DAILY Warm-Up 11

Name _____ Date _____

AYSO SOCCER

Have you ever wanted to kick a soccer ball? Have you ever wanted to play on a soccer team? AYSO soccer may be just the place for you. It is one of the largest soccer programs in the U.S.

What does AYSO mean? AYSO stands for American Youth Soccer Organization. It is a club that is in all 50 states. AYSO has five simple things it believes in.

The most important idea is that everyone plays. All players must play at least half of every game. This makes them feel like they are an important part of the team. They do not have to be worried about spending most of the time sitting on the sidelines.

The second belief is to have balanced teams. Teams that play each other should be made up of players that have the same amount of experience.

The third belief of AYSO is to have open registration. This means everyone is allowed to play. As long as a child is between the ages of 4–19, he or she can play.

Positive coaching is the fourth belief. Coaches in AYSO make soccer fun as well as a learning time. Children learn how to be supportive of each other and play like a team.

The last belief is that all players should be good sports. They should respect each other. Children learn that winning is not the most important thing. Being a good sport and doing your best is what playing in AYSO is all about.

STORY QUESTIONS

1. The word *organization* means the same as . . .
a. game.
b. soccer ball.
c. house.
d. group or club.

2. Who can play in AYSO?
a. children ages one to three
b. children ages 4–19
c. adults ages 40–50
d. only girls

3. The author's purpose for this passage is . . .
a. to entertain the reader with soccer jokes.
b. to inform the reader about the rules of the soccer player.
c. to persuade the reader to kick a soccer ball on weekends.
d. to inform the reader about the five beliefs of the AYSO.

4. Which statement is **NOT** true about AYSO?
a. Coaches are positive.
b. Teams should be balanced.
c. Only fantastic players get to play the game.
d. All players must play at least half of every game.

LIVEWORKSHEETS