



# THE ADVOCATE



The AYSO logo is circular with the letters "AYSO" in the center. Around the letters, the words "AMERICAN YOUTH SOCCER ORGANIZATION" are written in a smaller, curved font. At the bottom of the circle, it says "FOUNDED 1964".

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## "Go Green" with eSign

eSign is a great way for your Region to "go green"! Regions can ask volunteers to print only one copy of their volunteer form (instead of two) and present it to the Region with a photo I.D.

This copy will enable the Region to confirm the identity of the volunteer with a U.S. government-issued photo I.D. and allow for reference checks on all brand new volunteers.

Once these steps are taken, the eSigned form copies can be shredded and destroyed. Likewise, many Regions ask parents to print one copy of their Player Registration forms so that coaches can have a signed form for emergency medical treatment authorization.

Since eSigned volunteer forms do not have to be sent to the Safe Haven Department at the National Office, Regions will save on shipping fees and trips to the post office.

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## Honoring Volunteer Tom Lebens

*The Advocate* would like to honor longtime AYSO volunteer, Tom Lebens. When it comes to soccer, even the *Laws of the Game* can't provide all the answers. But fortunately for all AYSO volunteers,

whenever there's a question about balancing legal rights, legislative requirements or liability concerns, Tom Lebens has been available to provide insightful counsel to keep our volunteers and players safe.



Tom is a 10-year volunteer who has served as a CVPA, webmaster, coach, referee, Regional Commissioner, Area Director, instructor and most recently, Chair of the Legal Commission and member of the National Board of Directors (NBOD).

As the Chair of the Legal Commission, Tom - along with all the members of the Commission - has helped many Regions work through difficult Safe Haven issues while providing the National Safe Haven staff with invaluable guidance and counsel.

As Tom steps aside from the NBOD and as Chair of the Legal Commission this year, *The Advocate* would like to take this opportunity to recognize Tom for his countless contributions to the Safe Haven program. Thank you Tom, for all you've done to make AYSO a Safe Haven!

## AYSO's Criminal Background Check Policy

[AYSO's Criminal Background Check Policy](#) states that because of the serious implications to the entire AYSO organization, all Regions, Areas and Sections must comply with the decisions made by the National Office's Safe Haven Department.

All disqualified or restricted volunteers will receive a written notice of review, a copy of their background check results and the information necessary to review the results with the National Safe Haven Department. Any requests for review should be directed to [Safe Haven](#).

This Safe Haven Right of Review satisfies any requirement for due process and preserves the individual's right to privacy. No further review is required at the Region, Area or Section level.

## Safety of Registration at Public Wi-Fi "Hot Spot"

eAYSO is a secure website, signified by the "https" before the eAYSO URL. While logged on to eAYSO, all information entered is secure and encrypted in transmission regardless of the network connection used, so it is safe to use a wireless connection or hot spot.



However, information entered from a computer is only as secure as the computer itself. If the computer is not running current anti-virus and security software, the computer itself could be infected with spyware which may be capable of capturing keystrokes.

Everyone should make sure their personal computers have the latest updates installed for their security software to protect against the potential for spyware and in order to secure any transactions of personal or credit card information.