



## Richland AYSO Soccer Tournament Team Invitation



Hello, Coaches!

Richland AYSO is proud to invite your team to our Richland Soccer Tournament

**Scope:** AYSO Section Tournament – open to AYSO teams only from Section 13.

**When:** Saturday, June 14, 2025

**Where:** The tournament will be held at Richland AYSO's field on Schoolhouse Road. There is no charge for parking. No pets are allowed at fields.

**Who:** AYSO coed teams in age divisions 16U/19U (7v7) 12 players maximum, 14U (11v11) 15 players maximum, 12U (9v9) 12 players maximum, and 10U (7v7) 10 players max. All players must be registered to play in the AYSO 2024 Fall or 2025 Spring season. Guest players will be allowed (3 maximum per team).

**What:** Pool play tournament. Each team will be guaranteed 3 games in pool play. The top teams will advance to the medal round in the afternoon.

**Why:** The Richland Soccer Tournament is being conducted as a fundraiser by Region 996 to raise funds to give college scholarships to a former AYSO soccer player.

**Awards:** All players and 1 coach and 1 assistant coach per team will receive a tournament t-shirt. All players on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place teams will receive a trophy.

**Entry Fee, Refunds:** \$180 for 16/19U, \$225 for 14U, \$180 for 12U, and \$150 for 10U. A full refund will be issued if tournament is canceled and cannot be rescheduled. If a team withdraws 30 or more days before the tournament, a full refund is given. Within 30 days of the tournament, no refund is provided unless a replacement team is found.

**Referee Fee, Refunds:** Teams are required to provide a center qualified referee for five (5) games. Your team's referee has to be present if your team plays the championship game. Any team not bringing a qualified center referee shall pay a \$100 fee.

**Rules:** A full set of tournament rules are posted on the tournament website.

**Acceptance:** The application deadline is May 31. All teams will be notified within 48 hours of the application deadline or receipt of application (whichever is latest) as to their status. Teams that are not accepted will be given the option to have their complete application returned or to be placed on the waiting list.

**How:** Team entry applications and all necessary forms are available on the tournament website (see below). Please send 1 Region check that covers both the Entry and Referee fees, along with the tournament application, referee information form, and team roster to the Tournament Registrar address below. Regional commissioner must sign application and team roster. Appropriate referee administrator must sign referee information form. See referee form for details. Head Coach must sign to certify they have read both the region and area tournament rules.  
Make region check payable to: AYSO Region 996 Tournament Fund

**Address:** Tournament Registrar  
Suzie Leitenberger  
P.O. Box 731  
Johnstown, PA 15907

**Information:** Phone: 814-266-2214  
E-mail: aysorichlandtournament@gmail.com  
Website: richlandayso.com



## Richland AYSO Tournament Team Application

Team location and name to be used in tournament: \_\_\_\_\_ Region: \_\_\_\_\_ Area: \_\_\_\_\_ Division: \_\_\_\_\_

Title	Name	Phone#	Email	Shirt Size
Coach				
Asst.Coach				
Referee				

**\*Each team will only be permitted to have one head coach and one assistant coach on the team sideline.**

**REFEREE MUST BE CAPABLE TO DO CENTER**

**Each team 10U through 16/19U is required to bring a center referee who is qualified to officiate in the center position and referee five (5) games. The team referee must be available as long as the team is competing. If under the age of 18 please fill out youth referee form.**

**\*ONLY OFFICIAL SPORTS CONNECT ROSTERS LISTING COACHES AND PLAYERS NAMES WILL BE ACCEPTED. OFFICIAL TEAM ROSTERS MUST BE SIGNED AND APPROVED BY TEAMS REGIONAL COMMISSIONER.**

**\*Please add player shirt sizes next to each player's name on the official Sports Connect Roster.**

**PLEASE READ THE TOURNAMENT RULES PRIOR TO COMPLETING THIS ROSTER.**

**FEE for 16/19U is \$180.00**

**(2 girls on the field)**

**MAXIMUM PLAYERS: 12 for 16/19U (7v7)**

**FEE for 14U is \$225.00**

**(3 girls on the field)**

**MAXIMUM PLAYERS: 15 for 14U (11 v11)**

**FEE for 12U is \$180.00**

**(3 girls on the field)**

**MAXIMUM PLAYERS: 12 for 12U (9v9)**

**FEE for 10U is \$150.00**

**(2 girls on the field)**

**MAXIMUM PLAYERS: 10 for 10U (7v7)**

**This is a CO-ED Tournament**

### **COACH CERTIFICATION /TRAINING POLICY**

- **Must be a registered volunteer in Sports Connect for the current year.**
- **Have AYSO Safe Haven for Coaches certification.**

**As Head Coach, I certify that I have fully read both the Richland AYSO Soccer Tournament rules and Area Tournament Rules and will follow them accordingly.**

**Head Coach Signature: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Make check payable to: Richland AYSO Tournament Fund**

**Return completed form and check to: Suzie Leitenberger ([aysorichlandtournament@gmail.com](mailto:aysorichlandtournament@gmail.com))  
P.O. Box 731  
Johnstown, PA 15907  
(814) 266-2214**





## Richland AYSO Soccer Tournament Youth Referee Letter



**Youth Referee Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Current Age** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Region:</b> _____	<b>Team Name:</b> _____
<b>Coach Name:</b> _____	
<b>Age Division:</b>	<b>10U      12U      14U      16U/19U      Coed</b>



Youth referees must carry a copy of this letter with them at all times and present it to any Tournament Officials upon request. Youth referees also must either have a parent/guardian present at all times, or must have a copy of their Youth Volunteer Registration Form attached to this Letter.

- Richland Soccer Tournament requires that Youth Referees have this letter of authorization from their respective Regional Referee Administrator, certifying that they are skilled and experienced to handle the rigors of a competitive tournament game.
- Richland Soccer Tournament further requires that the Youth Referee be at least 2 years older than the age group for which they are officiating, and further that they are not a player on a team that is currently entered in the tournament.

**I understand that a highly competitive tournament like the Richland Soccer Tournament generates a great deal of excitement and rigorous play that present a unique challenge to any referee. As a youth referee, there is an increased level of challenge due to the scrutiny that a youth referee is subjected to. Nevertheless, I certify that this Youth Referee is a member in good standing from my Region, that s/he is skilled and experienced to referee games up to the level indicated below, and that s/he is at least 2 years older than the age group indicated:**

	10U	12U	14U	16U/19U
Skill level as a Center Referee (check all that apply)				
Skill level as an Assistant Referee (check all that apply)				



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Borrowing Team Information:				Roster Date:	
Region: _____		Team Name: _____			
Coach Name: _____					
Age Division:	10U	12U	14U	16U/ 19U	Coed

All American Tournament rules allow teams to bring up to 3 "Guest Players" when they are unable to recruit sufficient players from their own Region. These Guest Players must be properly registered AYSO players who were registered and played in their home Region in the Fall 2024/Spring 2025 program.

*(List In Order By Uniform Shirt No.)*

Shirt #	Region #	Player ID #	Player's Name <small>Last, First (please print)</small>	Age	Date of Birth	Telephone <small>Including Area Code</small>

***By my signature below, I certify that all players on this roster are valid registered players in my region and are approved to join the above team and participate in this tournament:***

Guest Player(s) Regional Commissioner: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Print Name**
\_\_\_\_\_ **Attach Email Approval**

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Best Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

***By my signature below, I approve that these \_\_\_\_\_ (number of players) guest players are approved to join the above team and participate in this tournament:***

Team Regional Commissioner Name \_\_\_\_\_

Attach Email Approval: \_\_\_\_\_

Area Director Name \_\_\_\_\_

Attach Email Approval: \_\_\_\_\_

(Required) \_\_\_\_\_





## Richland AYSO Soccer Tournament

### Referee Plan



The following are guidelines that the Richland Soccer Tournament will apply for referees in our tournament:

Commitment Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Each team participating in the Richland Soccer Tournament must provide at least 1 center qualified referee.</li><li>B. The Richland Soccer Tournament Referee Information Form must be completed, approved by the Region Referee Administrator and returned with the Team Application.</li><li>C. Each referee team will be asked to officiate a <b>minimum of 5 matches</b> during the tournament. These may be game assignments or standby assignments.</li><li>D. Any team not bringing a center qualified referee shall pay a \$100 fee.</li><li>E. Remember: the quality of officiating is largely dependent upon the experience and abilities of the referees you provide.</li></ul>
Qualification Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Each referee must be an AYSO registered volunteer in the current year and Safe Haven certified.</li><li>B. Each referee must be versed in the Laws of the Game, including current law changes and capable of applying the laws according to the spirit of the game.</li><li>C. Each referee may only represent one team in the tournament.</li><li>D. Players in the tournament will not be allowed to officiate.</li><li>E. Coaches are permitted to referee if certified in this tournament but can not officiate in the division they are coaching.</li><li>F. Youth referees will only be allowed if they are not a player in the tournament. Care must be taken when considering whether to allow a youth referee to officiate in the heated environment of a competitive tournament. These referees must have their Youth Volunteer Application form filled out.</li></ul>
Uniform Requirement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. All referees must be in full Uniform as defined by AYSO and USSF, including the AYSO Badge.</li><li>B. The Gold uniform will be considered the primary color of referee uniform for this tournament. The referee crew will be expected to change to an alternate color in case of conflict with either of the teams' uniforms.</li><li>C. Referees not in uniform will not be permitted to referee games.</li></ul>
Competency Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Referees will be assigned to games. Any exceptions must have the prior written approval of the Referee Administrator</li><li>B. Every effort will be made to assign referees to neutral games at their level of competency or below.</li></ul>
Tournament Rules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Referees will be expected to familiarize themselves with and uphold the tournament rules, AYSO guidelines and FIFA laws. Any failure of the referee to uphold these rules may be cause for dismissal from the tournament and will place a team's referee deposit refund in jeopardy.</li><li>B. Only the diagonal system of control will be used.</li><li>C. Referees will be expected to fill out the game cards and to keep track of substitutions.</li><li>D. Referees will be expected to note on the back of the game cards and to fill out misconduct reports immediately after the game in which a misconduct (caution and/or send-off) was issued to a player or coach, or if there were spectator interference problems, or any other action that merits a report.</li><li>E. Referees will be expected to turn in all completed game cards and misconduct reports to the Field Monitor immediately after each game.</li></ul>
Referee Schedules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Referee schedules will be handled at the Referee Tent and by the Tournament Referee Administrator.</li></ul>
Use of Local Referees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Additional referees will be provided by the host region, from the surrounding regions and Areas to ensure all games are covered by qualified referees. These referees will be provided with assignments on a stand-by or fill-in basis. Priority will be given to a team's referees to ensure they are not assessed a fee.</li></ul>
Referee Check-In	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. All referees will be expected to check in at the Referee Station upon their arrival at the tournament, to register and to collect their Referee Voucher.</li><li>B. At check-in, each referee team will be provided with a summarized set of tournament rules that they</li></ul>



	<p>will be expected to administer.</p> <p>C. Referees are expected to check in at the Referee Station at least 30 minutes prior to their assigned game.</p>
Referee Mementos	<p>A. Referees that sign up for their required number of games will be provided with free food and drink at the concession stand. Chilled water and snacks may also be available at the Referee Station.</p> <p>B. Participating referees that referee their required number of games will receive a tournament t-shirt as a memento to thank them for their contribution.</p>
Address:	<p>Referee forms must be mailed with the Team Application to:</p> <p>Tournament Registrar  Suzie Leitenberger  P.O. Box 731  Johnstown, PA 15907</p>
Contact Information:	<p>Questions regarding referee requirements should be directed to:</p> <p>Phone: 814-266-2214  E-mail: aysorichlandtournament@gmail.com  Website: richlandasyo.com</p>





# Richland Soccer Tournament Rules

Thank you for playing in our Richland Soccer Tournament

## JURISDICTION

1. The tournament committee will decide on all matters pertaining to the tournament and their judgment is final.
2. Unless otherwise noted, the current AYSO National Rules and Regulations and Laws of the Game (as amended for AYSO) will be used. This includes **NO TOBACCO AND NO ALCOHOL**.
3. Referee judgment calls are NOT subject to dispute or protest!

## FEES

1. Entire fee of \$150 for 10U; \$180 for 12U; \$225 for 14U; \$180 for 16/19U ~ must accompany the tournament application which must be received by May 30, 2025. **Fee must be a check issued from the REGION's account (no personal checks).**

## ACCEPTANCE

1. Applications will be accepted on a first-come basis (postage date), which includes the completed application pack and regional check.

## REFUNDS

1. Teams withdrawing by May 24, 2024 will receive a full refund. Teams withdrawing afterward will only be issued a refund if a replacement team can be found.
2. If the tournament is canceled and cannot be rescheduled a full refund will be issued.

## REGISTRATION

1. The Richland Soccer Tournament is open to teams in the 10U, 12U, 14U, & 16/19U. **16/19U must have more or an equal amount of 16U players vs 19U players on the roster.** Players divisions are based on the following birth dates:  
**10U** 01-01-15 to 12-31-16 -- You must have a minimum of two girls on the field at all times  
**12U** 01-01-13 to 12-31-14 -- You must have a minimum of three girls on the field at all times  
**14U** 01-01-11 to 12-31-12 -- You must have a minimum of three girls on the field at all times  
**16/19U** 01-01-06 to 12-31-10 -- You must have a minimum of two girls on the field at all times  
The players on the team roster must be a registered AYSO player for the current year. Players may play up a division (**except no U8 registered players may participate in the tournament**), however they may not play down a division. If players played up a division during the regular season, then that is the age group they must play in the tournament.
2. If due to injury a team is unable to meet the requirement of girls on the field. That team would be required to play short the remainder of the game or until enough girls are healthy enough to participate again.
3. Team rosters must be verified, approved and signed by each player's Regional Commissioner. Roster changes may be submitted (with the written approval of the Regional Commissioner); however, these changes must be presented at team registration. Coaches must report to register their teams 30 minutes prior to their first scheduled game. Registration will take place at the registration tent at the Met Life/UPJ fields.
4. Guest players (limit 3) from a different region other than the applying team's region will **ONLY** be allowed after complete exhaustion of all eligible players from the applying teams region and with the written approval of the **AREA DIRECTOR**. If granted, the guest player will be required to have the approval of both the guest player's Regional Commissioner and the Host Team Regional Commissioner on the Guest Player Form.



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5. You may only register for one division and one team (example: you can NOT play for 12U & 14U) you will have to choose one division.

## THE GAME

1. Each team is guaranteed a minimum of three (3) games. The games will be played in two 15 minute halves with a 3 minute half-time for 10U through 16/19U. Games will start and stop with airhorn. Time will not stop for any reason.
2. Division 10U will play 7 v 7 with a roster limit of 10 players per team and a minimum of 7 to start a game. Division 12U will play 9 v 9 with a roster limit of 12 players per team and a minimum of 9 to start a game. Division 14U will play 11v11 with a roster limit of 15 players per team and a minimum 11 to start a game. Division 16/19U will play 7 v 7 with a roster limit of 12 players per team and minimum 7 to start a game. You can't have more 19U than 16U players on team roster. Referees will start all games on the timekeeper's signal. A team that does not appear by the start of the game with a minimum number of players will forfeit and the opposing team will receive a win with maximum of 14 points.

## **PLEASE NOTE the following tournament rule variations.**

**10U Division Tournament Rule** – No heading or slide tackling is permitted. An infraction of this tournament rule will result in an Indirect Free Kick for the opposing team.

**12U Division Tournament Rule** – No heading or slide tackling is permitted. An infraction of this tournament rule will result in an Indirect Free Kick for the opposing team.

3. The home team is the first one listed on the schedule. There should be no spectators on the side of the field where players & team coaches are positioned.
4. Lineup cards shall be completed by the coaches and forwarded to the referee after each game.
5. Approximately halfway through the first half of play and second half of play, on a dead ball, the referee will stop the game and call for substitutions. Only those players being substituted may leave the field. The clock will continue to run during substitutions. Coaches shall not be permitted on the field during substitution opportunities.
6. All players that are present will play at least one half of each game, excluding overtime unless there is an injury.
7. **No player is permitted to play on two different teams.**

## COACHES

1. Each team is limited to one Head Coach and one Assistant Coach only (must have one of each) and must be listed on the Official Team Roster.
2. Each Coach must be Safe-Haven certified and must provide their AYSO Identification Number.
3. Coaches are expected to set the example for their team in exhibiting proper AYSO and Kid Zone behavior and will be held responsible for the actions of their team including spectators.
4. The coaches must remain on their half of the field during the entire game.

## REFEREES

1. Each team 10U through 16/19U is required to bring a referee (over 16 years of age) who is **qualified to officiate in the center position of the age division for the team they represent.** Should you not bring a referee you will be charged \$100 prior to being accepted in the tournament. The team referee must be available as long as the team is competing.
2. Referees shall at all times impose the FIFA laws and AYSO rules and regulations, except those mentioned here.



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## STANDINGS

1. A team receives: 10 points for a win, 5 points for a tie, 1 point for a shutout, 1 point for each goal scored up to 3. Score of a forfeited game is 14-0. Yellow card results in -1 point and red card results in -2 points. (Yellow Cards do not carry over to the next game.)
2. Total points determine standings. In case of ties standings will be determined by the following criteria:
  - 1) Head to head (Result of playing against each other earlier in day)
  - 2) Goal differential up to (3) goals per game max, plus or minus
  - 3) Least goals allowed
  - 4) Fewest red cards
  - 5) Fewest yellow cards
  - 6) Kicks from the mark – 5 players

## OVERTIME RULES: (Playoffs & Championship Only)

- 1<sup>st</sup> - One five minute period of regular overtime (Full five minute over time is played)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - One five minute period of sudden victory (FIRST GOAL WINS)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - (Shoot Out) Kicks from the mark (three shooters) still tied after first round, (three new shooters) Sequence continues with groups of three shooters until winner is determined. After initial three shooters, winner is determined if 4<sup>th</sup> shooter scores for one team but not the other. Shots will continue one by one until this occurs. Same player is not allowed to shoot twice until all active players on that team shoots at least once

## CONDUCT

1. Spectator behavior shall adhere to AYSO philosophies and the rules of the AYSO KIDS ZONE. All Spectators must remain behind the control line. No spectators are permitted to be behind the goals. Spectators behaving in a manner inconsistent with AYSO philosophies and the KIDS ZONE Rules will be instructed to leave the fields and facility area. Failure by spectators to display appropriate behavior or leave the field/facility as directed by the tournament director, could result in a forfeit by the team with which the spectator is associated or dismissal of the team for the remainder of the tournament.
2. At the conclusion of each match, the competing teams will shake hands and the referee should note on the reverse of the game cards fan, player and coach misconduct. Referees will be required to complete a game report for all misconduct during the game, as well as any incidents of interference by spectators.
3. Any coach or spectator ejected must immediately leave the vicinity of the playing field and will be prohibited from attending the next scheduled game. Any player sent off (red carded) except as noted in "4" below must remain on the team bench and under supervision of the coach(s) for the duration of the game, and may not return to the field of play during the current game, including for the post-game handshake, and may not be substituted for, and is suspended from participation in the next game.
4. Any violent conduct red card or ejection will result in that player/coach/spectator being barred from the remainder of the tournament.
5. If it is determined that an ineligible player has participated in a game, the team will forfeit all games in which that player participated. If a coach knowingly played an ineligible player that coach will be banned from participating in future Richland AYSO tournaments.
6. If a coach willfully fails to have his team participate in a scheduled game, the coach will be dismissed from the tournament and the incident will be reported to the respective Regional Commissioner.
7. All misconduct problems and serious incidents will be reported to the respective Regional Commissioner, Area and Section Director.

## UNIFORMS/SAFETY

1. All players must wear the approved AYSO uniform as illustrated in the National Rules and Regulations. All players on the same team must wear matching uniforms of the same color. Excluding the Goalkeeper) – If there is a conflict in the color of uniform for a game, the home team (listed first on the schedule) will change to the tournament T-shirt as directed by the referee. **NO TEAM is permitted to wear uniforms that have yellow shirts/socks which could result in confusion with referee uniforms.**



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2. Each player's uniform must be marked with a permanently-affixed unique number that matches the uniform number on the game card and may not exchange numbered jerseys with any other player during the game.
3. Any time the game is stopped for a player down, that player **MUST LEAVE THE FIELD** and cannot return until the next scheduled substitution time. The injured player can be replaced upon injury.
4. Jewelry, hard casts, or hard metal or plastic clips on clothing or hair are not permitted. Knee braces must be adequately padded. Prior to a player participating in any activity, coaches must identify and get approval for any brace from the tournament director. All braces must be adequately padded. If the tournament director believes the brace lacks sufficient padding, the player may not participate in play. A player participating with a brace not previously identified and approved in advance by the tournament director will receive a red card and be sent off. The offending team may **NOT** substitute for the player sent off and that team will play short for the remainder of that game.

## INCLEMENT WEATHER

1. Only the Tournament Director or Referees have the authority to postpone, shorten or cancel a game due to inclement weather. The safety of players and spectators are the top priority. Every attempt will be made to maintain the original game schedule, and to reschedule canceled games. However this cannot be guaranteed. In the event a match is canceled due to inclement weather, the score at the time of cancellation will be recorded if one half has been completed. No points will be awarded for any match played less than  $\frac{1}{2}$  of its scheduled time. The tournament Director reserves the right to make whatever adjustments may be necessary in game length or number of games in order to proceed with the schedule (following delays due to inclement weather). Teams will be considered with equal amounts of games played. For example, if one team has completed more games than the others in a division have, the previous game's points will be eliminated from the standings, as determined by tournament committee. Should the tournament be interrupted due to inclement weather, and cannot resume, the team with the most accumulated tournament points will be the winner and the team with the second highest accumulated points will be the second-place team. In the event of a tie see Standings item #2.

**Play hard!      Play fair!      Have fun!**



**2024 RICHLAND SOCCER TOURNAMENT**  
**16/19U – 7 V 7 RULES**

1. F.I.F.A. outdoor rules will apply except as noted. **Offside will be enforced.**
2. **Goalkeepers may NOT punt or drop kick.** They may distribute the ball by throwing or playing it with their feet.
3. Kickoffs are indirect kicks.
4. All kicks are to be indirect, **except penalty kicks and corner kicks**, which will be direct.
5. When the goalie releases the ball it must be touched by another player on either team or the ground before it can cross the center line. Violation of this rule will be an indirect kick for the opposing team from the spot where the ball crossed the center line.