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AMERICAN YOUTH SOCCER ORGANIZATION

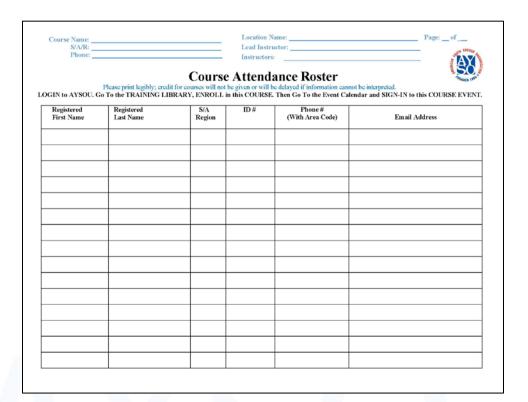
Annual Referee Update

AYSO National Referee Program

Bringing the World's Game to Communities Everywhere



Please Sign the Attendance Roster



 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



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.



- 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





Present a professional appearance...



versus



Emphasizing learning and growing...
Continuing Education



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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.



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





- 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 youngers. Below is an example of the points matrix:

Referee Volunteer Points Required to Qualify for Regional Playoffs:

Age Group	Team Points Needed	Comments
U-10	18	Smaller roster size; parents are typically newer to AYSO
U-12	24	Larger roster size
U-14	30	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



Points Earned Per Volunteer Assignment:

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



Bonus Points Available:

Credit Name	Number of Points	Comments
Certification	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-raffle 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: <u>Team Referee Program</u>



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

POSITIVE COACHING

- 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



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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..."
 - o 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 . . ."

o 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*.

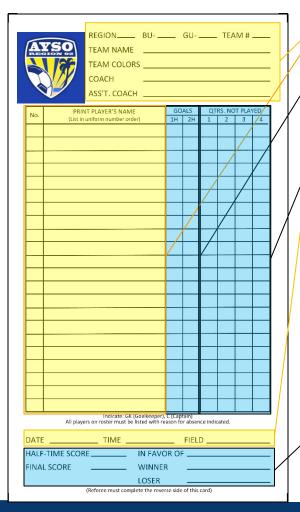
Game Cards Review



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Game / Line-Up Card Instructions for Referees



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 <u>all</u> 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

SPORT	SMANSHIP RATIN	G	
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 car category. Each Caution (
Sportsmanship Comme	ntc		
sportsmanship Comme	nts:		
MISC	CONDUCT REPORT		
Disciplinary action taker	n:		
An AYSO Misconduct Repo	ort is required for all S	end-Offs (red	d cards)
Additional comments: .			
Additional comments.			
Center Referee			
Center Referee)		
)		
Phone Number ()		



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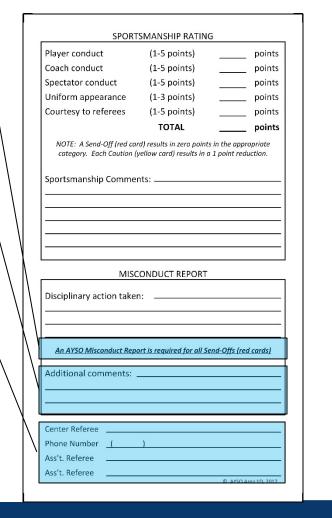
 An AYSO Misconduct (Referee) Report <u>must</u> be sent to the Referee Administrator within 24 hours of a **Send-Off**

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"







Game / Line-Up Card Example

REGION <mark>R92</mark> BU- <u>14</u> GU TEAM #	SPORTSMANSHIP RATING ES2
TEAM NAME Blue Avengers	Player conduct (1-5 points) 4 points
TEAM COLORSBlue/White	Coach conduct (1-5 points) points
COACH — Jason Smith	Spectator conduct (1-5 points) 3 points
ASS'T. COACH	Uniform appearance (1-3 points) 3 points
Mo PRINT PLAYER'S NAME GOALS QTRS. NOT PLAYED	Courtesy to referees (1-5 points) 5 points
(Ust in uniform number order) 1H 2H 1 2 3 4	TOTAL 20 points
0 Steve Rogers 11	NOTE: A Send-Off (red card) results in zero points in the appropriate
1 Bruce Banner	category. Each Caution (yellow card) results in a 1 point reduction.
2 Stephen Strange	
3 Clint Barton 4 Tony Stark 1	Sportsmanship Comments:
5 Scott Lang	2 points deducted from Spectator conduct
6 Rocket Racoon	_due to repeated dissent from a spectator,
	who was eventually required to leave the
7 Benedict Wong L L L	field. 1 point deducted from Player conduct due to
9 Harold Hogan	a Caution being issued (see below).
10 Peter Quill	
11 Chadwick T'Challa 11 /	MISCONDUCT REPORT
12 Peter Parker	Disciplinary action taken:
13 Bucky Barnes	Caution: #4, Dissent, 23 rd minute
14 Sam Wilson	
15 Vin Groot 16 Hank Pym	
17 Nick Fury	An AYSO Misconduct Report is required for all Send-Offs (red cards)
18 Dave Drax	A 1.702 1
19 Chris Thor	Additional comments:
15 Child their	
Indicate: GK (Social senser), C (Captain) All players on roader insist be listed with reason for absence indicated.	Center Referee Sheldon Cooper
DATE 11/4/2023 TIM 10:00am FIELD CES - West ES 2	Phone Number (310)555-4141
I HALF-TIME SCORE IN FAVOR DE	Ass't, Referee Leonard Hofstadter
FINAL SCORE 6-4 WINNER ES 2	Ass't. Referee Club
LOSER M1	ASSIL Referee
(Referee must complete the reverse side of this card)	



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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Email: 1d92rra@gmail.com

