



Regional Safety Director



Purpose

The AYSO volunteer position of Regional Safety Director is intended to be responsible for all aspects of the Region's safety.

Specific Duties and Responsibilities

Regional Safety Directors are expected to perform their duties consistent with the directions as detailed in the training, certification, and continuing education provided by AYSO for this position including:

1. Support the AYSO Vision, Mission, National Programs and Regional Commissioner in the promotion and implementation of Regional safety in both specifics and spirit;
2. Be available and knowledgeable to answer questions from Regional volunteers regarding safety and AYSO insurance plans;
3. Ensure the AYSO Soccer Accident Insurance (SAI) plan information, AYSO/CDC Concussion tools and approved safety procedures are available for Regional volunteers and player families;
4. Ensure all AYSO procedures are followed regarding Incident Reports and/or SAI claims and notify the Regional Commissioner within 24 hours of each occurrence;
5. Obtain liability insurance certificates for all facilities used by the Region and ensure first-aid supplies are available at all playing sites;
6. Forward a copy of all Incident Reports to the National Office. For concussions, also forward copies of the Participation Release and Player Registration Form.
7. Inspect all field equipment to ensure it is in safe condition and properly installed; and
8. Promote safety training and injury prevention programs for all Regional participants.

Qualifications and Desired Skills

To be considered for the position of Regional Safety Director, the applicant must:

1. Annually submit an AYSO Volunteer Application form;
2. Pass the AYSO screening and background check;
3. Be annually approved and duly appointed as Regional Safety Director by the Region;

4. Have experience implementing safety standards and conducting safety inspections; and
5. Have good communication and organizational skills;

Supervision Protocols

While performing as the Regional Safety Director, the volunteer is:

1. Subject to the bylaws, rules, regulations, policies, procedures, and guidelines of AYSO;
2. Under the overall authority of and directly supervised by the Regional Commissioner; and
3. To maintain the recommended adult to child supervision ratio of 1:8 or less; that is one adult for every eight or fewer children and two adults (one of whom may be the coach and one of whom should be of the same gender as the group) present at all times, for the protection of both the children and the volunteer, no volunteer should permit himself or herself to be alone with any child or group of children (except his or her own) during AYSO-sponsored activities.

Time Commitment

Time commitment will vary depending on Region size and length of playing season(s). For the typical AYSO Region, the Regional Safety Director will devote about 4 hours per week per playing season.

Orientation, Training, Certification, and Continued Education Provided

To fully prepare for the position, the Regional Safety Director is expected to participate in the following training, certification and continuing educational opportunities:

1. Orientation by the Regional Commissioner;
2. AYSO's Safe Haven training - 2 hours;
3. CDC's Concussion Awareness training – 1 hour;
4. Safety Director training – 1 ¼ hours;
5. Regional Board Member Orientation – 3 hours;

Activity Locations

While performing the duties of Regional Safety Director, the volunteer is limited to the following locations, unless expressly authorized in writing by the Regional Commissioner to hold or participate in activities in another location.

1. Regularly scheduled and duly approved inside or outside AYSO activities; and
2. Independent work at home alone, in committees of adults, or in a properly supervised situation with children.