

PYSL RECREATIONAL ALL STAR TEAM POLICY

Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that PYSL recreational All Star teams, including coaches, are selected, practice and play in an equitable, sportsmanlike, and enjoyable manner. The PYSL Board believes having this written policy will create a fair and equitable process for selecting All-Star coaches and players. The All-Star teams will be selected with the goal of putting the most skilled players on the team to be competitive in the All-Star Tournament. While the emphasis of the All-Star Team is skill-based to reward those players with advanced skills, it is still PYSL's policy to promote good sportsmanship and to ensure the players have a fun, positive experience.

Coaches:

The PYSL All-Star committee shall select the All-Star coaches from those who express an interest in coaching the All-Star team. The selection criteria includes coaching experience both in PYSL and elsewhere, competitive or playing experience of the coach, license level and/or participation in coaching clinics, commitment to PYSL, feedback from other coaches and parents, and observation of practices and games by the All-Star committee. Our goal is to select a coach that will competently guide the All-Star team while still being a good steward of sportsmanship and making it fun for the players.

Any coach interested in coaching an All-Star team must submit a statement of interest to coach the All-Star team by the date set by the All-Star committee each season. The statement of interest should summarize the coach's qualifications, anticipated practice commitment, philosophy of coaching or any other relevant information. PYSL participates in the Mesa Soccer Recreational Soccer Tournament. Information regarding the tournament dates, format, cost, etc. can be found on the following website link: <http://www.tournamentkickoff.com/mesaallstars>. Input regarding All-Star coaches will be solicited from the other coaches in the league as well. A selection decision on All-Star coaches will be made in mid-October to allow the coach sufficient time to scout and recruit his/her All-Star players.

Player Selection Process:

Coaches will be asked to nominate players for the All Star team. Nominations can be either players on that coach's team or players from opposing teams that the coach believes possesses the skills to participate on the All-Star team. **There will not be individual team try-outs.** There will not be a limit on how many players can be nominated by a single coach. Factors considered for player selection includes playing experience, demonstrated ability at a particular position, knowledge of the game, and ability to implement game strategies. Players may be selected based on their play at a particular position but may be asked to play a different position on the All-Star team. No more than four players from any one team may play on the same All Star team. The selected All-Star coaches are responsible for selecting the players for the team.

Once the player selections have been made, the All-Star coach will contact player families and confirm their availability to participate in the All-Star Tournament and practices. If a player selected cannot participate, an alternate player will be selected. Once all players have been confirmed, the list of All-Star players will be distributed or posted on the league website. The All-Star Coaches will convene an All-Star meeting with parents and players in early November to discuss expectations, time commitments and to collect fees. Parents will be asked to sign an All-Star commitment agreement acknowledging the commitment being undertaken and expectations for the all-star team.

Practices:

All Star practices will be held independently from league practices. All-star coaches shall set the frequency and location of practices but should not interfere with regular season games/practices. All-Star practices should not start until after the regular season ends. Tardiness and absenteeism at practices may jeopardize a player's good standing, which could be a factor in playing time. Coaches will set the rules for playing time. Players are not guaranteed to play a particular position in the All-Star games and coaches will have the final authority on what position a player will play and how much playing time that player will get.

Number of Players:

The maximum number of All Star players per team is dictated by the tournament entry guidelines and the coach sets the number of players that he/she wishes to have on the team. The All-Star committee will determine whether there is sufficient depth of skill to field more than one All-Star team in each age group. If more than one team will be participating from any particular age group, the all-star committee will select A, B, C etc. coaches. A team chooses players first, followed by B team, etc.

Tournament Fees/Costs:

Each All-Star team is expected to pay for its own tournament fees and costs. The League will provide all-star jerseys for the players (which must be returned after the tournament). The exact cost is determined by the registration fees and the number of players chosen for the team.