



AYSO United Guidance on Prioritizing Soccer and Non-Soccer Activities

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AYSO United Davis is committed to its soccer teams being one of multiple priorities in our youths' development. In order to grow as individual players and as teams, it is important that each athlete and family is willing to commit to the following priority schedule in relation to participating in United trainings and games.

- (1) If the athlete is healthy and does not have a scheduling conflict, we expect our athletes to be at United trainings and games.
- (2) The athlete should feel comfortable prioritizing the following activities over United trainings and games (if there is a conflict):
 - (a) Important and unavoidable family events and religious commitments;
 - (b) School (e.g., classes, homework) and school-mandated functions (e.g., band or orchestra performances);
 - (c) In-season high school or junior high sports (e.g., in spring, junior high soccer, DHS track) or extracurriculars (e.g., theater performance)
- (3) In addition, we recognize our athletes will have other commitments for 'out-of-season' or year-round sports or other clubs (e.g., spring volleyball, spring field hockey, Scouts) and other activities (e.g., work commitments). We expect our athletes to make United at least an equal priority in relation to these activities. We ask our coaches to work with the athletes and parents to find solutions that work.

In all of the above situations, we ask our athletes and families to communicate their schedules as far in advance as possible with the coaches -- and to keep their TeamSnap availability updated.

Coaches, athletes and parents should reach back to United leadership if they need assistance in navigating conflicting schedules. We believe in and support our youth athletes in pursuing many activities off the pitch -- and we look forward to working with you to make it work!