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Davis AYSO is an all volunteer organization dedicated to making the game of soccer an enjoyable experience for the youth of this region. Our kids are only able to enjoy this program and the beautiful game of soccer because of you, the parent volunteer. Davis AYSO requires all families to contribute their time to make this organization function. When you sign your child up for AYSO soccer, you are also committing to volunteer your time to our organization. Whether it is coaching, refereeing, being a team parent, or helping to setup or take down goals on game days; games can only be played with the time and effort put in by ALL the parent volunteers. By us all sharing the load, we lighten it for everyone, while giving the kids a wonderful experience too!

If you would like to get involved with more administrative matters and organizational functions, we are also looking to expand our Board Member base. Please contact the Regional Commissioner, Steve Brown at, commissioner@davisayos.net or 759-1344.

Here's what other volunteers have to say about their involvement with Davis AYSO:

... Hearing the kids call out your name to say "Hi" outside of soccer sure makes my day!

... AYSO has the best player AND coach development plans that I have ever seen, from U6 on up through U19.

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Spring Season Soccer Planning

Our Spring Season Planning Committee is currently working on the Spring soccer schedule, as well as recruiting Divisional Coach Administrators (DCA's), Coaches, Referees, and other volunteers to help make the Spring Season a success for our kids.



Spring Walk-In Registration will be held at North Davis Elementary's MPR on **Wednesday, February 22nd** from **6 – 9pm**, and again on **Saturday, February 25th** from **12 – 3pm**. Please mark your calendars for these dates as spring registration cut-off will end on March 4th.

Additionally, for any new coaches, referees, and other parent volunteers, we need to conduct and staff the necessary training clinics; such as Safe Haven, Coaching, and Referee clinics. It is also important that each volunteer fill out a Volunteer Application online through www.eAYSO.org, once, every year.

Athletic Fields in Davis

Athletic fields have been a topic for discussion in Davis a lot lately, even appearing as an issue in the recent Measure X with regards to the fate of Nugget fields. AYSO forbids regions from involvement in election campaigns, but even if your region could be involved, reaching a consensus of opinion among parents and the board would have been difficult. However, the board does agree on the following: 1) We have a significant shortage of good soccer fields for play and practice; 2) We need to plan for expanding fields in response to either growth in our soccer program, the loss of non-city fields such as Nugget, or both; and, 3) We support the development of a sports park wherever the city is able to build it, while continuing the use of Community Park since the weekly soccer gala on Fall Saturdays is an important part of our community.

Davis AYSO has been actively working on finding solutions to meet the today's needs while planning for the future. Our region is the largest in northern California, with over 2300 players. Anticipated growth in player participation will put pressure on existing facilities, with or without the loss of Nugget fields. Additionally, adding better fields will improve the overall player experience and allow for hosting of tournaments. To this end, Davis AYSO has over the last few years begun building a field development fund. Although the DJUSD board extended the lease on the Nugget field through 2006, the future after that is uncertain. Since no AYSO region may own land, purchasing property is not an option and would likely be prohibitively expensive. However, AYSO can be involved in the development of new fields.

Recently, articles in the local newspaper have discussed AYSO and its plans on field development. As the dialog continues, please assume that any statement without a direct quote from the commissioner are not accurate or, at best, speculation.

Fall 2006 Timeline

While our Spring season is nearing, we are also working on dates for our Fall 2006 season. Here is an idea of what we need to accomplish early on: recruitment of DCA's (12 total) and potential coaches (190+), recruit training volunteers, coordinate dates for multiple training clinics (Safe Haven, Coaching and Refereeing), recruit volunteers for registration and data entry assistance, inventory equipment, and field reservations. These are just to name a few.



Mark your calendars for our **Fall Walk-In Registration** dates:

Sat., April 1st & Wed., April 5th, 2006

More information will be posted on our website, <http://www.davisayso.org> under Fall Season.

Davis AYSO Needs Referees!

We have a critical lack of referees to officiate the games for the lower age levels. Three referees are needed for each game at the U10 age group and above; a Center Referee and two Assistant Referees. Without trained referees the games cannot be played under the AYSO standards for games to be played in a SAFE, FAIR and FUN manner. At the U6, U8 and U10 age levels, Davis AYSO requires each team to supply and have trained two new referees each season. At the U6 and U8 levels, trained Parent Referees are required to referee their own team's games; games can be cancelled if teams fail to supply referees for a game.



AYSO provides free training and uniforms for volunteers. No experience playing soccer nor is any previous knowledge necessary... just a desire to help the kids. Anyone 12 and older is eligible to referee. We are especially looking to increase our ranks of female referees. Refereeing can be a very fun and rewarding experience, plus it helps provide exercise. Take the first step and sign up for a training course and see for yourself. Go to www.davisayso.org to see what classes are currently being offered.

Budget / Money

It's a common question, "What is my registration fee used for?" The Davis Chapter of AYSO has a budget the size of a small business in town. Some of the expenses are obvious, while others are not. Some of the less visible, but very important expenses include: \$20,000/year to keep Nugget fields maintained, \$5,000/year to the City of Davis for field reservations and maintenance, while some smaller, monthly bills include internet and telephone services, trash, electricity, yellow page ad, and building insurance.

If you would like to read more about our budget and how as a Board we plan our year, please see our website, under AYSO Administration.