

Palo Alto AYSO Winter/Spring Select Teams: Under-10 Boys

Please read the general information at [Palo Alto AYSO Winter/Spring Select Teams](#).

Coach:

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About Coach Ernie (the short version): My parents are from Peru. I was born and raised in Palo Alto. I too played AYSO - Palo Alto from the age of seven to seventeen. I also played for Jordan Middle School and Paly High. I studied Electronic Physics and graduated from the University of San Francisco. I played soccer for the USF Dons mentored by legendary coach Steve Negoesco. I played a stint with the California State soccer team post graduation. I also participated in the highly competitive local soccer leagues (San Francisco and Peninsula). A few years ago I was assistant coach for a U14G CYSA soccer team. Last year was my first season as head coach for a Palo Alto AYSO team. I look forward to coaching your kids and passing on my excitement for the game.

Please email to ayso26.u10bselect@sbcglobal.net if you have any questions about the U10B Select Team.

Team Objective:

The objective of the U10B Spring Select Team is to have fun playing soccer at a level of competition higher than the fall season and to further develop each player's individual skills and understanding of team tactics and strategy.

Tryouts:

Players are strongly encouraged to attend 2 or more tryouts.

If your son is interested in trying out for the team, please email to ayso26.u10bselect@sbcglobal.net as soon as possible, indicating: (1) your son's name and (2) which tryout sessions he plans to attend.

Tryouts are scheduled for:

Saturday, November 10 at Terman Middle School, Field #1: 2:00pm – 4:00pm.

~~Saturday, November 17 at Terman Middle School, Field #1: 2:00pm – 4:00pm.~~ **Cancelled**

Saturday, December 1 at new location: Greer Park, Field #3: 3:00pm – 5:00pm.

Sunday, December 2 at new location: Greer Park, Field #3: 3:00pm – 5:00pm. Added

Tryouts are open to all boys who played in at least 50% of their Palo Alto AYSO Fall 2007 U9B and U10B team's regular season games.

Player Checklist for Each Tryout:

- To your **first** tryout, bring your completed player paperwork below and print out and bring a signed copy of your Fall registration form. The registration form can be obtained by logging into the AYSO web site and going to forms package under the parents link.
- Wear your fall season AYSO uniform, including shin guards, socks, and cleats.
- Bring enough drinking water -- marked with your name.
- Arrive at the field 30 minutes before the tryout start time (to get through the check-in line and begin warm-ups; the tryout will start promptly at the scheduled time)

Player Selection:

Players will be chosen for the team based on their play in the fall season and their performance at the tryouts. Factors that will be considered include: skill, speed, conditioning, effort, motivation, enthusiasm, understanding of the game, practice habits, team work, sportsmanship, the team's positional needs, and team chemistry. Other factors that play a role in selection are availability for practices, family volunteer commitment, and availability to participate in the Concord and Davis tournaments in May. Players selected to the team will be notified by email within a few days after the last tryout session. While some players from the previous Select season may be chosen for the team, **participation on a Select team in a previous year is no guarantee of selection this year.**

It is expected that 12 will be selected to the regular team and small alternate squad of 3 players will be selected. Members of the alternate squad will practice with the team and be eligible to join the team if there is a dropped player.

Team Practices:

The team will have informal practices starting in early February. Regular, twice a week, 90-minute practices will begin in February and continue through May. Practices are expected to take precedence over team members' other non-academic activities. Except for brief periods and exceptional circumstances agreed upon ahead of time with the head coach, a player must be able to attend both weekly practices on a regular basis in order to be eligible for the team.

Spring League and Tournaments:

All games are played in the 9v9 format. The team will play in the **Pacific Coast Spring Soccer League**, one Sunday game per week from early March through May. The team may stay overnight (Friday and Saturday nights) in Concord during the **Concord Cup** tournament due to the early game start times on Saturday and Sunday. The **Davis World Cup** tournament will require overnight stays over Memorial Day weekend (Friday evening through Sunday or Monday).

These tournaments feature top-flight competition in a fun, exciting environment. Most players and parents remember the tournaments as major highlights of the Select season.

Playing Other Sports:

A player participating concurrently in another sport may be selected for the team if there is agreement that the player will choose the U10B Select Team activity (practice or game) if a scheduling conflict with the other sport occurs.

Cost:

The cost per player, which includes uniforms and Spring League and tournament registration fees, is estimated to be about \$250-\$300 plus transportation costs and the cost of meals and accommodations at the tournaments. The major additional cost will be travel, accommodation and meals to the tournaments and especially the National Games. Scholarships are possible but very difficult since the Spring program is not subsidized by the region and any scholarships will need to be funded by the team. Please let me know early if you will need a scholarship.

Parent Volunteers:

Providing a parent volunteer is a factor in player selection. A parent from each team member's family will be expected to perform some significant team support activity during the season. The most important volunteer positions are listed near the bottom of this page. Although each family will be asked to perform only one volunteer function, when filling out the form below, please indicate all the positions for which a parent would be prepared to volunteer.

Read this entire document, print out, complete below, and bring to first tryout attended

We have read the information provided above and understand the commitment that is required to participate on the Spring 2008 U10 Boys Select Team. We understand that there is no guarantee of selection to the team.

Player name (please print): _____

Player Fall team name, color and jersey number: _____

Player signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent name (please print): _____

Parent signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent email address (essential): _____ (All communication will be via email except in unusual circumstances.)

Telephone number: _____

Please answer all of the following:

Check the box next to each of tryout session you plan to attend:

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Player:

- Will be available to practice from February to May: Yes No
- Will be playing another sport during the program period: Yes No
Which sport? _____
- Will be playing on another soccer team during the program period: Yes No
- Can play Sunday games in Spring League (March - May): Yes No
- Will attend Pacifica tournament (May 3 – 4): Yes No
- Will attend Concord tournament (May 17 – 18): Yes No
- Will attend Davis tournament (May 24 – 26): Yes No
- Which position played most frequently during the Fall 2007 season? _____
- Wants to play (if more than one, rank in order of preference: 1 = highest)
Forward | Midfielder | Defender | Sweeper | Goalkeeper

Parent(s):

- Will stay overnight at Concord tournament (May 16 – 17): Yes No
- Will stay overnight at Davis tournament (May 23 – 25): Yes No
- Can participate as (check one or more): Assistant Coach | Team Manager | Team Referee | Team Treasurer | Uniform Coordinator and Equipment Manager | Snack and Party Coordinator | Team Photographer | Goal nets and corner flags | Field Lining | Travel and Tournament Coordinators | First Aid