# AIEA REGION 118
# THE AYSO FLEX™: EXTRA CONCURRENT PROGRAM

**Dear Parents:**

Our Region is planning on participating in a pilot **AYSO FLEX™** program called "***EXTRA Concurrent***" that is being initiated by some of the Oahu AYSO regions starting this Fall season **for our U10B, U10G, U12B, U12G, U14B and U14G age groups only**

While there are many details about this program that you should become familiar with if you are interested, this handout should give you a general idea of the ***EXTRA Concurrent*** program so you can determine if this program may be right for your child.

If you decide to apply to participate in this program, and your child is selected to play on the EXTRA Concurrent team(s), this mean your son or daughter will practice, and play for their fall team on Saturday, and their EXTRA team on Sunday, and you may need to travel to play teams from other regions at fields in other areas (to be determined - such as Waipio Soccer Complex, Waiau, Mililani, etc.) to play on Sunday.

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT OUR REGION AT AYSO118@YAHOO.COM AND PROVIDE PLAYER'S NAME, BIRTH DATE AND YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION. WE WILL CONTACT YOU WITH FURTHER DETAILS ABOUT THIS PROGRAM, AND WHEN PLAYER TRYOUTS WILL BE HELD AND THE TEAMS WILL BE FORMED.**

# WHAT IS AYSO FLEX™ & THE "*EXTRA Concurrent*" Program

## A. General Description - EXTRA Concurrent

### AYSO FLEX™

AYSO FLEX™ is the "umbrella" name for optional player opportunities that may be implemented by Regions, Areas and Sections.

Under AYSO FLEX™, a new optional program called **"EXTRA Concurrent"** is being piloted that is designed for players who have the interest, skills and abilities that want to enhance their experience and individual growth through soccer. ***AYSO's 6 Philosophies still do apply under this program.***

### EXTRA CONCURRENT

One of the AYSO FLEX™ new programs, and the one being started by several Regions in Hawaii, including the Aiea Region, is called **"EXTRA Concurrent."** Under this program, participating players will be placed on an **"EXTRA Concurrent"** team **and** also on a standard primary fall team at the same time, and players must participate fully with both teams. These players are essentially "double-rostered."

Players are not allowed to participate in only the "Extra" program. They must first participate in the regular Fall Season program thus making them eligible for the Spring Select teams along with local and national AYSO tournaments.

## B. Player Eligibility

The **EXTRA Concurrent** program being implemented by this fall is open to all players who wish to apply and participate **in a player selection process** (if necessary, depending on the number of interested players), i.e. tryouts, that the Region will schedule.

*However, parents should keep in mind that this new program is designed to meet the needs of players who possess a higher level of skill, a desire to play more challenging matches and a preference to play soccer more frequently than afforded in the primary fall program. This EXTRA Concurrent program will have a limited number of teams and smaller player participation numbers than the primary fall program and typically is geared to attract players who are more dedicated to the sport of soccer and the time commitment necessary to participate in this program.*

If the number of interested players exceeds the available number of teams & slots, the Region will use a player tryout, on dates to be announced, that will be used to impartially choose players based on evaluations at the tryouts. The evaluations will be conducted by our coach administration, and player selections will be made by a committee comprised of the coach administration and by a board member(s).

## C. Games and Practices

The **EXTRA Concurrent** games will be played on Sundays. Players will still play with their regular fall teams on Saturdays. Players in Aiea Region will have a special player's clinic on Fridays to train our "Extra" players. Players are limited to 2 practices, plus the Friday player's clinic and 2 games per week. A player may attend either 2 practices with their Fall team or one with their Fall team and one with their EXTRA team.

## D. Coaches and Referees

The coaches, assistant coaches, and referees selected by the Region for participation in **EXTRA Concurrent** program ***will be of the highest quality***.

**At the minimum EXTRA coaches, assistant coaches and referees must**:

- Have a current volunteer form on file at the National Support & Training Center
- Be an AYSO trained and certified coach or referee as specified in these Guidelines
- Be Safe Haven certified with the appropriate course (Referee Safe Haven does not certify the coach)
- Be an active participant in the Region's standard primary (fall) program as an instructor, coach or referee mentor, or other volunteer service the Region determines adequate to fulfill this requirement
- Be in good standing with the Region, Area and/or Section and AYSO
- Be approved by the Region board
- Be evaluated and renewed each membership year.

For participation in the **EXTRA Concurrent** program:

- Coaches must hold the following certification for U-10: **U-12 Coach**.
- Coaches must hold the following certification for U-12: **Intermediate Certification**

- Coaches must hold the following certification for U-**14**: **Advance Certification**
- Referees must hold the following certification for U10, U-12 and U-14: **Regional Referee**.[1]

Additionally, for selection by the Regional Board, application forms must be completed by prospective coaches and referees and submitted for consideration by the **Region's *EXTRA Concurrent Program Selection Committee***, who will nominate the coach(es) and referee(s) for selection and board approval.

The application forms are available for interested coach and referee volunteers. Generally, the pre-requisites for submitting an application to coach/referee include:

- Current AYSO Volunteer Application Form filed at National Support & Training Center
- Compliant with training requirements for age of team being applied for the **EXTRA Concurrent** Program Guidelines (see above)
- AYSO Safe Haven Certification
- 2 Years minimum coaching/refereeing experience
- Completed Application
- Nomination by **Region's EXTRA Concurrent Program Selection Committee**

The application forms include the submission of the following types of information by an applicant -- Level of coaching or refereeing Training (e.g. for coaches: Youth, Intermediate, Advanced, National, USSF Licensing, and for referees: Regional, Intermediate, Advanced) and year of training; & Experience (for example, AYSO Region, Age Groups, Seasons and Years, or USYS/Club experience).

[1] It is strongly recommended that EXTRA program coaches and referees be encouraged to be certified at least one level above the level he/she is intending to coach or referee at (except as set forth above, U-10 coaches **must** be certified at the U-12 level and U-12 be certified at the Intermediate level). It is also strongly recommended that coaches and referees have continuing education each year as designed by the Region.

## E. Fees

Participating players may be charged a fee (in an amount to be determined) to cover costs such as park fees (e.g. the Waipio Soccer Complex), ID Cards, and uniforms.

**If you have any further questions about this program, please feel free to ask us.**