



BRISBANE AYSO FAQ

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- **How much does Brisbane AYSO's soccer program cost and what is included?**

Fees vary from region to region. Brisbane AYSO's registration fee is \$100 and includes a team uniform and soccer accident insurance through the AYSO National Office.

- **How long is the AYSO fall soccer season?**

Brisbane AYSO's season kicks off in late August and wraps up in early November, with the exception of any 10U, 12U, or 14U teams that qualify for the mid-November or early-December area tournament, or the Thanksgiving weekend Turkey Tournament.

Note that we need time to recruit volunteers in advance of the start of our fall season, so please register your child early. Fall registration closes July 31st, but some divisions fill up well before this date!

- **What days are practices and where are they held?**

Practice days and times are set by the volunteer coaches according to their availability, so this information will be available in mid/late August once coaches are in place and teams have been assigned. Practices are held on weekdays during after school or early evening hours.

6U, 8U, and 10U teams practice at Brisbane Elementary School, [500 San Bruno Ave, Brisbane](#).

12U and 14U teams practice at Lipman Middle School, [1 Solano St., Brisbane](#)

- **How many practices are held each week?**

6U teams typically practice 1 day per week

8U teams – 1-2 days per week

10U, 12U, 14U – 2 days per week

- **When and where are games played?**

All AYSO games take place on Saturdays, with the exception of the end of season area tournament (late November—for qualifying 10U, 12U, 14U teams only, dependent on team standings). Game times will vary:

6U – early morning games, between 8:30am-10:30am, depending on number of 6U teams. All games played at Brisbane Elementary School field

8U – early morning to mid-afternoon. All games played at Crestmoor field, [275 Courtland Drive, San Bruno](#)

10U – early morning to mid-afternoon. Games played at Crestmoor field, [275 Courtland Drive, San Bruno](#) or [Brisbane Elementary School field](#)

12U & 14U- early morning to mid-afternoon. Games played at [Lipman Middle School](#), San Bruno, Daly City, Millbrae, and Pacifica

- **What equipment is needed to play AYSO soccer?**

All players will need shin guards and cleats (6U players can play wearing a sturdy pair of running shoes, however, cleats are recommended). Brisbane AYSO holds a used cleat exchange prior to the beginning of the fall soccer season; we often have shin guards available at our cleat exchange.

Soccer balls are provided during practices; however, your child may benefit from having their own soccer ball to practice at home. Recommended soccer ball sizes are:

6U & 8U – size 3
10U & 12U – size 4
14U – size 5

- **Is my child in the correct age group?**

Division assignments are based on birth year, so your child might not necessarily play in the same division as his/her classmates. Please see AYSO's [age determination chart](#). Note that Brisbane AYSO does not offer all divisions – only 6U, 8U, 10U, 12U, and 14U.

- **My child has no soccer experience—is AYSO appropriate for them?**

YES! One of the Six Philosophies of AYSO soccer is “Open Registration” — if you want to play soccer, AYSO welcomes you and gives everyone the opportunity to register and play, no matter their experience or skill level! AYSO's Six Philosophies were created to provide a positive, fair and fun soccer experience for all our players. Learn more [here](#).

- **My child has a lot of soccer experience; can they play at a higher level than their age group?**

Some players can qualify to play in a higher division than their age group subject to space availability and coach approval. Please contact brisbaneayso@gmail.com and we will consider your request to move your child to a higher division.

- **Who will be coaching my child?**

All of our coaches are parent volunteers who have completed a background check and training prior to the start of the season. We are always in need of head coaches, assistant coaches, and referees! If you would like to coach your child's team or volunteer to referee, please contact Brisbane AYSO brisbaneayso@gmail.com.

- **What if I can't make my team's practice times?**

Practice days and times are set by our volunteer coaches according to their availability. We recognize that selected practice days/times may not work for everyone; if you have a conflict with other extra-curricular activities, please contact brisbaneayso@gmail.com and we'll do our best to accommodate your child on another team. Please note that players may be moved to create balanced teams early in the season as we work through accommodating change requests.

- **How do I apply for a scholarship for my child?**

Brisbane AYSO offers scholarships to families in need, enabling all children to participate in AYSO programs. Our scholarship procedure changed in 2022 and is no longer associated with eligibility for free school lunch (since the state of California now offers free school lunch to all students). If you would like to apply for a scholarship for your child, during registration, please select “Yes” in response to the question regarding scholarship application.

I would like to apply for a LOW-INCOME SCHOLARSHIP for my child. I understand that I must submit a SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM (found at brisbanesoccer.org) or I will be charged the full registration amount. (Note that AYSO annual membership fee and processing fee will still apply) (Scholarship)*

☐ Yes ☒ No

Once you have completed your child's registration, please complete and return the [Brisbane AYSO Youth Scholarship application](#). Brisbane AYSO will review your application and notify you of approval status within 10 business days after the close of registration. **Your registration will not be considered complete until the scholarship application has been submitted and approved.** Failure to submit a scholarship application will result in cancellation of your child's scholarship discount and your account will be assessed the full registration amount.

- **How can I help out with Brisbane AYSO soccer?**

Brisbane AYSO is made up entirely of volunteers and we would love to have you join us! The following volunteer opportunities are available:

- Board member —please contact brisbaneayso@gmail.com to inquire about open board member positions
- Head coach/assistant coach —
- Referee— for 10U, 12U, and 14U games
- Youth referee—10U, 12U and 14U games (as assistant referee at 14U level)
- Field prep—Lay out, measure, and mark fields
- 6U coordinator— Prepare and maintain 6U game schedule; coordinate with 6U coaches
- Team parent— Prepare and maintain snack schedule, assist coach with parent communications
- Team banner—Team banners are optional. A creative parent can make or purchase a team banner (player families normally chip in)

- **What if I have additional questions?**

Please email brisbaneayso@gmail.com and we'll do our best to respond as quickly as possible.