

## AYSO NATIONAL GAMES 2006

TO: AYSO NATIONAL GAMES COACH

FROM: Dave Stoneback, Coach Administrator

DATE: May 1, 2006

Thank you for taking the time and effort to bring a team to the AYSO National Games. This is a wonderful opportunity that you are providing the players on your team. We will be developing a coach's corner link on the AYSO National Games webpage site [www.aysonationalgames2006.org](http://www.aysonationalgames2006.org) to keep you advised of requirements, updates and schedules. Look for information about soccerfest, the National Games Venue Rules, and information on ordering tickets for the Chicago Fire Game in the near future.

Below are a couple of reminders to make the Games more enjoyable:

- 1) Coaches will need to provide the Coach Administrator, Dave Stoneback, with a phone number to reach them in case of an emergency or schedule change while at the Games. They will need to provide a cell phone number or their hotel phone number. Dave can be reached at [dstoneback@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dstoneback@sbcglobal.net).
- 2) At least one coach from each team is to attend the **mandatory** coach meeting on Tuesday, July 11, 2006 at 8:00 pm, after the opening ceremonies. The meeting will be held at the host hotel, the Lincolnshire Marriott.
- 3) Coaches, please remember that at team registration the players should be dressed as though they were going to play a game. They should come in complete uniform, including shin guards and cleats. They must also bring their alternate uniform. Remember all uniforms must comply with the AYSO uniform standards. This includes the AYSO logo on the goalkeeper's jersey. Non-compliant uniforms will not be permitted.
- 4) Coaches please bring two (2) copies of the AYSO Player Registration Form (emergency medical release form) for each player to team registration. One form will be kept by registrar, the other one is to be kept by the coach.
- 5) A team roster change form was provided to all of the coaches. They can use this as needed up to the time of team registration.
- 6) Coaches were provided a Team Picture form, and if they want their team picture in the Official 2006 Program, they must submit the form and a team photo by May 31, 2006.

- 7) *Please note a new AYSO Policy.* Whenever any player suffers an illness or injury that requires the care of a physician or a visit to an emergency care facility a Participation Release Form has to be signed before the player can resume playing. The old policy allowed a coach to sign this form if the player was away from home at an event and the parent / guardian was not present. This is no longer the case. The new policy requires that the form be signed by a parent / guardian. A facsimile copy of the form will be accepted.
- 8) Remember to be prepared to participate in Soccerfest. Proper team participation in Soccerfest will add six (6) points in the pool play standings. More information about Soccerfest will be posted on the website soon.
- 9) Coaches were provided a Soccerfest form for players not participating in the National Games. These are for siblings that might be coming and would enjoy the Soccerfest experience. These forms are due by July 1, 2006.
- 10) We need volunteers – We would appreciate the coaches trying to get some of the parents coming to the games to volunteer in some capacity. The coaches were given the volunteer form and should make copies for the parents that are coming and are willing to help.
- 11) Coaches should get their National Game Logowear order form turned in as soon as possible. The form was provided in an earlier mailing.
- 12) It is customary for teams to exchange gifts with each other. Pins/patches that represent their region/area/section are good choices.
- 13) Enclosed are two forms. We are looking for folks to place an ad in the Official 2006 Program to help offset the cost. There are two different types of ads, one for a company. The other is for family and/or friends of the players to send along their best wishes.

Thanks again,

Dave Stoneback, Coach Administrator