



The Kids Zone Pledge



We take safety seriously. AYSO's **Safe Haven** program has been put in place to protect AYSO players and the volunteers who serve them. Under the rules of this program, AYSO requires that each volunteer complete and eSign a volunteer application *each and every year*, including agreeing to **background checks** and to abide by the philosophies and policies of AYSO.

Our volunteers are also asked to complete **Safe Haven** courses and job-specific training in order to become certified. AYSO in-person and online training focuses on the best ways to work with children and important safety protocols.

Additionally, every AYSO Region is required to designate a volunteer to act as the Child and Volunteer Protection Advocate (CVPA). A CVPA helps implement **Safe Haven** policies at the local level.

The AYSO Safe Haven program was the first of its kind in youth sports, most notably in soccer. We continually strive to create a safe environment for our players and volunteers, so they can enjoy a happy and healthy soccer experience.

AYSO Kids Zone

At AYSO, we want all players, coaches, families and volunteers to have fun. That's where **AYSO Kids Zone** comes in. **Kids Zone** is a special program that encourages fans on the sidelines, and anyone else nearby, to use positive language, show good sportsmanship in their attitude and behavior, and to create a great experience for every player. **Kids Zone** is a reminder that the AYSO soccer fields are a safe, friendly, happy, place for children to play.

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Regions that participate in the **Kids Zone** program typically place buttons and posters near the fields as helpful reminders that no matter how intense the game can be, kids need cheerful support from the sidelines. Parents and spectators are asked to sign the pledge and agree to the following guidelines:

1. Kids are No. 1
2. Fun – not winning – is everything
3. Fans only cheer, and only coaches coach
4. No yelling in anger
5. Respect the volunteer referees
6. No swearing or abusive behavior
7. No alcohol, tobacco or drugs
8. No weapons
9. Leave no trash behind
10. Set a proper example of sportsmanship

Players Name _____ Players Division _____ Date _____

Parent Name _____ Parent Signature _____