (3) hour clinic prior to working any games (please see Regional Calendar).

15. Regular Season Play and Post Season Tournament

U5 through U14 shall play regular season games as practice games. No standings shall be kept. U10 through U14 shall have a post-season double elimination tournament to determine Regional Standings and representatives to the Area Tournament. U16-U19 standings will be determined by Area League Play. Teams must comply with minimum volunteer requirements (i.e. Referees, snack bar, fund raiser, etc.) as dictated by the Regional Board in order to ensure proper operation of the Region. The Region may prohibit a team from post season play if minimum requirements are not met. These requirements must be in place by August 1st of each year and approved by the Regional Board.

16. Awards

All players in U5, U6 and U8 shall receive participation awards.

In U10 through U19, awards shall be issued as follows:

- A. First place in each division consisting of three teams or less.
- B. First and Second Place in each division consisting of four to six teams.

- C. First, Second and Third Fourth Place in each division of seven to ten teams.
- D. First, Second, Third and Fourth Place in each division consisting of eleven to fifteen teams.
- E. First, Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth Place in each division consisting sixteen teams or more.
- F. Regional Board may add awards as deemed necessary.

In Area Leagues, only that total number of teams from each division shall be considered in the standings following the guidelines described above.

17. Waiting List for Player Registration

All players expressing a desire to register in Region 66 after the last registration session is conducted shall be placed on a waiting list. The waiting list shall be maintained by the Regional Commissioner or his/her designee. Teams that have their official roster fall to 12 players or less (verified by the Regional Registrar) may request their Divisional Coordinator to add players in order to bring the team up to a maximum of 13 players. Teams may carry more players if deemed necessary by the Regional Board. Players shall be placed on teams by the Regional Commissioner, the Coach Administrator and the Divisional Coordinator. Each player's ability and experience will be evaluated before placement so as not affect the competitive balance of the division. Coaches may not request a particular player for their team.

The placement of players after the draft shall be the responsibility of the Regional Commissioner, the Coach Administrator and the Divisional Coordinator. If one or both persons have an interest in the division in question, two neutral (assigned by the RC) officials shall act in the capacity described above.

Article Eight

Financial, Banking and Related Matters

1. Budget, Financial Statements

The Regional Board shall adopt a budget which provides the basis for setting player registration fees. At the end of each season, the Regional Board shall cause to be prepared a statement of income received and amounts expended in connection with the program. Such statement shall be made available to the parents or guardians of each player. This season's budget and last season's statement of income and expenses are attached hereto as Appendices B & C.

2. Account Signatories

All checks drawn on Region 66's bank account shall bear two signatures, one of which must be the Treasurer's or the RC's.

Additional signatures must be authorized by the Regional Board Action. Two signatures from the same household shall not be allowed.

3. Transfer of Funds

All funds received by Region 66, whether from fees, gifts or otherwise, must be deposited in to the Region's checking account from which all expenses and disbursements are paid. All funds transferred in or out of the Region's savings account must be transferred from or to the Region's checking account.

Article Nine

Dispute Resolution

1. General Policy

It is the general policy of Region 66 to resolve all disputes in an amicable way and if disciplinary action is found to be necessary, to take only the minimum action necessary. All means available will be taken to avoid legal action, including emphasizing compromise rather than principles and avoiding personality conflicts.

2. Procedure

If it is determined that discipline is necessary for a player, coach or spectator, the RC or the Regional Board shall give notice in writing to such person of the intention of the Region to take action, specifying the action to be taken and giving such person a reasonable opportunity to explain why such action should not be taken. Such opportunity to respond may be in person at a hearing, by telephone or in writing. The RC or Regional Board may appoint a disinterested committee to consider such discipline. After such opportunity has been given, the RC, Regional Board or Committee shall make its determination and announce it in writing to all persons concerned. Such determination shall be final and binding on all concerned unless it is determined by the AD or, if he/she is not disinterested, the SD, that persons making such determination are found not to be disinterested.

3. Suspension

The RC or Regional Board may suspend a person from further participation in the program if there is found to be imminent danger to the program by his/her continuing involvement, or if a crime has been alleged to be committed by such participant. Such a suspension must be followed by a disciplinary hearing described in Paragraph 2.

4. Removal

The RC or the Regional Board may, as a result of a disciplinary hearing, remove a person involved in the Region, including a Board

Member, from further involvement in the program on notice and after a determination is made that removal is appropriate. Valid reasons for removal include violation of the National Regulations, principles or philosophy of AYSO or conduct which disrupts the Region's or the activities of AYSO or any program.

Article Ten

Changes in Guidelines

1. Approval of Guidelines

These Guidelines shall become effective after being approved by the RC, Regional Board, the AD, the SD and then submitted to the NSTC.

2. Change in Guidelines

Once adopted, these Guidelines may only be amended by the Regional Board by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board Members with the approval of the RC, the AD and the SD.

Article Eleven

Spring Soccer Program

Region 66 shall offer both a Spring Select Program and a Spring Open Soccer Program. The purpose of both programs shall be to expand the playing opportunities for the players from Region 66. There shall not be one program without the other program. The Regional Commissioner shall appoint a Spring Open Coordinator and a Spring Select Coordinator to facilitate these programs.

1. Spring Open

The Spring Open Program shall be offered for all eligible children. Play may be on a smaller field with short-sided teams. The Spring Open Program shall follow all of Region 66 Guidelines as established unless designated otherwise in the Spring Open Information.

Registration fees should be kept to a minimum to allow as much participation as possible.

Players shall be issued a uniform by the Region. Players shall be responsible for providing shin guards and footwear.

Players must play a minimum of three-quarters (3/4) if the playing roster allows. Divisions may use combined age divisions or coed play based on the regulation numbers.

Spring Open is open all players that meet minimum age requirements. Age requirements shall be the same as the previous fall season.

Spring Open is an extension and part of the previous fall season.

2. Spring Select

Spring Select coaches shall be selected by the RC, the ARC and the Regional Coach Administrator and up to two additional board members assigned by the RC after an application period. The selection shall take place by the third Saturday of November each year.

Region 66 shall offer a maximum of one team in each U10 through U19 divisions that play short sided regular season play. The Regional board may allow more than one team if deemed necessary.

U10 through U14 coaches and/or assistant coaches are not allowed to contact any player or parent until after the conclusion of regular season play. U16 through U19 coaches may contact players after the coach is selected, but may not have a practice or conditioning meetings until the players CTF season is completed.

Fall activities shall take precedence over all Spring Programs. Fall coaches have the right to prohibit their players from practicing with the spring teams until fall play, including Area, Section and Tri-Section playoffs, are concluded. If a schedule conflict occurs between fall and spring game, coaches and players must participate with the fall team.

Player selection for the Spring Select program is the sole responsibility of the coach. Selections must be made based on playing ability, sportsmanship, etc. Selections cannot be based on religion or race. Coaches may not extend an invitation to play and then withdraw that invitation. There shall be no "conditional invitations". There shall be no tryouts for any select team.

To be eligible for Spring Select competition, a player must have played in at least half of the total number of league games played by the team to which he/she was assigned during the regular season, and not have received two red cards or a total of six yellow cards, except in the situation where the player is assigned in time to meet this requirement, but is unable to play because of illness, injury or a change of residence which causes a change of Region. The Regional Commissioner must approve any exceptions.

Players must play in the division that they played for in all the fall season. The Regional Commissioner may approve an application to play up as long as that player is an older player who will move into that division the following fall season.

Region 66 may set an appropriate fee for all players to be a part of the Spring Select Program. Each team is responsible for its own financing of all activities including tournament fees, referee fees, uniforms and travel. A written financial report shall be given to each parent at the end of the spring season. A copy of such report shall be given to the RC and Spring Select Coordinator.

A written set of Select Guidelines will be approved by the Regional Board before the Select season can commence. Said Guidelines may not conflict these Region Guidelines (Article 11.2).

Article Twelve

Appendix's