



AMERICAN YOUTH SOCCER ORGANIZATION

MOTION

Title: National Policy Statements 2.15 Youth Volunteers	Item No. _____
Meeting Date: June, 2024	
Agenda Request By: ?	
Contact Person: Karen Mihara	
Committee Vote (if appropriate): ____ Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Does this item have a fiscal impact on the Organization? ____ Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If yes, provide detailed cost impacts/projections for consideration.	
Additional Documentation Attached? ____ Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
National Policy Statements	

Items must be presented 10 days in advance of the meeting to be considered for the agenda.

Motion to amend National Policy Statements 2.15 to state specifically that youth volunteers may not be certified as instructors or serve as lead instructors in any discipline.

RECOMMENDATION MOTION LANGUAGE (Bold/Underlined):

2.15 Youth Volunteers

Although AYSO appreciates and encourages young people to participate in all aspects of soccer including coaching and officiating, an individual under the age of majority, a youth volunteer, may not be listed as the Team Coach or Assistant Coach and may not be responsible for or in the position of supervising children.

Each of the seven required Regional Board positions including Regional Commissioner, Treasurer, Child and Volunteer Protection Advocate, Registrar, Safety Director, Regional Coach Administrator, and Regional Referee Administrator must be held by an adult volunteer. In addition, youth volunteers may not hold any other Regional Board position other than in a non-voting capacity.

Careful consideration should be given to the duties associated with other volunteer positions before assigning them to youth volunteers. Youth volunteers should not be assigned to any position with responsibility for the administration, management or supervision of an AYSO program including areas such as custodial supervision of youth participants, finances, personal data confidentiality, dispute resolution and risk management. **Youth volunteers may not be certified as an Instructor or serve as a lead Instructor in any discipline.**

BACKGROUND:

In keeping with the considerations already established in the policy, the practice has been that youth volunteers can take any AYSO course but may not be certified for some positions until reaching the age of majority, including Instructor positions. This motion simply documents existing policy/practice that minors may not be certified as Instructors, nor may they be Lead Instructors.

DISCUSSION: