



All Stars Coach's Manual

The SYSA All Stars program is an extension of the recreational (House League) program, and provides children with an opportunity to play at a more competitive level.

The two All Stars tournaments in which SYSA participates are the HYS Thanksgiving, and the FPYC Father's Day tournaments.

All currently registered SYSA **recreational** players are eligible to play if selected; no carded Travel Players should participate in these recreation-oriented tournaments.

I. COACH SELECTION

1. Coaches will submit an application via the on-line form (sysa.net -> Coaches Corner -> Online Coach Forms))
2. The application will include the qualifications and other pertinent information of the Head Coach (contact information, etc). Coach selections are made based on this information. Only one coach per team is considered.
3. Once selected, coaches are to provide the All Stars Coordinator with details of their assistant coach when identified.

II. PLAYER SELECTION

1. The designated try-out weekends are announced at the coaches pre-season meetings and on the website, and will be sent by email to the club membership, along with the time and field allocation for each age group as determined by the SYSA Field Director.
1. There will be no more than 3 tryout sessions prior to the selection of the team; children need to attend at least one tryout session to be considered.
2. Final team selection and notice to those players selected AND not selected is to occur no later than 3 days after the last tryout is held. Coaches are reminded to use appropriate methods when communicating their selections to the players; this should be done personally to each family.
3. Final selection is the decision of the Head Coach for each team, subject to the following All Stars guidelines: it is to be understood that children demonstrating the best talent and skill, combined with achieving a standard of behavior and sportsmanship, are the primary candidates for selection.
4. No coach is obligated to select a child not meeting this criterion, including children of other coaches or volunteers in SYSA. No Head Coach may guarantee any player, other than his/her own child, a position on any team. Children who have been on previous All Stars teams are not given preference.

III. TEAM SELECTION AND PREPARATION

1. Following the tryouts, the Head coach(es) shall hold weekly practices, having obtained a field allocation from the Field Director, which are usually on Sundays. Coaches are encouraged to seek out opportunities for scrimmages with other local All Stars teams.
2. In the event of there being more than one team in an age/gender bracket, the designated Head coaches may choose to run joint practices without immediately forming their separate rosters. The Head Coaches form their separate rosters by mutual consent. No All Stars coach can guarantee a player a position on his/her team, other than his/her own child. If a parent declines an offered placement this may result in the child not participating in All Stars that season.
3. Since the tournaments don't have a policy of identifying A and B teams at tournament registration, it is SYSA policy that teams be created of equal strength.



IV. TOURNAMENT PROCESS

1. U8 – U10 Teams. Uniforms are purchased by team members, at a set cost of –*check with all-stars coordinator*– for shirt. Once their roster is set, coaches are asked to get shirt sizes, which should be forwarded to the Coordinator. All SYSA All Stars teams wear the official SYSA uniform.
2. U11 – U19 Teams (i.e. SFL Teams), play with their regular SFL uniform.
3. Player passes are generated from the roster details; these should include each player's name and birth date. If necessary a family may be asked to supply a copy of their child's birth certificate.
4. Medical release forms need to be completed by the families on the forms supplied by the Tournaments.
5. Fees include the price of the uniform and each player's share of the tournament fee. SYSA will provide patches as required to exchange with other teams during the tournament. Coaches are responsible for collecting these monies, which should be either cash or individual checks from each family, payable to SYSA.
6. The Coordinator will announce arrangements for the exchange; he/she supplies the uniforms, passes and certified rosters, with the coaches bringing the monies. Coaches will need the 3 pieces of paperwork (roster, passes and medical release) when they register before their first tournament game, and should always have them available until the end of the tournament.
7. Schedules are normally posted on the tournament web-site, which should be monitored regularly in case of changes due to weather or other factors.

V. AFFORDABILITY

The All Stars program is an extension of the House program; as such, participation in All Stars is not intended to be a financial hardship to the children and their families. Accordingly, paid coaches/trainers are NOT a cost to be apportioned among All Stars players. A request for financial assistance should be directed to the League Administrator at the time of final player selection.

VI. NON INTERFERENCE

Tryouts and practices are not to conflict with the House league schedules (practices, regular season play and tournaments). Questions on league schedules can be directed to the Age Group Coordinator. All Stars teams can normally expect to practice on Sundays, and players selected to the teams are expected to make the commitment of attending all their practices and scrimmages.

VII. PLAYING TIME

Try to play everyone on your roster a substantial amount during the tournament. As an absolute minimum each player is guaranteed the equivalent of at least one-quarter of play for each game attended in full. Any coach violating the playing time rule will not be eligible to coach an All Stars team in the next season. If there is a problem involving non-attendance or disruptive behavior, please consult with the Coordinator.

Coaches have the responsibility prior to final team selection to inform all parents and players that no player is guaranteed more than one-quarter of playing time per game, nor any specific position.

In consideration of the players, it is highly suggested that the coach choose roster size with care. Teams need not select the maximum number of players allowed by the tournament regulations. Of course, factors such as weather and known schedule conflicts can play a role in determining roster size. As a rule of thumb, the following suggestions are offered: if you play 8 a side, select a maximum roster of 12. If you play 11 a side, select a maximum roster of 15.



VIII. SPORTSMANSHIP

Is a major part of any game and it should be emphasized over and over again. All-Stars teams, coaches, parents and other spectators represent the entire SYSA organization when participating in any endeavor, especially regional events such as these. Therefore, it is especially important that all SYSA participants consistently display superior sportsmanship toward each other, the opposing teams, referees, tournament officials and others involved in the tournament. As is the rule in soccer, the coach must consider himself/herself responsible for the behavior of all on his/her sideline. It is suggested that the coach discuss with players and parents the type of behavior that is expected of them.