



REGION 92

Team Referee Program Guidelines

10U, 12U, 14U

Fall 2024 Season

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SUMMARY

The purpose of the Team Referee Program is to help ensure that AYSO Region 92 recruits, trains, certifies, and fields enough volunteer referees to officiate at our regional games. In this Program, volunteers agree to referee games during our Regular Fall Season. This document describes the implementation details of the Team Referee Program in AYSO Region 92 (El Segundo) for the current season.

Teams in all divisions will compete in pool play during the regular season regardless of the team’s participation in the volunteer program. During the Fall Season, each team in Divisions 10U through 14U earning sufficient Team Referee Points by volunteering for referee assignments will qualify for post-season Regional Playoffs, which may lead to Area and Section Playoffs.

No monetary payments are permitted to Referees for participation by Teams. Article Two, Section 2.5 of the National Policy Statements state the reasons why AYSO only allows volunteers. Paying of Referees by Teams, Parents or Coaches is strictly prohibited, and violations related to Section 2.5 will be referred to the Region Board for disciplinary action, up to and including exclusion from playoff participation, and/or suspension of the Coach.

Each Team in Divisions 10U through 14U should identify which volunteers will serve as Referees and earn points for their Team, and notify the Regional Referee Administrator, who oversees the Referee Points Program, and coordinates the training of New Referees.

The Referee Points earned by each Team will be reported on the Region website (AYSO92.org) with the division standings.

Referee Volunteer Points Required to Qualify for Regional Playoffs:

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



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Points Earned Per Volunteer Assignment:

Age Group	Referee	Assistant Referee (AR)	Mentor	Comments
10U	1.5	1	1.5	Smaller roster size; parents are typically newer to AYSO
12U	2	1	2	Larger roster size
14U	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.

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

“Gift” Points

Referees not affiliated with a Team may donate earned points. However, Recipient Teams can only receive ¼ of their points requirements via donation (all sources).



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Signing up for Games / Limitations:

Early-Bird Signups

Signups ***prior to Thursday*** for the next week's games are considered early-bird. The limitations below help all referees to get assignments that fit their schedule for the next week:

- Limit of two (2) Referee (center) assignments per game day.
- Limit of one (1) 12U or higher Referee (center) assignment per game day.
- No signups for a family member's game as Assistant Referee.
- No signups for Coaches or Assistant Coaches as Assistant Referee for another game in their division.
- Experienced referees: Don't sign up for 10U AR assignments (leave these for newer referees).

Overall Signup Limitations

(note: Early-Bird constraints listed above are lifted on Thursday)

- Referee must be related (e.g., parent, guardian, sibling, aunt, uncle, etc.) to earn points for a team.
- Referees should declare the teams they are qualified to earn points for (email the Regional Referee Administrator).
- Referees should identify team(s) for assigning points when signing-up for games; you may update teams in CGI Sports until game day. After game day, contact the Referee Administrator for any changes to team designations.
- Points can be earned for up to three (3) game assignments per day (excludes mentoring assignments).
- Points can be earned for up to five (5) game assignments per game week (Friday – Thursday).
- You must be a certified AYSO Referee, registered (for current season) and in uniform to earn points. The minimum age to register and be trained as a volunteer is 12. Remember: every volunteer must complete a new volunteer form each year.
- Do not Referee (center) a family member's game.
- Coaches / Assistant Coaches should not Referee (center) games in their own division.
- It is OK to signup (after Wednesday) as Assistant Referee for a family member's game.
- Youth referees can volunteer in divisions one level below the age at which



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they would register and “play”. For example, a 13-year-old (14U) Youth Referee may only sign-up for 10U and 12U games.

Points may be earned up until the last game of the Regular Fall Season.

Playoff Signup Limitations

(note: Early-Bird constraints listed above are lifted on Thursday)

- Each team still participating in a round of the playoffs is responsible for providing one (1) referee or assistant referee for each round of the playoffs before the finals.
- Referees should declare the teams for which they are qualified to earn credit (email the Regional Referee Administrator). Referees should identify teams for which they are designating credit when they sign up for an assignment; you may update this in CGI Sports until game day. After, that contact the Referee Administrator for any changes to team designation.
- No monetary payments are permitted to referees to encourage participation.
- You must be a certified, registered (for current season) AYSO referee in uniform to earn game credit.
- The acceptable Referee Uniform consists of a jersey, black shorts, black socks, closed-toe shoes (no sandals, slides or flip-flops).
- Youth referees are not allowed to Referee or Assistant Referee any playoff games.
- Coaches / Assistant Coaches and their family members may not Referee (center) or Assistant Referee for any game in their division.
- Players family members may not Referee (center) or Assistant Referee for any game in the players division.

Referee Incentives:

- Referees who complete 10 or more assignments in one season (Fall or Spring) qualify for an additional jersey in the color of their choice. Referees who complete 20 or more assignments (Fall or Spring) may qualify for additional jerseys or other Referee equipment as determined by the Referee Administrator.
- From time to time, the Region may institute a Referee Incentive Program, with additional prizes or awards for participation in the Referee Program.

Referee Training Information:

- Refer to the Region 92 website, [AYSO 92.org](http://AYSO92.org), for additional information on the Referee Program.



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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.

Game Signups:

- Region 92 uses CGI Sports (<https://cgisports.com/ref/5811/>) to schedule referees. Only certified and currently registered referees, who have also been COVID-19 cleared, may access the schedule.

Other Information:

No one except the AYSO Region 92 Commissioner may grant an exception to the guidelines in the Team Referee Program. The AYSO Region 92 Referee Administrator may revise these guidelines subject to the approval of the Regional Board of Directors. Questions or suggestions concerning this program should be addressed to the Region 92 Referee Administrator at 1D92RRA@gmail.com.