

AYSO EXTRA Program for Area 1P

**Guidelines for a more competitive youth soccer program
With AYSO Section 1, Area P
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EXTRA Program Guidelines

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AYSO EXTRA Program for Area 1P

Guidelines for a more competitive youth soccer program within AYSO Section 1, Area P Beginning in Fall 2011

1) Introduction and Purpose

The purpose of this program is to provide AYSO players who desire a more competitive soccer experience that will satisfy their needs and will provide the following benefits to the players:

- a) A more competitive fall league program for those players who possess the appropriate skills, commitment, and abilities.
- b) Positive coaching
- c) Accommodative to both soccer only and multi-sport athletes
- d) An opportunity that allows more skilled AYSO players to develop their skills at the level enjoyment they seek at a cost that is substantially less than a Cal South sanctioned club program.

Additionally, this program will reduce attrition of skilled AYSO players and parent volunteers frequently lost to club programs.

2) Application of AYSO Philosophies

The AYSO EXTRA Program must comply with the Six Philosophies of AYSO as follows:

- **EVERYONE PLAYS** – Our program’s goal is for kids to play soccer. We mandate that all players on every team must play at least three quarters of said game before any one player can play four quarters (roster size allowing). No player will play less than half of a game.
- **BALANCED TEAMS** – Each year we form new teams as evenly balanced as possible – because it is fair and more fun when teams of equal ability play. If a region has more than one team in EXTRA Program gender/age bracket, these teams must be balanced.
- **OPEN REGISTRATION** – Our program is open to all players who want to register and play soccer. Interest and enthusiasm are the only criteria for participation. ***In Area 1P, the EXTRA Program requires that any registered player is eligible to apply for***

an age appropriate team. Players not selected are guaranteed placement on a team in the standard primary core program.

- **POSITIVE COACHING** – Encouragement of player effort provides for greater enjoyment by the players and ultimately leads to better skilled and better motivate players.
- **GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP** – We strive to create a positive environment based on mutual respect rather than a win-at-all-costs attitude, and our program is designed to instill good sportsmanship. All players, coaches, parents, and other AYSO volunteers in the EXTRA program are expected to adhere to a high standard of conduct and sportsmanship.
- **PLAYER DEVELOPMENT** – We believe that all players should be able to develop their soccer skills and knowledge to the best of their abilities, both individually and as members of a team, in order to maximize their enjoyment of the game.

3) Jurisdiction

The Area 1P EXTRA Program is a primary program and shall be conducted in accordance with the current AYSO National Rules & Regulations, Bylaws and National Policies; the current FIFA Laws of the Game (AYSO Addition); AYSO EXTRA Program Guidelines; and the guidelines contained herein.

The Area 1P EXTRA Program falls under the jurisdiction of the Area Director, who will be responsible for providing general administrative oversight and direction of the program, to include managing dispute resolution/discipline. The Area Director may appoint staff to assist in managing the program.

Each participating Regional Commissioner is responsible for overseeing/verifying that the EXTRA program requirements are met as they pertain to player eligibility, coach eligibility, team formation, field support and referee support by those Regions within the Area that elect to participate in the EXTRA Program.

Each Region and the Area will ensure that appropriate monitoring and measurement reports, as established by the National Board of Directors (NBOD) under the EXTRA Pilot Program, are completed and submitted as requested. Authorization to continue participation in the EXTRA Program is subject to completion and timely submission as requested.

4) Program Management

The EXTRA Program will be operated and administered by AREA 1P and those Regions participating in the program.

The Area Director will establish the staffing requirements on the Area/Program level, at minimum to include the designation of an Area EXTRA Coordinator. Each Region will determine the management positions of their EXTRA Program as they feel necessary. Some suggested management positions might include the following, under direction of the Regional Commissioner:

- Assistant Regional Commissioner – EXTRA Program (board position)
- EXTRA Program Director (board position)
- EXTRA Coach Development Coordinator
- EXTRA Player Development Coordinator
- EXTRA Referee Coordinator

5) Finances

The EXTRA Program is a primary program, and therefore, Region funds may be used to support EXTRA Program activities, but only to the extent that they are consistent with the funds expended for the standard primary program. EXTRA Program funds must be placed in the Region's operating account, segregated by separate NAP accounting codes from the standard primary program funds. Any additional costs needed to run the EXTRA Program must be borne solely by the EXTRA players/parents, and approved by the Regional Commissioner and Regional Board and in accordance with AYSO's Rules & Regulations, Bylaws and National Policies.

Financial reports, including budgets and other reports to be determined will be provided to the next higher executive member above the sponsoring entity. For example, reports for an Area administered program shall be provided to the Section Director. During the pilot phase reporting requirements will be set by the NBOD.

6) Player Eligibility and Participation

Each Regional Commissioner of a Region electing to participate in the EXTRA Program is responsible for his/her Region's compliance with established player eligibility requirements. Player eligibility, as pertains to age requirements to participate in a specific gender/age bracket, is defined in the AYSO National Rules & Regulations.

Eligible players must have registered with AYSO and have participated in a scheduled Regional team player selection format that has been approved. The AYSO National Support & Training Center player database shall be the source of determining all players' current registration status, the creation of team rosters and ID cards. There is no requirement that EXTRA players have previously played or registered as AYSO players in a past season.

Gender/age bracket placement of players shall be based on their age as of July 31 of the current registration year.

As defined by AYSO National Rules & Regulations, an EXTRA Side-by-Side player may not play on another AYSO standard primary program team during the same season, nor will they be eligible for All-star play.

Player Commitment: Players selected to the EXTRA Program will commit to their teams as their priority non-school activity. It is expected that every player attends each practice and game at the agreed upon times.

Guest players, outside players and loan players are strictly prohibited. Any team using a player that is not on their official eAYSO roster will forfeit all games in which this player participates.

In order to satisfy the commitment required by the Area 1P EXTRA Program, players may not be enrolled and participate in other non-AYSO or Club soccer programs during the EXTRA Program season. Non-compliance may result in the player being removed from the EXTRA Program.

Placing/playing an ineligible player on a team may result in the expulsion of the player, coach, and/or the entire team from the EXTRA Program, or such other disciplinary action as deemed appropriate by the Area Director in accordance with the AYSO due process procedures. The Area Director shall also determine the extent of culpability with the possibility of additional sanctions being administered as well.

Players trying out for EXTRA Program teams being formed for the next Fall season, who are registered with AYSO in the current year, including Spring Select Programs, are eligible to play on tournament teams in the current tournament season.

Players are always eligible for participation on approved tournament teams. The EXTRA Program will be operated and administered by Area 1P and Regions participating in the Program.

7) Coach Eligibility (Coach and Assistant Coach)

Coaches participating in the EXTRA Program should be of the excellent quality. At a minimum, EXTRA coaches and assistant coaches must:

- Have a current Volunteer Application Form on file at the National Office,
- Be an AYSO trained coach as specified in these Guidelines;
- Be Safe Haven certified

- Be an active participant in the Region's standard primary program as an instructor, coach or referee mentor, or other volunteer service the Region determines adequate to fulfill this requirement,
- Be in good standing with the Region, Area and/or Section and AYSO,
- Be approved by the Region board, and,
- Be evaluated and renewed each membership year.

Coaches desiring to coach at the age levels must have completed the following minimum or recommended training levels below:

- U10 – U12 Coach Required
- U11 – U12 Coach Required or Intermediate Coach Strongly recommended,
- U12 – U12 Coach Required or Intermediate Coach Strongly recommended,
- U13 – Intermediate Coach Required or Advanced Coach strongly recommended,
- U14 - Intermediate Coach Required or Advanced Coach strongly recommended,
- U15 – Advanced Coach Required,
- U16 – Advanced Coach Required,
- U17 – Advanced Coach Required
- U19 – Advanced Coach Required

It is strongly recommended that EXTRA Program coaches be certified at least one level above the level he/she is intending to coach (except as set forth above, U10 coaches **must** be certified at the U12 level). It is also strongly recommended that coaches have continuing education each year as designed by the Region and Area.

Those wanting to coach must fill in an application and submit it for approval. The Region and/or Area EXTRA Coach Coordinator and/or Area Coach Administrator will conduct a mandatory EXTRA coach meeting prior to the start of the EXTRA season which each coach assigned to an EXTRA team must attend.

8) Referees and Officiating

Regions must provide an adequate number of referees who are capable of supporting the various gender/age brackets of teams participating in this program. The hosting regions are responsible for furnishing referee coverage for EXTRA Program games. Regional Commissioners are to attest to compliance with Area concurrence.

Referees participating in the EXTRA Program should be of excellent character. At a minimum, referees shall:

- Have a current volunteer application on file at the National Support & Training Center;
- Be an AYSO trained and certified referee
- Be Safe Haven certified
- Be in good standing with the Region, Area, Section and AYSO
- Be approved by the Region Referee Administrator (RRA) and/or Area Referee Administrator (ARA)
- Be evaluated and approved each membership year
- Referees will be assigned to games in gender/age bracket for which they are certified based on the following minimum badge levels:

U10 – Regional Referee

U11 to U14 – Intermediate Referee

U15 to U19 – Advanced Referee

Unless otherwise approved by the Area Referee Administrator (ARA), referees shall be a minimum of two years older than the oldest players in the gender/age bracket to which they have been assigned.

All EXTRA Program games shall be officiated using the Diagonal System of Control, i.e. one referee and two assistant referees. The Dual (two-man) System of Control is **NOT** allowed. The use of “club linesmen” is encouraged when an insufficient number of assistant referees are available. Club linesman shall only call the ball in, and out of play.

Regional Referee Administrators shall assign “neutral” referees of appropriate skill and ability to all EXTRA Program games assigned to their region.

9) Fields

Regions must provide an adequate number of fields to support the program. Fields/equipment needs to be age appropriate. Participating Regions are responsible for properly preparing all fields used. Field set-up and take-down is the responsibility of the hosting Region and the first and last scheduled teams on each field.

10) Program Structure

In Area 1P the EXTRA Program will operate in a “Side-by-Side” mode so as not to overwhelm players and parents with multiple team practice and game commitments.

While the intent of the EXTRA Program in Area 1P is for participating Regions and to operate in a “Side-by-Side” mode, with the consent of their Area Direction, a Region may request permission to operate in “concurrent” mode. Area Director approval to operate in concurrent mode may be granted in those situations where in the judgment of the Area Director a region’s primary core program might be negatively impacted by the “Side-by-Side” structure.

When approving a Region to operate concurrent mode, the Area Director may exempt EXTRA players from that Region from participating in Area and Section All-Star play if in the judgment of the Area Director such participation is not in the best interest of the program.

The AYSO EXTRA Program in Area 1P will be organized around single year gender/age brackets starting from U10 through U14, as follows:

- a.) First Year
 - U10 (TBD)
 - U11
 - U12
 - U13
 - U14

- b.) Second Year – Add U15

- c.) Third Year – Add U16

- d.) Fourth Year – Add U17

- e.) Fifth Year – Add U19

In order to accommodate Regions that might not be able to field teams in each gender/age bracket, those regions, with the approval of the Area Director, may be permitted to combine players to create teams if such combinations create additional opportunities for play and competition.

Additionally on an exception basis, a Regional Commissioner with the concurrence of the Area Director may approve a player(s) to play up one year. The age of the oldest player on the roster will determine the gender/age bracket placement. A player may not play up two years.

EXTRA Program teams in Area 1P will be balanced if more than one team is formed in a participating region. As the program expands, team bracketing may be needed within a gender/age group.

Bracketing will be determined by an Area 1P competition committee appointed by the Area Director based on input from the Regional Commissioners following the regular Fall Season and prior to the start of the Spring Tournament season.

The EXTRA Program will be split into Fall and Spring Season.

In the Fall Season, teams will compete in a 10 to 14 game schedule. The teams will compete for a championship based on their record during the season. Teams will be “seeded” based on that record a culminating “Championship Play-off” competition consisting of competition between all teams.

Players trying out for EXTRA Program teams being formed for the next Fall Season, who are registered with AYSO in the current year, including Spring Select Programs, are eligible to play on tournament teams in the current tournament season.

A separate Spring “Tournament” season will take place whereby teams may compete in tournaments approved by their Regional Commissioner (RC) or by their RC and Area Director (AD) as per national rules.

In addition, depending on field space, the Area may conduct an EXTRA Spring Season with a regular weekly schedule of games. The purpose of the Spring Season is to allow those players who choose to compete in other sports to do so while those players who desire a year-round soccer experience may continue to play at a more competitive level.

Tournament teams participating in the EXTRA Program that are short players for the Spring Tournament season due to multi-sport players dropping out may recruit players for their Spring Season who participate in the either EXTRA Program or the primary core fall program.

It is the stated intent of this program to begin operations on a smaller scale the first year; only teams in U10, U12 and U14 gender/age bracket and to expand participation in future seasons.

11) Team Formation

Regional Commissioners shall approve the number of teams participating from each of their regions.

Participating Regions are allowed to enter teams, utilizing a short sided game format as follows:

- U10 – 7v7 with maximum roster of 10 players
- U11 – 9v9 with maximum roster of 12 players
- U12 – 9v9 with maximum roster of 12 players
- U13 – 11v11 with maximum roster of 15 players
- U14 – 11v11 with maximum roster of 15 players

EXTRA Program teams in Area 1P will be balanced if more than one team in a gender/age bracket is formed in a participating region. As the program expands team bracketing may be expanded within gender/age brackets.

As the program expands U15 and above will be in an 11v11 format with maximum roster of 16 players.

The U14 and U15 programs will conclude in time to comply with California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) rules.

Guest players are not allowed in the EXTRA Program.

At no time is inter-Regional recruitment of players allowed without the prior approval of each of the Regional Commissioners concerned and concurrence of the Area Director.

Recruitment without prior approval may result in sanctions by the Area Director, who shall convene as a disciplinary board in such instances.

Single year age bracketing is recommended. Regions may also have “combo” teams (2-year gender/age bracketing) where they feel that this action may be in their best interest. In such cases, the age of the oldest player on the roster will determine the gender/age bracket placement of the team.

The determination of the appropriate number of EXTRA Program teams in a gender/age bracket should be based on the population of the gender/age bracket within a Region, the effect the creation of the teams will have on the standard primary program, field availability, age appropriate coach and referee support, and the effect of the program team wide balancing.

Regions may **NOT** have more EXTRA Program teams gender/age bracket than they do in a standard primary program gender/age bracket.

12) Player Selection Procedures

All player evaluation opportunities shall widely advertised to all potential players. A minimum of two (2) advertised tryouts will be held for each team.

Tryouts for teams will occur in the Spring/Summer and should generally occur over a 2 to 4 week period with no more than two practices per week scheduled to accommodate multi-sport athletes as best as possible.

Consideration should be given to one of the two tryout sessions being a weekend sessions during the tryout process.

For each EXTRA Program gender/age bracket, a player selection committee will be formed by each Region consisting of a minimum of three (3) impartial evaluators as established by the regions.

EXTRA Program team coaches will be allowed to observe evaluations and may act in an advisory capacity to the selection committee, but evaluators need to be totally impartial.

At the time of player selection for a Concurrent Program, a player selection committee, with the advice of the coach, may identify and designate up to a maximum of 3 alternate players in case the team loses players due to a season ending injury or players leaving the program altogether. These alternate players may only become members of the team and participate in the EXTRA Fall Program or EXTRA Championship Tournament if all of the following conditions are met:

- At the time of player selection the identity of the alternate players must be disclosed in writing to the Region's EXTRA Program Director, Regional Commissioner, the Area EXTRA Program Director and the Area Director,
- The alternate players must be otherwise registered and participating in the Region's standard primary program,
- The team roster has dropped to the point where the team has only one substitute player. Alternate players may be added to bring the substitute player number up to two players,
- An alternate player added to the roster must fulfill his/her commitment to attend all standard primary team practices and games. Failure to do so will result in the player being dropped from the EXTRA team roster. (Injury, illness, education and religious reasons shall be considered.)

Regions are to notify all players who tried out as to their status, positive or negative on the EXTRA Program team within a reasonable amount of time after the tryouts for that particular Region have concluded.

Regions are encouraged to select as large a team as allowed by AYSO National Rules & Regulations to ensure enough players and substitutes are available each game day as well as to eliminate the need for adding players at a later date.

13) Team Rosters and ID Cards (Coaches, Assistant Coaches, and Players)

Team rosters (in eAYSO format) for teams participating in the EXTRA Program must be received by the EXTRA Area Program Director and the Area Director no later than August 1st and shall include:

- Region and gender/age bracket identification;
- The Coach and Assistance Coach names, AYSO ID number, address, home and cell phone numbers, email address(es), coach training level, and Safe Haven certification date;
- Player information: AYSO ID number, jersey number, name, address, phone number and birth date;
- Team number, uniform colors and team name (if available), and,
- Signature of the Regional Commissioner verifying players and coaches and confirming appropriate player registration and coach volunteer status, training and certification.

Revision to rosters in a “Side-by-Side” EXTRA Program shall occur when the total amount of permanent rostered players drops to the number of field players permitted in the applicable gender/age bracket. At that point, the team will be allowed to add one (1) player. This player cannot be drafted from another AYSO team whose season is still in progress, with the exception of a Concurrent EXTRA Program where that player is one of the identified “alternate” players. Additional players must be approved by the Regional Commissioner and the Area Director.

Revised rosters must be submitted by the Regional Commissioner to the Area Director for appropriate authority prior to the new team member participating in a game.

Coaches shall prepare ID cards for each participating EXTRA Program player and for a maximum of two coaches per team from the eAYSO database. The ID Cards shall bear the name, recent photo of the respective player or coach and the signature of the Regional Commissioner. ID

cards must be laminated prior to first game of the season and shall bear an Area 1P sticker on its reverse side.

Properly completed and laminated ID cards for all players and a maximum of two coaches and a team lineup card shall presented to the Referee by each team prior to the start of each EXTRA Program game. (Line up cards may be preprinted by Area.)

Coaches must wear ID Cards visibly on their person during all games. Cards may be clipped on jackets or shirts, or worn on neck lanyards.

For each EXTRA Program team, the coaches must have a team roster, ID Cards and copies of AYSO Player Registration Forms (medical release forms) for each participating player as well as their own ID Card. These must be at all events (games, practices, scrimmages, parties, etc.) in which the team participates.

NOTE: Referees are **NOT** to request team rosters or player registration forms (medical release form) and/or to use same as part of the pre-game/check-in process.

14) Uniforms

All uniforms and equipment will be in accordance with AYSO National Rules & Regulations.

EXTRA Program teams shall be provided with uniforms similar to those provided to other primary program teams. A second “traveling jersey” is recommended. Regional funds are not to be expended for any additional player uniforms, warm-ups, backpacks, additional field usage needs, etc.

The Home team in a match is responsible for wearing uniform jerseys (or scrimmage vests) that clearly distinguish them from the other team. In case of color conflicts, the Home team is required to change uniform colors (or wear scrimmage vests).

The Referee is the final authority on the safety of any player’s uniform and equipment.

15) Games (Scheduling, Scoring and Standings)

The game schedule, scoring and standings for the EXTRA Program shall be posted on the Region and Area Websites and Regions should have a link to the Area Website.

All games shall be played as scheduled (date, time and venue).

In case of games cancelled by adverse weather conditions (rain, poor air quality or Act of God), the Region or Area will reschedule the game to be played either prior to the end of the season or as soon after the end of season as can be arranged.

The applicable Regional Commissioners will sign off on the use of fields and referees for these make up games. All game scores will be reported to the Regional EXTRA Program Coordinator, who in turn, will report them to the Area EXTRA Program Administrator for stat compilation and posting. To allow flexibility in rescheduling games, the final standings will not be determined until after one week after the last regularly scheduled games have been completed. This will allow for an additional week and weekend as an opportunity to make up games previously cancelled. The final standings will take into consideration the number of games played.

No team will be allowed to secure a place in positions 1-4 in the season standings as a result of not playing a scheduled game due to the conditions described above.

In such case(s), the Area Director will reschedule the match.

If either of the teams is not ready to play at the scheduled kick-off time, the Referee may allow a grace period of up to ten (10) minutes before canceling the game. A team not ready to play at the time shall forfeit the game. If a team does not show for a scheduled game, its opponent will be awarded a 1-0 victory by forfeit. The Area EXTRA Program Administrator may impose other sanctions if the forfeiting team gains an advantage by the forfeit.

The coaches, substitutes and spectators of the two teams watch the match from opposite sides of the field of play unless the Referee gives permission for them to be on the same side, in which case they will remain on separate ends of the field.

Home teams shall be on the north or west side of field. Teams and spectators will only be allowed in areas approved by the Referee. Coaches from both teams are responsible for reporting game scores to the Area EXTRA Program Scorekeeper within 12 hours of completing a match. Scorekeeper contact information is available on the program website. The Referee is responsible for reporting all misconduct, including the cautions or send-off of players, coaches, or spectators or any other area of concern including unsafe conditions, etc., to the Misconduct Reporting email address within twenty-four (24) hours of the game.

The Misconduct Reporting System will make appropriate distribution of the Misconduct Report.

If the Referee terminates a game before completion because of actions by players, coaches and/or spectators, the outcome of the game will be determined by the administration of the program.

If the game termination is due to actions by both teams, or if it is undetermined, the game shall be deemed a forfeit by both teams, and no points shall be recorded in the standings.

If the game is suspended prior to completion due to inclement weather or any other unforeseen circumstances, the game score will stand as recorded by the Referee, provided one half or more of the regulation game time had been played at the time of suspension.

If less than one-half of the regulation game time had been played at the time of the game suspension, the game will be rescheduled and played in its entirety at a later date and time. If the game is not rescheduled for any reason, the game shall stand as a NOT-PLAYED game, irrespective of the score at the time of game suspension.

The format of play and determination of standings shall be based on the number of teams participating in a specific gender/age bracket and may include average points per game as a method of determining standings for brackets with an uneven number of teams and/or games played.

For standing in bracket play, points shall be awarded as follows:

- Win – 3 points
- Tie – 1 point
- Loss – 0 points

Tie breakers for standings at the conclusion of pool play shall be as follows:

- Head-to-head play (outcome of the game involving the tied teams),
- Team with the lowest number of goals against,
- Goal differential: goals scored, less goals allowed, maximum differential of three (3) goals per game,
- Team with highest number of goals score, maximum of three (3) goals per game (counting no more than three (3) goals more than their opponents in any game),
- Lowest point deductions for misconducts and send-offs,
- Coin toss.

Awards will be presented to each of the 2 top teams in each bracket and to the 2 top teams in each gender/age bracket league cup.

16) Player Substitution

U10 - U14 games shall have a substitution opportunity midway through each half, at half time and in the event of injury. The half time break will be five (5) minutes.

In accordance with AYSO's Standard Regional Guidelines Article 7, Paragraph 5(b), a coach with the consent of the Region's EXTRA Program Director may limit a players playing time to one half of a game due to the player regularly missing practice.

17) Practice/Training

Teams are **NOT** permitted to begin practice or engage in any training activity prior to August 1st for the Fall Season. Once formed, only registered players on the official roster are permitted to participate in team training.

Training will cease at the end of the Spring season, or, at the end of June.

18) Vacancy Policy

Please reference Section 13 "Team Rosters and ID Cards" relative to circumstances under which player additions are permitted or allowed.

No EXTRA Program player may be transferred from one EXTRA team to another once the season has started, without the consent of the player, the player's parents, both coaches involved, the Regional Commissioner, and Area Director. Parental consent is not required if the player is of legal age (majority).

19) Regional Support

EXTRA Program player parents must contribute volunteer time back to their Region in volunteer support positions to assist in the successful operation of the Region. This requirement shall be determined by the Regions as they see fit to fulfill their needs.

20) Paid Trainers

Paid coaches are **NOT** permitted under AYSO National Rules & Regulations; however, paid trainers will be permitted consistent with the existing National AYSO Policy Statement(s).

21) Misconduct, Discipline and Dispute Resolution

It is the responsibility of the Referee in EXTRA Program games to submit a written Misconduct Report to the Area EXTRA Program Administrator within 24 hours after the conclusion of the game at which the offense occurred.

There is no mandatory "cooling off" period for cautioned players. It is recommended that, at the coach's request and with the Referee's permission, a cautioned player, or any player having difficulty controlling his/her emotions, may be substituted at the earliest opportunity.

The Referee must also report any behavior by coaches and/or spectators on or off the field that seriously interferes with the game and/or proper standards of conduct.

The penalty for a player, coach and/or spectator sent-off (Red Card) from the field for any reason in an EXTRA Program game shall be a minimum one (1) game suspension

Such suspension shall be served in the first game (not scrimmage) that is played following the game of the incident. The suspension for violent conduct or serious foul play shall be a minimum of two (2) games and the length of any suspension maybe increased and other disciplinary measures applied if deemed warranted by the Area Director in conjunction with the Area EXTRA Program Administrator.

If the player sent off the field is a minor (under 18 years of age), he/she must leave the field in the company of his/her parent(s) or guardian(s). Otherwise, the player may remain in the proximity of the field, under adult supervision by a Safe Haven certified adult.

Should violators of the penalties set forth in this section refuse to immediately leave the field when requested to do so by the Referee, the game shall be suspended until the situation has been resolved. If it is not resolved, in what the Referee considers a reasonable amount of time, the game shall be terminated and the incident reported to the Area EXTRA Program Administrator.

A player serving a suspension and not in uniform may attend the team's next scheduled game as a spectator, but may not participate in any manner.

In the event a suspended player or coach participates in a match for which he/she has been suspended, the game shall be recorded as a forfeit in favor of the opposing team.

For each such event, the original suspension must be served at the next game played by the team, an additional one game suspension must be served at the following game, and the coach of such team must serve a one game suspension.

Send-Offs (Red Cards) and/or Cautions (Yellow Cards) given in EXTRA games are not subject to appeal.

The Area EXTRA Program Administrator, the Area Director, with the assistance of the Area Referee Administrator(s) and the Area Coaching Administrator(s), together with the respective Regional Commissioners, shall review all inter-Regional disciplinary issues not resolved at the Regional level. Any disciplinary action taken must be communicated within 96 hours of the game in which the incident occurred. Disciplinary hearings may be called if deemed necessary by the Area Director, or if requested in writing.

The Area EXTRA Program Administrator will publish a weekly Misconduct Report Summary – distribution to the Area Director, Area/Regional Referee Administrators, Regional EXTRA

Program Coordinators and Regional Commissioners. This report will list all cautions, send-offs and information on other reports submitted by Referees and shall also list those suspensions that are to be served (by gender/age bracket, player name, coach name, date and location).

These guidelines shall serve as the governing document for the EXTRA Program conducted in Area 1P and participating Regions.