

PARENT HANDBOOK



2023-2024 SEASON

Registration Link
www.ayso803.org

More Info: ayso803.org or info@ayso803.org



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About AYSO



REGISTRATION FEES COVER: Up to 16 games during the Fall 2023 thru Spring 2024 Season. Fees cover equipment (goals, nets, balls, first aid kits, etc.), Soccer Park use and maintenance, a non-refundable AYSO National fee, fees for volunteer background checks, referee fees, and other expenses.

FOUL WEATHER POLICY: Only the referee or the coaches may cancel games at game time. If at game time conditions are poor but there's a possibility the weather could improve, we ask that teams wait 15 minutes and then the ref and/or coaches re-evaluate if the game could be held. Games must be canceled if lightning is observed or sirens activate. Coaches will notify about any game cancellations. All league-wide cancellations will be posted on Facebook www.facebook.com/chippewavalleysoccer or www.ayso803.org.

PARENTAL OBLIGATIONS ARE SIMPLE! SET A GOOD EXAMPLE FOR OUR YOUTH BY:

- 1) Ensuring that the player gets to and from all practices and games safely and on time. Parents must be present at all practices and games at all times.
 - 2) **Volunteer!** AYSO is a non-profit run entirely by Volunteers. Our success is dependent on you! Every parent has something to contribute. If our children are going to play, we need head and assistant coaches, board members along with many other volunteer positions. Time commitments vary - we can find a spot that fits your lifestyle. Email info@ayso803.org for more info - we need you!
 - 3) **Parents and spectators MUST sit on the opposite side of the field from the teams. CHEER**
– Please DO NOT DIRECT or "joystick" your child from the sidelines. Our sideline behavior must be POSITIVE AND ENCOURAGING. We must always keep the league philosophy of fair play, fun and good sportsmanship in mind.
- Do NOT question the referee. We always have newly trained adult & teen referees. Just one bad experience for any ref can cause that referee to quit. We need our referees!
- 4) Remembering that AYSO is a program for the youth. Parents, coaches, and officials are role models for our children. The organization's objectives are good sportsmanship, fairness, self-control and having a good time.
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For Your Safety



- 1) Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.**

Your participation and presence is what makes soccer special to your children.

- 2) No Hanging or swinging on goals!**

They can tip over and cause serious injuries.

- 3) Please stop any player from kicking, digging, or scraping the soccer field.**

Grass is being destroyed and holes are being formed. Any hole is hazardous to all players on the field.

- 4) Names on uniforms are PROHIBITED by AYSO for child safety.**

Strangers can deceive children by knowing their name.

- 5) Please DO NOT BRING YOUR PETS (Dogs, Cats, etc.) on any soccer fields or grass.** Some people are very allergic, fearful, or unprepared for pets. Not only are pets a liability to AYSO, we have been progressively finding more and more animal waste not cleaned up on the fields.



Volunteer Opportunities



AYSO is a nonprofit run ENTIRELY by volunteers.
Please consider donating your time to one of our most needed positions.

Time Commitment: Less than 1 hour a week

Position: Social Media & Marketing

Help us continue to grow AYSO in the Chippewa Valley by being our voice on Facebook. If you have the creative mind to grow our community - great! If not, that's okay! We will provide you with a week by week engagement plan with post ideas and information. All you need is your own Facebook account!

Time Commitment: 1 hour a week from August 1-31, and April 1-30

Position: Division Coordinator

Making teams is an easy, quick way to help us have the best season possible. All you need is a computer! Primarily based out of the AYSO803.org website, you will be giving the training, tools, and support to create balanced, complete teams.

Time Commitment 2-3 hours a week

Position: Assistant Regional Commissioner

Support the AYSO Vision, Mission, and National Programs in both specifics and spirit. You will learn from our current Regional Commissioner, with the intention of assuming that role in the future. From communicating with park and rec, to making sure our insurance is filed. This is a dynamic role that provides opportunities for paid travel to nationwide meetings that connect and inspire.

Contact us to learn more! info@ayso803.org

Additional open positions: Registrar, Picture Day Coordinator, Advertising and Communications Coordinator, Day Camp Coordinator
Regional: Secretary, Auditor and Coach Trainer.

Field Lining

Who doesn't enjoy some fresh air and a little walk around the park?

Recruiting volunteers for Field Lining is one way we have found to help consistently keep the registration fees the lowest in the area.

What does a Field Lining Volunteer do?

Field Lining is as easy as painting! We are painting our field lines to ensure that the players, coaches, and referees have lines to follow for the following weeks games. AYSO provides all equipment and paint. The only thing you need to bring is yourself! And maybe some older tennis shoes as you may get some spray from the paint cans on them. We will be lining fields every other Saturday at 3:15pm this season.

How long does it take to complete each field?

We have 4 different size fields to line this season.

U5/6 Size fields take roughly 10 minutes each.

U7/8 Size fields take roughly 15 minutes each.

U9/10 Size fields take roughly 20 minutes each.

U11/12 Size fields take roughly 25 minutes each.

Please remember that this is an average timeframe - we all walk and appreciate the outdoors at our own pace!

Where do we meet if we signed up to volunteer?

Field Liners should meet by the concession stand - the side facing the field tree line.

The Field Coordinator will meet you at that time to show you how to operate the equipment and paint cans.

What happens if it's raining or field lining is cancelled?

If the weather is inadequate to paint lines and field lining is cancelled, you will receive an email and/or text to verify it is cancelled no later than 2pm the day of field lining. Rain days may not always be scheduled.

What is the best form of contact to reach the Field Coordinator?

In an occasion that you need to cancel a scheduled field lining, have questions, concerns, or are unsure of where to go, please text or call Kyle at 715-563-2875.

Please include your name and the subject of the matter if you are texting.

Click the link below to Sign-Up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10COC4AACAE22A5FFC16-field4>

AYSO: Everyone Plays!



Every Child plays for at least 1/2 of the game.
Games are played on Mondays and Saturdays.

Practice dates and times are determined
and communicated by the coaches.
(A great reason to volunteer coach!)

Practice information is not on AYS0803.org

Our Division Coordinators ensure balanced teams in which all skill levels are represented, so that there are no “dream teams”.

AYSO is a Recreational League, the focus is learning and having fun. There are no tryouts, and we do not keep statistics.

Playground and Schoolyard Divisions use coed skills, drills and games to build a love of soccer.

U6 level and up, boys and girls have separate divisions.

U14-U19 levels, boys and girls may play coed.

Important Dates



Fall

May 1st - July 15th

Open registration

August 12

Uniform pickup 9am-2:30pm

YMCA Sports Center

3456 Craig Road

Eau Claire, WI 54701

August 13th-19th

Rosters and schedules posted on AYS0803.org

August 27th-Sept 2nd

Coaches inform parents of practice schedule

Games are scheduled September 9th - October 21st.

Team Pictures are on September 9th & 16th.

Spring

December 1st - February 14th

Open registration - Fall registrants DO NOT register for Spring

April TBD

Uniform pickup 9am-2:30pm

WIN Technology

4955 Bullis Farm Road

Eau Claire, WI 54701

April TBD

Rosters and schedules posted on AYS0803.org

April TBD

Coaches inform parents of practice schedule

Games are scheduled April 20-June 1st.

Team Pictures are on April 27th and May 4th



Uniforms

Home is BLUE

Away is RED

If your team is listed first in the schedule, you are the **HOME** team.

If you bring both, you're always prepared!

Players **must** wear the appropriate color jersey.

If you bring both, you're always prepared!

The uniform shirt **must** be worn over any sweatshirt or coat.

Players are required to wear **shin guards** at all practices and games.

Shin guards **must** be fully covered by socks.

Regulation Soccer cleats are helpful, but not required.

Metal, Toe or football cleats are **not** allowed.

Players may **not** wear jewelry

(e.g. bracelets, watches, earrings, barrettes or beads braided in hair),
or any object that could cause injury to themselves or another player.

Casts or splints are **not** allowed – even if covered.

Players are required to bring a **labeled** soccer ball and water bottle to practices and games.



Referees



We are always looking for more referees!

Being a referee is a great way to stay involved with the game and get a bit of exercise, too!

There are no formal training requirements for AYSO referees. If you have played soccer or are familiar with the rules, you are ready to get involved!

We will be hosting an in-person training in August, so look for details on that event.

Reimbursement rates per game for the Fall 2023 season are as follows:

U8: \$20

U9/10: \$25

U11/12: \$32

U14+ (center): \$45

U14+ (sideline): \$15

The official match signup sheets will be hosted on Google Drive.

Games are assigned on a first come, first serve basis.

At the beginning of each game, make sure to properly and legibly fill out the game report so we can ensure you get reimbursed for your time!

To get involved, please email us at ayosoccerreferee@gmail.com.

Referees



Here are some tips for making the most out of your time on the pitch:

Before the game

Bring a whistle and use it appropriately (loudly!)

Wear a watch

Do not use a phone to keep time

Dress appropriately – look professional

Jerseys will be provided, if necessary

Meeting the coaches

Introduce yourself

Go over the rules quickly

Coaches will appreciate this added clarity

Game sheet and signatures

Make sure they are legible and accurate

During the match

Confidence when refereeing

Be affirmative

Not sure who the ball last touched?

Pick a side with confidence and move on

Be loud

Make sure the parents and coaches can hear you

To get involved, please email us at aysosoccerreferee@gmail.com.

Who to Contact



Volunteer Board Members:

Regional Commissioner: Ashley Troutman - commissioner@ayso803.org

Coach Administrator: Scott Hoffmann - coach@ayso803.org

CVPA (Child & Volunteer Protection Advocate): Derek White - cvpa@ayso803.org

Referee Administrator: Joseph Rapienski - aysosoccerref@gmail.com

Treasurer: Jessica Magur - treasurer@ayso803.org

Safety Director: Jessica Pederson - safety@ayso803.org

Volunteer Coordinators:

Equipment Coordinator: Joe Baiocco - equipment@ayso803.org

Fields Coordinator: Kyle Shervey - fields@ayso803.org

Schedule Coordinator: Jessica Pederson - schedule@ayso803.org

Uniform Coordinator: Jessica Magur - uniforms@ayso803.org





Can my child move up/down a division?

No, our divisions are based on birth year.

If you feel your player is eligible for special circumstances, please fill out a Special Request Form and email to info@ayso803.org.

My child is 9 in U11 and turns 10 in December.

Is this the correct division?

The "U" in U11 means "Under". If your child turns 10 during the season, U11 is the correct division as they will be Under 11 years old throughout the entire season.

Can I request a teammate/coach for my child?

Yes, we do allow requests.

They are not guaranteed.

We switch teams every season - no exceptions.

My child has decided not to play. Can I get a refund?

You may be eligible for a refund

by filling out a Refund Request Form.

July 15 is the cut-off for Fall registration refunds.

February 14 is the cut-off for Spring registration refunds.

Refund requests can be emailed to info@ayso803.org prior to the above dates.

Division Information

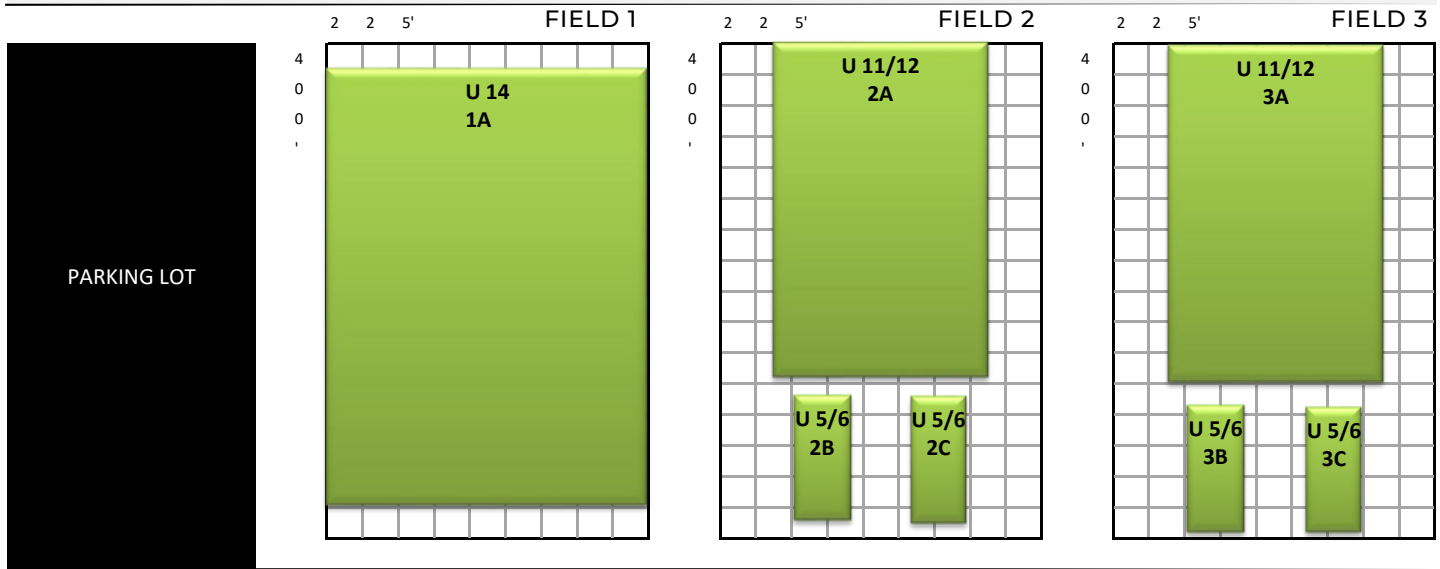
AYSO REGION 803 / CVSL 2023 - 2024 Season Division Matrix

Birth Year	Division	Max Roster Size	Minimum Roster Size
2020	Playground	500	1
2019	Schoolyard	500	1
2018	U06	10	3
2017	U07	10	3
2016	U08	10	5
2015	U09	11	8
2014	U10	11	8
2013	U11	14	10
2012	U12	14	10
2011	U13	18	12
2010	U14	18	12
2009	U15	22	13
2008	U16	22	13
2007	U17	22	13
2006	U18	22	13
2005	U19	22	13

SOCCER PARK LAYOUT - Fall 2023

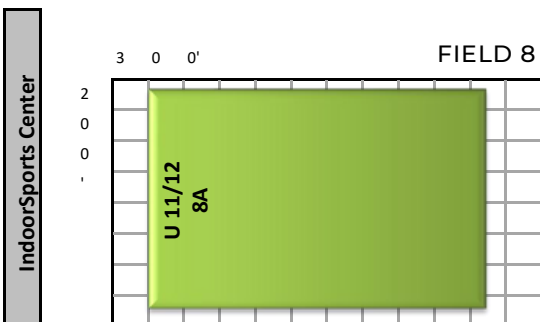
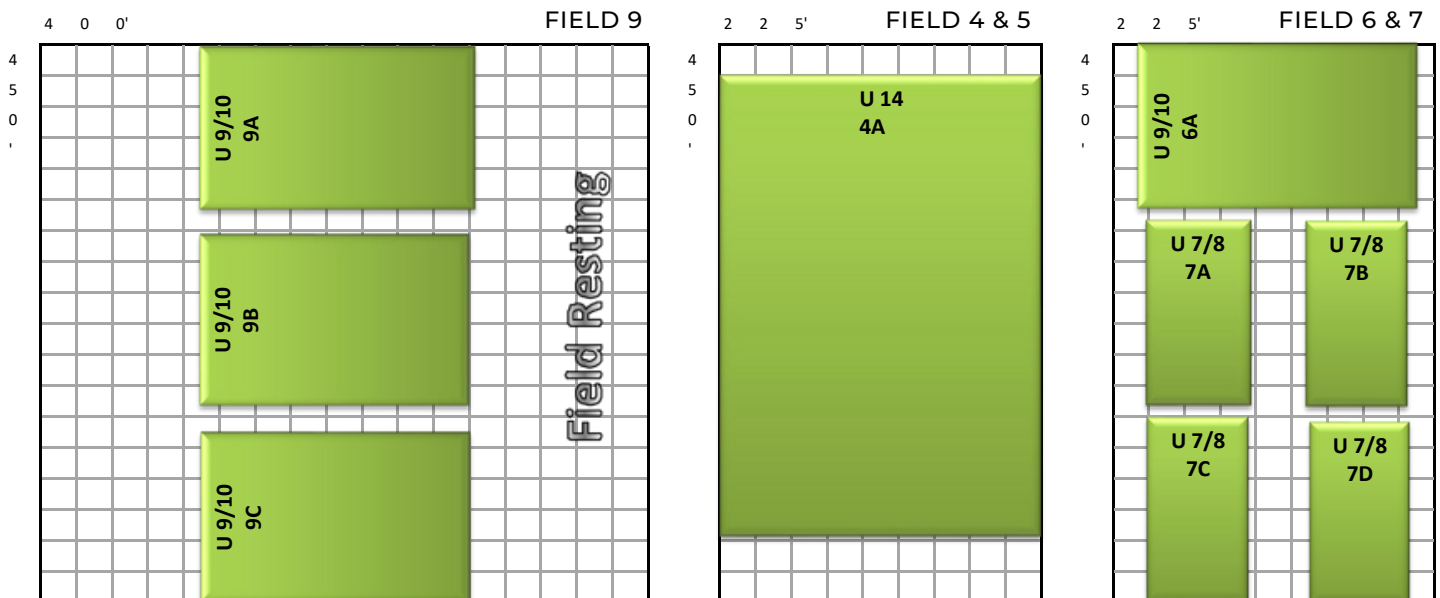
Aug 28 - Oct 29

WEST HAMILTON AVENUE



TRAIL / PATH

RESTROOMS
& CONCESSIONS



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PLAY AREA

PARKING LOT FOR SHELTER
NO SOCCER PARKING

SCALE

□ =25' -

4 U6
4 -U8
4 -U10
3 -U12
2 -U14