



## Welcome to the 2009 soccer season in CHINO HILLS **AYSO** Region 779!

What a remarkable endeavor this is, year after year. Your Regional Board and supported by several hundred volunteers allow close to 3,000 players ranging in age from 4 to 19 years old to play this great game called soccer! Thank you all for participating in such good spirits. It is truly the "spirit" of **AYSO** Soccer that makes us special. We are a family-based activity dedicated to ensuring that our sport is FUN, FAIR, SAFE and FUN at all times. The six basic philosophies upon which **AYSO** was founded forty years ago still guide our every action and decision today. "Everyone Plays – Balanced Teams - Open Registration – Good Sportsmanship – Positive Coaching – Player Development"

As Parents, Coaches, Referees, and Supporters, it is our duty to be adults, and always remember that we are role models for the children around us. Let's coach them during the week and let them play on Saturday. Remember they are kids and not little adults, so make your support positive and encouraging at all times. Let them make their own mistakes and learn from them. Teach them to be gracious in both victory and defeat, and understand that it is the game that matters and not the score.

This is a truly wonderful game that all kids love to play, whether they are good at it or not. In this way soccer provides us with an excellent opportunity to teach and learn the value of teamwork, trust, and sharing responsibility, while building friendships and having fun.

I would like to remind everyone that **AYSO** is an organization that is entirely made up of volunteers. Coaches, Referees, Team Moms, and Snack Schedulers are all doing this out of the goodness of their hearts. They all have lives outside of soccer full of other responsibilities, none of them are being paid for what they do, and they all deserve as much consideration and support as the kids do. Please be helpful and supportive at all times as it will always benefit your kids. If nothing else, please respect the Referees. They are doing a difficult job and they always have the safety of the kids at heart. We cannot tolerate having referees heckled and criticized from the sidelines. If you think that improvement is needed, then we challenge you to be part of that improvement. Put your time where your mouth is! We will teach you how to coach if you want to learn, and we would LOVE to teach you how to referee!!

As players your job is to play hard, play safe, make friends, and have as much fun as you can stand! We hope you will help and support your teammates, that you will share the good times and the bad times together as a team, and that you will always treat others with respect and courtesy on and off the field. We are all ready for a great soccer season, so let's all go have fun!

Wishing all a FUN, FAIR, SAFE and FUN soccer season!

I'll see you on the field!

Michael Machado  
Regional Commissioner  
Chino Hills AYSO Region 779

