



AMERICAN YOUTH SOCCER ORGANIZATION

Annual Referee Update

AYSO National Referee Program

Bringing the World's Game to Communities Everywhere

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BALANCED TEAMS

OPEN REGISTRATION

POSITIVE COACHING


GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP

PLAYER DEVELOPMENT



Please Sign the Attendance Roster

Course Name: _____ Location Name: _____ Page: ___ of ___
 S/A/R: _____ Lead Instructor: _____
 Phone: _____ Instructors: _____



Course Attendance Roster

Please print legibly; credit for courses will not be given or will be delayed if information cannot be interpreted.
 LOGIN to AYSOU. Go To the TRAINING LIBRARY, ENROLL in this COURSE. Then Go To the Event Calendar and SIGN-IN to this COURSE EVENT.

Registered First Name	Registered Last Name	S/A Region	ID #	Phone # (With Area Code)	Email Address

- Print your Name, email, Division, Team (Number or Coach Name).
- You must be a **current referee volunteer** to earn a **Referee Point** for your Team (Max 1 Point Per Team).

What Are We Doing Today?

- Share information valuable to all Referees
- Discuss how to be an AYSO Referee
- Discuss national updates (LOTG & Nat'l Regulations)

Regional Referee Staff

- Mark Christian – Referee Administrator & Dir. of Instruction
- Pat Stanford – Asst. Referee Administrator (Operations)
- Chris Irons – Asst. Referee Administrator (Equipment)
- Rick Roberts – Dir. of Referee Assessment
- Sandee Wilson – Dir. of Referee Mentoring
- Dan Ory – Referee Scheduling

Be an AYSO Referee

- Know AYSO core values:

AYSO Vision:

- To provide world class youth soccer programs that enrich children's lives.

AYSO Mission:

- To develop and deliver quality youth soccer programs which promote a fun, family environment based on AYSO's Six Philosophies.

Be an AYSO Referee

- Keep the game Safe, Fair, and Fun
- Know your responsibilities
- Know the Laws of the Game
- Facilitate the game *for the kids*
- Be the best referee you can be



Be an AYSO Referee

Present a professional appearance...



versus



Be an AYSO Referee

Emphasizing learning and growing...
Continuing Education



Mentoring





AYSO's Stewards of the Game

- Coaches and Referees are asked to work together as the team of **Stewards of the Game** in order to make player safety the #1 priority on the field.
- Everyone is asked to role model the principles of sport, create kids zone sidelines and promote good sportsmanship and player safety.

Be an AYSO Referee

Who Can Become a Referee?

- **No Prior Experience Necessary!**
- Regional Refs must be at least 12 years old
- Register as an AYSO Volunteer (Referee)
- Adults must pass a background check
- Complete Safety & Compliance Training
- Complete Referee Training

Referee Certification Process

ALL AYSO volunteers are required to complete the following trainings:

- Concussion Awareness
- Sudden Cardiac Arrest
- Safe Haven
- Safe Sport (New for the State of CA)

All volunteers must also pass a background check and should complete LiveScan Fingerprinting process.

Complete Referee Training modules

- Online Referee Training (about 90 min.)
- In-Person Referee Training (about 2 hrs.)

Once you're Certified, we provide uniforms, gear and mentoring!

Local Referee Courses

Course	Date(s)	Times	Week	Location
Referee Mentor	Wed 9/4/24	6:30PM – 8PM	Week 1	Recreation Park (Joslyn Center)
Regional Referee Online Companion	Sun 9/8/24	8AM - 11:30AM	Week 1	Recreation Park (Brett Field)
Regional Referee Online Companion	Sun 9/15/24	8AM - 11:30AM	Week 2	Recreation Park (Brett Field)
Regional Referee Online Companion	Sun 9/22/24	8AM - 11:30AM	Week 3	Recreation Park (Brett Field)
Regional Referee Online Companion	Sun 9/29/24	8AM - 11:30AM	Week 4	Recreation Park (Brett Field)
Intermediate Referee	Sun 10/13/24	8AM - 5PM	Week 7	Recreation Park (Joslyn Center)

More Courses Can Be Found on AYSOU

Team Referee Points Program

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Team Referee Points Program

- Teams from 10U – 14U age divisions must earn Referee Points during the Season to qualify for the end-of-season playoff tournament.
- The number of points required varies by age division; the older divisions require more points (they have bigger rosters) than the younger ones. Below is an example of the points matrix:

Referee Volunteer Points Required to Qualify for Regional Playoffs:

<i>Age Group</i>	<i>Team Points Needed</i>	<i>Comments</i>
<i>U-10</i>	<i>18</i>	Smaller roster size; parents are typically newer to AYSO
<i>U-12</i>	<i>24</i>	Larger roster size
<i>U-14</i>	<i>30</i>	Larger roster size; families have experience with referee program

Note: We offer Bonus Points for New Referees and those who upgrade their badges.

More details on the Referee Points Program can be found here: [Team Referee Program](#)

Team Referee Points Program

Points Earned Per Volunteer Assignment:

Age Group	Referee	Assistant Referee (AR)	Mentor	Comments
U-10	1.5	1	1.5	Smaller roster size; parents are typically newer to AYSO
U-12	2	1	2	Larger roster size
U-14	3	1	3	Larger roster size; families have experience with referee program
U16/19	TBD	TBD	TBD	U16/19 referees require significant experience and the approval of Referee Administrator.

Team Referee Points Program

Bonus Points Available:

<i>Credit Name</i>	<i>Number of Points</i>	<i>Comments</i>
<i>Certification</i>	3	Bonus credit for completing Regional Referee (or higher) training/certification during Fall Season AND completing three (3) Referee or AR assignments

Referee Incentive Program

- E-affle tickets are earned for each game completed, with prize drawings several times during the season.
- Iron Ref and Super Ref prizes for refereeing 10 or 20 games respectively during the Season.

More details on the Referee Points Program can be found here: [Team Referee Program](#)

Team Referee Points Program

Referee Mentor Program:

- Experienced Referees (Intermediate, Advanced and National) may earn Referee Points by supporting games in 10U and 12U as a Referee Mentor.
- Regional Referees with a min. of 25 games as a Referee (CR), with 5 games as Referee (CR) in 12U, may also serve as a Referee Mentor if they complete a 2-hour Referee Mentor Certification Course. Contact the Referee Administrator for more information.

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Referee Program Links

How To Become A
New Referee



Team Referee
Points Program



IFAB Documentation

- IFAB Documentation may be found at
 - <https://www.theifab.com/documents/>
- Try the phone app from IFAB
 - <https://www.theifab.com/logapp/>



Updates to Laws of the Game

(AYSO-Relevant)

2024/25



Law 3: The Players

- The new language: “Each team must have a captain on the field of play who wears an identifying armband.”
 - In **AYSO**, each team must appoint a captain (or captains) for the match, but armbands are optional.

Law 4: The Players' Equipment

- The new language: “. . . shinguards . . . must be made of a suitable material and be of an appropriate size to provide reasonable protection . . . Players are responsible for the size and suitability of their shinguards . . .”
 - In **AYSO**, this will not change what referees have always done before and during a match, i.e., ensuring that all player equipment is safe and appropriately worn.

Law 12: Fouls and Misconduct

- The new language: “Where a player denies the opposing team a goal or an obvious goal-scoring opportunity by committing a non-deliberate handball offence and the referee awards a penalty kick, the offender is cautioned . . .”
 - If a *non-deliberate* handball offense (i.e., touching the ball with hand/arm when it has made the body unnaturally bigger) occurs *in the Penalty Area*, denying the opposing team a goal or an obvious goal-scoring opportunity (DOGSO), and the Referee awards a penalty kick, the offender is cautioned (Yellow Card), rather than sent-off (Red Card).

Law 12: Fouls and Misconduct (cont.)

- By contrast, for a *deliberate* handball offense (i.e., deliberately touching the ball with hand/arm, for example moving hand/arm towards the ball), the offender is sent-off (Red Card). Likewise, when a handball offense occurs and constitutes a DOGSO, but occurs *outside* the Penalty Area (i.e., a direct free kick is awarded, not a penalty kick), the offender is sent-off (Red Card).
- In **AYSO**, this change does not need to be applied to younger players and most of the time would not even be recognized by the players, coaches or parents. Also, in AYSO, our focus is on the development of players, not on replicating the sanctions on professional athletes at the highest level.

Law 14: The Penalty Kick

- The new language: “The ball must be stationary, with part of the ball touching or overhanging the centre of the penalty mark . . .”
 - In **AYSO**, most of our games are on fields with no penalty marks. For the placement of the ball for penalty kicks, referees should use their best judgment and do what is fair.

Law 14: The Penalty Kick (cont.)

- The new language:

“ . . . - a teammate of the player taking the penalty kick is penalised for encroachment only if:

- the encroachment *clearly impacted* on the goalkeeper; or
- the encroaching player plays the ball or challenges an opponent for the ball *and then scores, attempts to score or creates a goal-scoring opportunity*

“ . . . - a teammate of the goalkeeper is penalised for encroachment only if:

- the encroachment *clearly impacted* on the kicker; or
- the encroaching player plays the ball or challenges an opponent for the ball *and this prevents the opponents from scoring, attempting to score or creating a goal-scoring opportunity . . .”*

○ In **AYSO**, this will not change what referees have usually done. During a penalty kick, encroachment is penalized only if it has a *clear impact*.

Game Cards Review





Game / Line-Up Card Instructions for Referees

REGION ____ BU- ____ GU- ____ TEAM # ____

TEAM NAME _____

TEAM COLORS _____

COACH _____

ASS'T. COACH _____

No.	PRINT PLAYER'S NAME <small>(List in uniform number order)</small>	GOALS		QTRS. NOT PLAYED			
		1H	2H	1	2	3	4

Indicate: GK (Goalkeeper), C (Captain)
All players on roster must be listed with reason for absence indicated.

DATE ____ TIME ____ FIELD ____

HALF-TIME SCORE _____	IN FAVOR OF _____
FINAL SCORE _____	WINNER _____
	LOSER _____

(Referee must complete the reverse side of this card)

To be completed by the **Coach**

To be completed by **Assistant Referee**

- Insert a tick-mark for each goal scored for each player

To be completed by **Assistant Referee**

- Use an “L” to indicate that a Player was late/absent at check-in or at the start of a quarter, *but is expected to arrive late to the game.* Also, use an “L” in a quarter to indicate that a player left the game early.
- If a Player will not be playing at all, draw a line through the Player’s number and name
- Use an “X” or “/” to indicate that the Player is a substitute for that particular quarter
- If a Player is removed for an *injury or illness*, use an “I” to indicate that the Player has been removed from a particular quarter or the game, and circle the “X” or “/” of the player that was sent into the game to replace the injured player

To be completed by **Assistant Referee or Referee**

- Use the same Team #s as used above for Winner and Loser
- The order of the score should be from the perspective of each card’s team





Game / Line-Up Card Instructions for Referees

To be completed by the Referee

- Please indicate the Team # from the other side of the card here (even though there is no specific place for this entry)

To be completed by the Referee

- Sportsmanship Points may be deducted for any poor performance in a category, e.g., unacceptable spectator dissent may reduce the “Spectator conduct” by 1 or more points
- Deduct at least 1 “Player conduct” or “Coach conduct” point for each Caution issued
- Deduct all 5 “Player conduct” points or “Coach conduct” points when a Send-Off is given
- Give a score for *each category*, then total them up. The total should not be >23 points
- If 2 or more points are deducted from any one category, an explanation for the deduction is required

To be completed by the Assistant Referee

- For each Caution or Send-Off, list:
 1. The Player # or Coach name (for the card’s team)
 2. Whether it was a “Caution” or “Send Off”
 3. A very brief description of the offense, e.g. USB, Dissent, Violent Conduct, etc.
 4. The elapsed game time when the offense occurred

SPORTSMANSHIP RATING			
Player conduct	(1-5 points)	_____	points
Coach conduct	(1-5 points)	_____	points
Spectator conduct	(1-5 points)	_____	points
Uniform appearance	(1-3 points)	_____	points
Courtesy to referees	(1-5 points)	_____	points
TOTAL			_____ points
<small>NOTE: A Send-Off (red card) results in zero points in the appropriate category. Each Caution (yellow card) results in a 1 point reduction.</small>			
Sportsmanship Comments: _____			

MISCONDUCT REPORT			
Disciplinary action taken: _____			

<small>An AYSO Misconduct Report is required for all Send-Offs (red cards)</small>			
Additional comments: _____			

Center Referee	_____		
Phone Number	() _____		
Ass't. Referee	_____		
Ass't. Referee	_____		
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Game / Line-Up Card Instructions for Referees

To be completed by the **Referee**

- An AYSO Misconduct (Referee) Report must be sent to the Referee Administrator within 24 hours of a **Send-Off**

To be completed by the **Referee**

- Additional comments about the game, coaches, spectators, field, etc. which may be relevant to the match

To be completed by the **Referee** or **Assistant Referee**

- Ensure that the names are legible
- If a club linesperson is used, simply write “Club”

SPORTSMANSHIP RATING		
Player conduct	(1-5 points)	_____ points
Coach conduct	(1-5 points)	_____ points
Spectator conduct	(1-5 points)	_____ points
Uniform appearance	(1-3 points)	_____ points
Courtesy to referees	(1-5 points)	_____ points
TOTAL		_____ points

NOTE: A Send-Off (red card) results in zero points in the appropriate category. Each Caution (yellow card) results in a 1 point reduction.

Sportsmanship Comments: _____

MISCONDUCT REPORT	
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Center Referee	_____
Phone Number ()	_____
Ass't. Referee	_____
Ass't. Referee	_____

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Game / Line-Up Card Example



REGION R92 BU- 14 GU- _____ TEAM # 2

TEAM NAME Blue Avengers

TEAM COLORS Blue/White

COACH Jason Smith

ASS'T. COACH Darlene Jones

No.	PRINT PLAYER'S NAME (Last in uniform number order)	GOALS		QTRS. NOT PLAYED			
		1H	2H	1	2	3	4
0	Steve Rogers	11		/	/	/	/
1	Bruce Banner			/	/	/	/
2	Stephen Strange			/	/	/	/
3	Clint Barton			/	/	/	/
4	Tony Stark	1		/	/	/	/
5	Scott Lang			/	/	/	/
6	Rocket Raccoon			/	/	/	/
7	Benedict Wong			L	L	/	/
8	James Rhodes			/	/	/	/
9	Harold Hogan			/	/	/	/
10	Peter Quill			/	/	/	/
11	Chadwick T'Challa	11		/	/	/	/
12	Peter Parker			/	/	/	/
13	Bucky Barnes			/	/	/	/
14	Sam Wilson			/	/	/	I
15	Vin Groot			/	/	/	/
16	Hank Pym			/	/	/	/
17	Nick Fury			/	/	/	/
18	Dave Drax			/	/	/	/
19	Chris Thor	1		/	/	/	/

(Indicate GK (Goalkeeper), C (Captain))
All players on roster must be listed with reason for absence indicated.

SPORTSMANSHIP RATING ES2

Player conduct (1-5 points)	4	points
Coach conduct (1-5 points)	5	points
Spectator conduct (1-5 points)	3	points
Uniform appearance (1-3 points)	3	points
Courtesy to referees (1-5 points)	5	points
TOTAL	20	points

NOTE: A Send-Off (red card) results in zero points in the appropriate category. Each Caution (yellow card) results in a 1 point reduction.

Sportsmanship Comments: _____
2 points deducted from Spectator conduct
due to repeated dissent from a spectator,
who was eventually required to leave the
field.
1 point deducted from Player conduct due to
a Caution being issued (see below)

MISCONDUCT REPORT

Disciplinary action taken: _____
Caution: #4, Dissent, 23rd minute

An AYSO Misconduct Report is required for all Send-Offs (red cards)

Additional comments: _____

DATE 11/4/2023 TIME 10:00am FIELD CES - West

HALF-TIME SCORE 3-2 IN FAVOR OF ES 2

FINAL SCORE 6-4 WINNER ES 2

LOSER M1

(Referee must complete the reverse side of this card)

ES2

Center Referee Sheldon Cooper

Phone Number (310) 555-4141

Ass't. Referee Leonard Hofstadter

Ass't. Referee Club

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Questions?



Thank you!



Thank you for volunteering to make a difference in the lives of children in your community.

Remember...creating a Safe Haven is everyone's responsibility.

For more information contact
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