



## AYSO Region 7 Team Referee Requirement

Volunteering as an AYSO Referee is an enjoyable and rewarding way to help our organization. As an AYSO Referee, you assure that every game is safe, fun, and fair for players and spectators alike.

Our Region offers several opportunities for children and youths to play soccer in both the Spring and Fall. This means a greater demand for referees. While we on the Referee Staff encourage everyone to attend training and join us "on the pitch," this alone does not ensure enough referees.

Please read these requirements before your child begins the new season:

### I. Fall Season (U8-U14):

1. Every team in divisions U10 through U14, regardless of standing, qualifies for regional play-offs only if:
  - a. It provides one Referee to the program; and
  - b. Its Referee earns at least fifteen (15) Referee points.
2. Every team in the U8 divisions qualifies to participate in Soccerfest only if:
  - a. It provides one Referee to the program; and
  - b. Its Referee earns at least fifteen (15) Referee points.
3. Each Referee must complete all of the following before being allowed to officiate:
  - a. At a minimum, both the AYSO Basic Referee Training and Basic Referee Companion courses, the AYSO Safe Haven course, and have the successful completion of all three courses verified by the Regional Referee Administrator or his/her designee;
  - b. The Team Referee Declaration form, completed and submitted to the Regional Referee Administrator or his/her designee by the Monday following the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend of the regular season;
  - c. Registration as a volunteer on eAYSO.org, and a current volunteer form submitted and verified by the Region 7 CVPA.

All Referees must complete the requirements of Paragraphs 3.a., 3.b., and 3.c. by the Monday following the 5<sup>th</sup> weekend of the regular season. Any Referee who has not done so--and, therefore, not yet qualified to officiate—will not be allowed to represent a team under this policy, whether or not he/she has successfully completed a Team Referee Declaration form under Paragraph 3.b.

4. A Referee accrues Referee points in the following manner:
  - a. One (1) point for each game officiated as a center referee or an assistant referee in an Applicable Match;



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- b. Provided a Referee accrues at least three (3) points as a center referee and three (3) points as an assistant referee under 4.a., then additional points may be earned as follows:
    - i. One (1) point for each additional game officiated as a center referee or an assistant referee in an Applicable Match;
    - ii. Two (2) points for completing a referee upgrade class;
    - iii. One (1) point for attending any training/review session that the regional Referee Staff may schedule during the regular season (including the referee “kick-off” meeting at the beginning of the season); and
    - iv. One (1) point for any Referee Staff-assigned administrative duty (up to three points maximum)
  - c. An Applicable Match is any regular season regional, inter-regional, or EXTRA game involving at least one Region 7 team, provided all other provisions of this Policy have been met.
5. Additional Provisions, for all Referees:
- a. A Referee may either be an adult, or a youth 12 to 18 years old;
  - b. A Referee may earn up to four (4) points per game day;
  - c. A Referee is responsible for scheduling his/her own games during the regular season, and play-offs through the division schedulers;
  - d. A Referee must be available to be scheduled for one (1) game during each round of the play-offs in which his/her team participates, including at Area level and All-Star play-offs;
  - e. A Referee may not earn points for officiating or assisting in a game if he/she represents either team, except in the U8 division or as approved by the Regional Referee Administrator;
  - f. A Referee representing a U10 or older team may only earn points in Applicable Matches in the U10-U19 divisions;
  - g. A Referee representing a U8 team may only earn points as a U8 center referee or U10 assistant referee, unless approved by the Regional Referee Administrator;
  - h. Two Referees representing the same team in divisions U8-U14 may combine points to meet the requirement in Paragraph I.1.b. However, each Referee must complete the requirement in Paragraph I.4.b. (i.e., each must earn at least three (3) points as a center referee and three (3) as an assistant referee).



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6. In addition to Paragraph I.5. above, for adult Referees:
  - a. An adult Referee representing more than one team must be related to a player on each of the teams he/she is representing. (Under no circumstances may a Youth Referee represent more than one team.);
  - b. An adult Referee representing more than one team must meet the requirements of Paragraphs I.1.b. and I.4.b. for each team (i.e., for each team, earn at least fifteen (15) Referee points, with at least three (3) points as a center referee and three (3) points as an assistant referee);
  - c. An adult Referee representing a team with another Referee, who has otherwise completed the requirements of Paragraph I.3., but cannot officiate as a center referee:
    - i. May be exempted from meeting the center referee requirement only of Paragraph I.4.b., and only if the other referee agrees to complete that center referee requirement in addition to his/her own requirements. Such exemption must be approved by the Regional Referee Administrator;
    - ii. Must officiate as a center referee for his scheduled game if the scheduled center referee fails to arrive by game time, or no center referee is scheduled.
  - d. An adult Referee, representing a team with another Referee, who has taken only the Assistant Referee course, but otherwise completed the requirements of Paragraph I.3.:
    - i. Will be exempted from meeting the center referee requirement only of Paragraph I.4.b., and only if the other referee agrees to complete that center referee requirement in addition to his/her own requirements. Such exemption must be approved by the Regional Referee Administrator;
    - ii. May not officiate as a center referee. If the center referee fails to arrive by game time, or no center referee is scheduled, the other assistant referee will officiate as the center referee. If there is no other assistant referee, the Referee must abandon the game.
  - e. An adult Referee may not officiate with, or assist, a Youth Referee to whom he/she is related without prior approval of the Regional Referee Administrator.
7. In addition to Paragraph I.5. above, for Youth Referees:
  - a. A Youth Referee may only officiate or assist in games in which he/she is at least 2 years older than the players (e.g., a 12-year-old Youth Referee can only officiate or assist in U10 games);
  - b. A Youth Referee may not officiate or assist in a U12, U14, or U16 Applicable Match without prior approval of the Regional Referee Administrator.



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### **II. Spring Season (U10-U14):**

1. Every team in divisions U10 through U14 must provide a three-person crew (a center referee and two (2) assistant referees). Referees must be approved by the Regional Referee Administrator;
2. A Referee may either be an adult or a Youth Referee, and must meet all Region 7 and Area D requirements for officiating Spring season, including any minimum badge level;
3. Referees must officiate at least one (1) game per game day during the regular Spring season;
4. Referee crews are responsible for scheduling their own games;
5. A Referee may not officiate, or assist, in a game if he/she represents either team without approval of the Regional Referee Administrator;
6. In addition to Paragraph III.2. above, a Referee is responsible for completing any additional team requirements (e.g., a point system similar to Region 7 for Fall season) that Area D may impose.

### **III. All-Star Teams:**

1. Every team in divisions U10 through U14 must provide a three-person crew (a center referee and two (2) assistant referees). Referees must be approved by the Regional Referee Administrator;
2. A Referee may either be an adult or a Youth Referee, and must meet all Region 7 and Area D requirements for officiating All-Star games, including any minimum badge level;
3. A Referee may not officiate, or assist, in a game if he/she represents either team without approval of the Regional Referee Administrator;
4. In addition to Paragraph IV.2. above, a Referee is responsible for completing any additional team requirements that Area D may impose.

### **IV. EXTRA Teams:**

1. Every team must provide a three-person crew (a center referee and two (2) assistant referees). Referees must be approved by the Regional Referee Administrator;
2. For U9 and U10 teams, an exception to the three-person crew requirement may be granted, and a team may provide only two referees (a center referee and one (1) assistant referee). Such an exception must be approved by the Regional Referee Administrator and the Regional EXTRA Program Director;



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3. A Referee may either be an adult, or a Youth Referee, and must meet all Region 7 and Area D requirements for officiating EXTRA games, including any minimum badge level;
  4. A Referee may not officiate, or assist, in a game if he/she represents either team without approval of the Regional Referee Administrator;
  5. In addition to Paragraph V.2. above, a Referee is responsible for completing any additional team requirements that Area D and/or P may impose.
- V. All interpretations by the Regional Referee Administrator of any requirements are final.