



AYSO Southern California Extra Developmental Soccer League Pool Play Playoff Guidelines

**Hosted by
Beaumont, Chino, South Pasadena,
Costa Mesa and La Habra
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SCEDSL Pool Playoffs 9U-14U 2023-2024

Welcome to the 2023-2024 SCEDSL Pool Play Playoffs. This event brings together AYSO Extra teams from Sections 1, 10, and 11. We hope you will have a safe and enjoyable playoff event this year.

These Guidelines have been established to set a standard for all teams to compete in these playoffs. Your knowledge of these Guidelines could be the difference between an enjoyable time and a disappointing time for you, your team, or your child. Therefore, all coaches and spectators are urged to read carefully and follow these guidelines with a positive and sportsmanlike spirit to benefit all the young people participating and playing soccer in our respective Regions, teammates, and opponents alike.

These Guidelines do not supersede AYSO National Rules and Regulations, Policy Statements, or the SCEDSL Rules and Regulations but are intended to cover those they do not address. If you have any questions regarding these guidelines, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Beaumont, Chino, and South Pasadena are the hosting regions in Section 1, while Costa Mesa and La Habra are the hosting regions in Section 11. The addresses for the five locations will be posted on the website and sent out to all commissioners and coordinators.

No dogs or pets are allowed at the fields, and the use of tobacco or alcohol products is strictly prohibited.

Team Check-in: With five locations, all teams will proceed to the respective fields, and referees will do the standard check-in for all teams. We will not have a formal check-in process for the pool play playoffs. However, all teams need to check-in at the volunteer tent for volunteer assignments as needed.

Field Setup and Takedown: Teams playing the first game on their field will be responsible for field setup. Teams playing the last game of the day are responsible for field takedown and cleanup. ***Please check the schedule*** for the last game of the day. All teams will help with trash pick-up and volunteer tasks at all locations.

Uniforms: Every player shall wear a matching team uniform consisting of a jersey, shorts, and socks, as provided by the Region per AYSO Rules and Regulations. Casts, splints, hats, scarves, and jewelry are prohibited. Commercially manufactured shinguards of the appropriate size are mandatory and worn under the socks. Sweatshirts may be worn under the uniform jersey if the garment is of the same color and general style for all teammates who wear them: no hoods or metal on the sweatshirts. Sweat pants will not be worn. If there are conflicting colors, the home team will change colors or wear colored vests.

Referee Coverage Requirements: To ensure fair play and the smooth running of the tournament, we require active participation from each team in providing referee support.

Requirements:

1. Referee Contribution: Each team participating in the tournament is required to provide qualified referees to cover a total of three (3) games during the pool play weekend.
2. Referee Qualifications: Referees provided by the teams must be certified, registered in the current membership year and in good standing with AYSO. They should be familiar with the EXTRA program rules and tournament guidelines.
3. Scheduling and Assignments: Referee assignments will be communicated to each team well in advance of the tournament. Teams are responsible for ensuring their assigned referees are present and ready to officiate at the scheduled times and locations.



4. Failure to Comply: Teams that do not fulfill their referee responsibilities risk impacting the tournament schedule and quality of play. Consequently, teams failing to provide the required referee support may be deemed ineligible to advance to the quarterfinals. This decision will be at the discretion of the tournament committee.
5. Reporting: Referees must report to the referee administration desk at least 30 minutes before each assigned match.

Your commitment to fulfilling these referee responsibilities ensures a successful and enjoyable experience for all participants.

Advancement to the Quarter-Finals: 9U boys, 10U girls, 11U girls, and 12U girls have 4 pools of 4. The top 2 in each playoff by points will advance to the quarter-finals. The 10U boys, 11U boys, and 12U boys will have 5 pools of 4 teams. The winner of each pool will advance to the quarter-finals; the next three teams, based on points from all 5 pools, will advance for a total of 8 teams. Tie breakers will be posted below. 9U girls, 13U boys, 13U girls, 14U boys, and 14U girls have 3 pools of 4 teams. Based on points, the top 2 in each pool will move on to the quarter-finals. The next 2 teams, based on points out of the 3 pools, will move on to the quarter-finals to make a total of 8 teams.

Spectators and Sideline Behavior: Spectators will occupy the same sideline as their team and must stay at least three (3) feet back from the touchline and between the 18-yard lines marking the penalty areas. Spectators shall only engage in positive comments directed to their players. Spectators shall make **no** comments to the referees or the opposing team. They will conduct themselves in a manner befitting a member of an AYSO Team. **A violation of this policy will face the sternest discipline. Remember, you are in a Kids Zone.** Please clean up your sideline area and pick up trash after each game.

Substitutions: Substitutions will be in accordance with the AYSO laws of the game.

Grace Period: A minimum of 7 players shall constitute a team in Divisions 11U-14U, with five players comprising a team for Division 10U. A game will only commence or continue if one or both teams can field 7 or 5 eligible players. Starting from the scheduled kickoff time, the referee shall allow a grace period of 15 minutes, after which the referee will refer the game to the Playoff Committee for disposition of the match, up to and including declaring a forfeit.

Competition Format:

Duration for the pool play playoffs will be as follows:

- 13U/14U - Two 30-minute halves
- 11U/12U - Two 25-minute halves
- 9U/10U - Two 20-minute halves
- The halftime break will be 5 minutes

The games can end in a tie, and no overtime will be played.

Point Format:

1. 6 Points for a win
2. 3 points for a tie
3. 1 point for a shutout
4. 1 point per goal, maximum of three.

Cautions/Send-off: Any player or coach sent off for the following reasons:

1. Violent conduct and serious foul play

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2. Foul and/or abusive language

Before, during, or after the match, maybe suspended for other matches, up to and including the remainder of the Championships. The Extra Referee Administrator and Section Staff will review all red cards to determine if further discipline is necessary.

Players and coaches will be suspended from the next match for any other send-off not covered above.

Tie-Breakers:

1. Head-to-Head Competition
2. Goal Differential
3. Goals allowed
4. Send-offs (For any coach, player, or spectator)
5. Met volunteer requirements
6. Coin toss

Artificial Noisemakers: Artificial noisemaking devices, such as but not limited to air horns, cowbells, drums, megaphones, etc., shall not be allowed.

Protest: There will be no protesting of games, red cards, or yellow cards. Our staff will not get into any debates or discussions from parents or coaches regarding how a game was refereed. Instead, Referee Feedback forms will be available at the Referee tent or from our Referee Staff. We encourage your positive feedback and comments. **AYSO Section 1 is an organization that positively practices the ongoing mentoring of all referees and coaches.**

These Guidelines shall be applied and administered by the Playoff Committee, which shall also decide on anything not covered by these Guidelines, Section Guidelines, or National Rules and Regulations.

