



AYSO Region 177

Extra Program TRYOUT Guidelines

- 1 The AYSO Region 177 Flex/Extra (EXTRA) player tryouts will be conducted in accordance with "Section 11 – Flex Program - Extra Program Guidelines" (revised April 2014). Tryouts should be conducted to provide ample opportunity for players to participate and should be as fair and objective as possible.
- 2 A minimum of two (2) tryouts will be held per division. A third tryout may be held if deemed necessary by the EXTRA Coordinator and approved by the Board.
- 3 The Region will communicate and post the results of the tryouts within a reasonable amount of time after tryouts and once team selection has been completed.
- 4 A Region Board member will be present at tryouts. Regions that have an established EXTRA Program must notify the Area EXTRA Coordinator with tryout dates.
- 5 All players will wear numbers for tryouts. Evaluations will be as blind as possible. Sufficient number of evaluators (judges) will be provided for each division tryout. In general, one judge per 8 to 10 tryout participants will be scheduled. Evaluators for each division will not have a personal affiliation with players and respective families (ex. guest coaches staying with the family of the player trying out). For consistency purposes, all attempts will be made to ensure the same evaluators are used for both days of the tryouts.
- 6 Coaches are strongly encouraged to use a short-sided game format to evaluate players. Coaches may also use additional skill tests.

- 7 For U9 to U11 divisions, Intermediate or Advanced Certified Coaches (or the equivalent) and not a parent of a player trying out, will conduct the evaluations that determine the pool of players for the team. It is advisable that the majority of the evaluators be from outside the region.
- 8 For U12 divisions and higher, Advanced Certified Coaches (or the equivalent) and not a parent of a player trying out, will conduct the evaluations that determine the pool of players for the team. It is advisable that the majority of the evaluators be from outside the region.
- 9 The approved AYSO EXTRA coach should observe all participants during the tryout process. The coach may request to include up to 2 "observers" to assist with the evaluation process, but these "observers" will not be voting participants in the player selection process.
- 10 The judges shall choose at least 10 players for divisions U11 and above (assumes 11v11 format). For the U10 division, judges will select at least 8 players (assumes 9v9 format). For the U9 division, judges will select at least 6 players (assumes 7v7 format).
- 11 Players may be removed from the team based on lack of commitment or other issues that may negatively impact the team, if approved by the Board.
- 12 A reasonable amount of preference shall be given to the coach's child. However, if the coach's child clearly does not qualify based on the talent of the players participating in the tryout, the coach shall immediately report the situation to the Regional EXTRA Coordinator. The AYSO EXTRA coach may continue as the coach without their child if he/she chooses, or the Regional EXTRA Coordinator may appoint a replacement coach of the team with prior Regional Board Approval.

13 As stated in the Section 11 Flex/Extra Guidelines, coaches are encouraged to select as large a team as allowed by AYSO rules:

a U9 (assume 7v7): 10 Maximum

b U10 (assumes 9v9): 12 Maximum

c U11 and up (assumes 11v11): 15 Maximum

14 Starting in Fall 2015, new players to the Extra program may only tryout for the age group/division that they are appropriately in as determined by AYSO date ranges for each division. This is also true for players that played on an EXTRA team the previous season in their own age division; these players will not be allowed to tryout for the older division team either. However, if a player played up for an Extra team the previous season (ie. played in a division 1-year older), he/she is "grandfathered" in and will be eligible to participate in the tryout for one division older as well as their own age division. If a player does not make any Flex Extra Team that they tried out for, they will be put back into the pool of players for a regular fall season team. If a player is "grandfathered" in and tries out for two teams and is picked for both teams, the decision on which team they will play will be left up to the family. An impartial Board member will call the family and ask them which one they would like to play on during the season.

15 An injured or sick player who can't try out (or wouldn't perform to their potential due to health reasons) can be brought up to the Board or a small committee to decide if they are eligible to be included in the judge's pool. This decision would be based on past history, rating and other coach input about the player, and would require a majority vote from the Board. A positive vote would make the player eligible in the judge's pool for selection by the coach.

16 The AYSO Region 177 Flex/Extra TRY OUT GUIDELINES will be used in conjunction with the AYSO Region 177 Flex/Extra PROGRAM GUIDELINES.