



## AYSO Region 7 Referee Department Playoff Policy

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 Referee Staff encourages everyone to attend referee training and join us “on the pitch.”

We’re asking every parent to read these requirements before their child begins the new season;

1. Any 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. Each Referee must complete all of the following before being allowed to officiate:
  - (a) The Referee Play-off Policy Agreement (Referee Declaration form), completed and submitted to the regional Referee Administrator or his/her designee;
  - (b) The AYSO Basic Referee Course (at a minimum) and the AYSO Safe Haven Course, and have the successful completion of these courses verified by the regional Referee Administrator or his/her designee;
  - (c) Registration as a volunteer on eAYSO.org, and a current volunteer form submitted and verified by the Region 7 CVPA.
3. A Referee accrues points in the following manner:
  - (a) For purposes of this policy, an “Applicable Match” is any Extra regular season match assigned for referee coverage to Region 7, or any league regular season match involving at least one Region 7 team.
  - (b) Two (2) points for each game officiated as the center referee in an Applicable Match.
  - (c) One (1) point for each game officiated as an assistant referee in an Applicable Match;
  - (d) Provided a Referee accrues at least six (6) points under 3(b) and at least three (3) points under 3(c) then additional points may be accrued as follows:
    - (i) Two (2) additional points for each game officiated as the center referee in an Applicable Match;
    - (ii) One (1) point for each game officiated as an assistant referee in an Applicable Match;
    - (iii) Two (2) points for completion of either initial training or an upgrade class; and
    - (iv) 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).



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4. In addition:
- (a) A Referee may either be an adult, or a youth 12 to 18 years old. A Youth Referee can only officiate or assist in matches 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 matches);
  - (b) 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;
  - (c) A Referee may earn up to four (4) points per game day;
  - (d) A Referee cannot receive credit for officiating or assisting in a game if he/she represents either team;
  - (e) An adult Referee cannot receive credit for assisting in a U10 game without prior approval of the regional Referee Administrator;
  - (f) An adult Referee cannot officiate or assist with a Youth Referee to whom he/she is related without prior approval of the regional Referee Administrator;
  - (g) A Referee cannot officiate or assist in a U12, U14, U16, or U19 game without prior approval of the regional Referee Administrator;
  - (h) A Referee is responsible for scheduling his/her games during the regular season and playoffs through the division schedulers;
  - (i) A Referee must be available to be scheduled for one (1) game during each round of the regional play-offs in which their team participates; and
  - (j) All interpretations of these requirements by the regional Referee Administrator are final.
5. Teams in non-competitive divisions (U5-U8) must provide a certified U8 official referee (or above) for all their home matches (first team listed on the schedule). The coach is not allowed to referee the games.

In addition, each U8 coach must complete and submit a Referee Play-off Policy Agreement (Referee Declaration form) to the regional Referee Administrator or his/her designee before their referee will be allowed to officiate. (Note: This form is intended for use by U10-U14 divisions; only the requirement in this Paragraph 5 will be enforced against a U8 referee.)

Any U8 team that fails to provide a referee for at least half of its home matches will not qualify to receive medals.