



AMERICAN YOUTH SOCCER ORGANIZATION

MOTION

Title: AYSO Firearms Policy
Date: June 5, 2022
Agenda Request by: Jan Buddingh, Jr., Chair, AYSO National Legal Commission
Contact Person: Jan Buddingh, Jr.
Does this item have a fiscal impact on the Organization? No
Additional Documentation Attached? No.
Bylaw/Rules & Regs # ____ or Add Section 2.18 to the AYSO National Policy Statements
Effective Date of Proposed Addition: Immediate

RECOMMENDED MOTION LANGUAGE:

Add Section 2.18 to the AYSO National Policy Statements to read as follow:

In furtherance of its Safe Haven and Kids' Zone policies, it is the policy of AYSO to prohibit, to the maximum extent allowed by all applicable laws, the open or concealed carrying of firearms in the vicinity of playing fields during practices or games, as well as at any other AYSO sanctioned events. In jurisdictions where open and/or concealed carrying of firearms is legally allowed, AYSO strongly discourages the carrying of such firearms in the vicinity of any AYSO practices, games, or events.

BACKGROUND: Recent events reinforce the need for AYSO to confirm that it is doing everything possible to ensure the safety of players and volunteers at all AYSO events, especially with respect to helping the kids feel safe at those events. The policy statement has been specifically drafted by Legal Commission member, Hector Beltran, former Regional Commissioner in El Paso, Texas, so as to not violate the law of any state.

RECOMENDATION: Vote to add proposed Section 2.18 to the AYSO National Policy Statements.