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AYSO Region 390 Honored With Gold Level Award

Oak Ridge, TN (February 15, 2010)— American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) Region 390 of Oak Ridge has been awarded a Gold Regional Assessment Award for the 2008-09 AYSO season. The award honors Region 390 for its commitment to improving a higher standard of play while also taking steps toward expanding the accessibility of AYSO to more families.

AYSO has almost 1,000 Regions which are the national soccer organization's community-based leagues. Only nine AYSO Regions in the nation received the Gold Award.

Gold Award Regions are recognized for their consistent efforts to expand their program to include more opportunities for more children to play soccer including helping players with physical and mental disabilities experience the joys of playing soccer in their local communities.

To qualify for the Gold level, a Region must complete 70 requirements, including all requirements for the Silver and Bronze levels. Requirements for the Gold level include implementing a Very Important Player (VIP) program, which is an AYSO soccer program for children and adults with physical or mental disabilities.

The Region Assessment Program is an evaluation of a Region's performance compared against a list of best practices from Regions across the country. There are four award levels—bronze, silver, gold and platinum.

About American Youth Soccer Organization

The American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) is the largest single-entity youth soccer association in the U.S. with nearly 600,000 players and 225,000 volunteers. AYSO develops and delivers quality youth soccer development programs in a fun, safe environment based on the Six Philosophies of Everyone Plays®, Balanced Teams, Open Registration, Positive Coaching, Good Sportsmanship and Player Development. For more information contact Sahar Milani at 310-727-5421, saharmilani@ayso.org or visit www.AYSO.org.