For more than 50 years, the American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO), has strived to ensure all kids have the opportunity to play the beautiful game of soccer. With more than 50,000 teams and over 400,000 players nationwide, AYSO has programs in 800 communities.

Headquartered in Torrance, CA, AYSO is founded upon our Six Philosophies of Everyone Plays®, Balanced Teams, Open Registration, Positive Coaching, Good Sportsmanship and Player Development, to ensure that every player and volunteer has the best possible soccer experience.

With a professional staff that provides support to the Section, Area and Region volunteers that run the programs in their community, AYSO provides extensive training and certification to help successfully manage a program from coaches, referees and administrators.

We are proud that AYSO’s coaching curriculum is accredited by the United States Center for Coaching Excellence (USCCE), and is the only youth soccer program to hold that honor.

AYSO’s eight million alumni include World Cup winners, Olympians, professionals as well as doctors, lawyers and community leaders.
“The development of our youth players, coaches and referees is a major focus at U.S. Soccer and we’re excited to see some of AYSO’s programming in this area.

Taking a holistic approach to player and child development, and providing their coaches with opportunities to improve will have a positive benefit at the youth level.”

Cindy Parlow Cone  
President | US Soccer Federation

“AYSO has long had one of the best soccer coaching curriculum anywhere for teaching children the game and keeping it fun. This new programming expands it even further.

Developing the whole child is taken to a new level of intentionality. Everyone talks about diversity, equity and inclusion, but AYSO has brought it to the field. Helping our kids emotionally and socially discover themselves and the world around them takes it beyond soccer and sports. It helps both the novice and more experienced coach be better prepared to support an inclusive experience that celebrates diversity of race, gender, orientation, economic status, ethnicity, and more. A big thank-you to AYSO for bringing the child to the forefront of the soccer experience.”

Lynn Berling-Manuel  
Chief Executive Officer | United Soccer Coaches

“AYSO has shown an impressive commitment to holistic youth development through commitment as a 2020 Project Play Champion.

Their work to integrate social emotional skill development into their coach training, through Project Play’s Call for Coaches, will support the next generation of soccer coaches build healthy environments where young people can be active and healthy through sport.”

Tom Farrey, Executive Director  
Aspen Institute Sports & Society Program