



**Area N
Championships
2012**

Hosted by
Region 641-Beaumont
January 14th & 15th
Region 50 – Redlands
January 21st & 22nd

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Welcome to the 2012 Area N Championships. This event brings together AYSO teams from the 6 Regions that make up Area N. We hope that you will have a safe and enjoyable Championship this year.

These Guidelines have been established to set a standard under which all teams will compete in these Championships. 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, for the benefit of all the young people who participate and play soccer in our respective Regions, teammates and opponents alike.

These Guidelines do not supersede AYSO National Rules and Regulations or Policy Statements, the Section One Rules and Regulations or the Area N Guidelines, but are intended to cover those situations not addressed by them. If you have any questions regarding these guidelines, please do not hesitate to contact your Regional Commissioner.

This year's Championships will be hosted by Region 641 - Beaumont on January 14th & 15th and Region 50 – Redlands on January 21st & 22nd.

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

Team Check-in: Coaches and his/her entire team need to report for check-in at the registration area 1 hour prior to the start of your game. **COACHES PLAYING THE FIRST GAME OF THE DAY WILL SET UP THE NETS. COACHES PLAYING THE LAST GAME OF THE DAY WILL TAKE DOWN THE NETS,**

Uniforms: Every player shall wear a matching team uniform, which consists of jersey, shorts and socks, as provided by the Region in accordance with AYSO Rules and Regulations. Casts, splints, hats, scarves and jewelry of any kind are prohibited. Commercially manufactured shinguards of the appropriate size are mandatory and must be worn under the socks. Bicycle shorts/sliding pants (if worn) must be of the same color as the team uniform shorts. Sweatshirts may be worn under the uniform jersey if the garment is of the same color and general style for all teammates who choose to wear them. No hoods and no metal on the sweatshirts. Sweat pants will not be worn. In the event of conflicting colors, the home team will wear colored vests.

Awards: Area N League Championship Pins will be given out to every Player, Coach and Team Parent. Medals will be awarded for 1st thru 4th places. Championship patches will be given out to the 1st place teams.

Spectators and Sideline Behavior: Home team shall occupy the North or East Side of the field, Visitors will occupy the opposite sideline. 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. 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 police the area of trash after each of your games.

Substitutions: Substitutions will be by quarters.

Grace Period: A minimum of 7 players shall constitute a team in Divisions U14 and U12, with 5 players constituting a team for Division U10. A game will not commence nor be continued if one or both teams cannot field 7 or 5 eligible players. The referee, starting from the scheduled kickoff time, shall allow a grace period of 15 minutes, after which the referee will refer the game to the Playoff Committee for disposition, up to and including declaring a forfeit.

Competition Format:

- A. These playoffs shall use a 'pool play' format. Tie games will stand during pool play.
- B. An accumulated point system will be used as follows:
- 6 points for a win
 - 3 points for a tie
 - 0 points for a loss
 - 1 point for each goal scored, up to 3 goals
 - 1 point for a shut out
 - 8 points for a forfeit (1-0 game score)
 - -1 point for any red card received by a player, or any ejection of a coach or spectator (before, during or after the match)
- C. The top team in each pool will advance to the Semi-final and Final matches on Sunday, January 22nd to determine 1st through 4th place.
- D. **Ties** between any teams for advancement will be broken on the following basis (in order as listed):
- Head to head play
 - Fewest send offs (Ejections)
 - Fewest goals allowed
 - Goal differential (maximum 3 per game)
 - Sportsmanship
 - Coin Toss
- E. **Teams from the same Region shall not play each other in Semi-Final matches, if possible.** In the event that two teams from the same Region make it to the semifinals and are scheduled to face each other in the same match, they shall be placed in separate games with their opponents being chosen by random draw. In the event that three or more teams from the same Region make it to semi-finals, the semifinal team positions shall be played as scheduled
- F. Durations for Pool Play Games shall be as follows:
- Under 14 – Two 25 minute halves
 - Under 12 – Two 25 minute halves
 - Under 10 – Two 20 minute halves
 - Halftime break will be 5 minutes
- G. Durations for Semi-final and Final Games will be regulation length games:
- Under 14 – Two 35 minute halves
 - Under 12 – Two 30 minute halves
 - Under 10 – Two 25 minute halves
 - Halftime break will be 5 minutes
- H. For Semi-final and Final matches, in the case of a tie at the end of regulation time, two overtime periods will be played. Overtime periods shall be 5 minutes each for U10, 7 minutes each for U12 and 9 minutes each for U14 divisions. Teams will play and complete both overtime periods. There is no sudden victory during overtime play. The team with the most goals scored at the end of the second overtime period will be declared the winner.
- If a team is playing short because of ejections, that team will continue to play short during the overtime periods.

- The teams shall change ends of the field after the end of the first overtime period. No halftime will be permitted. Coaches may substitute at the end of the first overtime period. Play will resume immediately following player substitutions.
- I. If a tie exists at the end of regulation time and after both overtime periods as noted above, the winner shall be determined by taking kicks from the penalty mark according to current FIFA procedure.
- J. **Teams will advance to Section 1 League playoffs as noted on the game schedules.**

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

1. Violent conduct and serious foul play
2. Foul and/or abusive language

before, during or after the match, may be suspended for additional matches, the remainder of the Championships and may not be eligible for the Section 1 Playoffs. All send-offs will be reviewed.

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

Any player receiving 4 yellow cards, during the course of the Championships, will be suspended from the remainder of the Championships and will not be eligible for the Section 1 Playoffs. Coaches sent off, or cautioned twice before during or after a match, will be suspended from the remainder of the Championships, and will not be eligible for the Section 1 Playoffs. The Playoff's Staff will review all red cards, to determine if further discipline is necessary.

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 any of our Area N Referee Staff. We encourage your positive feedback and comments. **Area N is an organization that practices ongoing mentoring of all referees and coaches in a positive manner.**

These Guidelines shall be applied and administered by the Playoff's Committee, who shall also rule over anything that is not covered within these Guidelines, Area N Guidelines, or National Rules & Regulations.