



PROGRAM 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 Regional Season. This document describes the implementation details of the Team Referee Program in AYSO Region 92 (El Segundo) for the 2009-2010 Season.

Teams in all divisions will compete in pool play during the regular season regardless of the team's participation in the volunteer program. Each team in Divisions U10 through U14 earning 20 Team Referee Points by volunteering for referee assignments for any scheduled match in the Fall 2009 regular season will qualify for recognition of their accomplishment. For U10, U12 and U14, this volunteer achievement will make the team eligible for post-season Regional Playoffs which lead to Area and Section Playoffs.

PROGRAM GUIDELINES

1. Earning Team Recognition by Volunteering

- a) A volunteer recognition system will be implemented to recognize those teams supporting the Region's need for referees to officiate at our Regional games.
- b) Each team will have the opportunity to volunteer throughout the season.
- c) Each team must accrue a minimum of 20 referee points for any scheduled match in the Fall 2009 regular season to be eligible for recognition under this program.
- d) Teams in Divisions U10 through U14 that accrue 20 referee points during the Regular season games will be eligible to advance to a Regional Playoff bracket in order to determine the Regional champion for each Division.
- e) Teams are unable to accrue 20 referee points during the Regular season games will be ineligible to compete in post-season Playoff games for the Regional championship in their Division. Additionally, the team will be ineligible to advance to Area 1D Playoffs, regardless of their standings during the regular season.

2. Team Responsibility to Recruit Volunteers

- a) While individual volunteers are welcome to sign up at any time, it is each team's responsibility to recruit its own volunteers to sign up to referee. Each team should endeavor to identify prospective volunteers and encourage them to sign up as early as possible after team formation.
- b) All volunteers are required to complete an AYSO Volunteer Application and attend Referee Safe Haven course to be certified for the season. Additionally, first time referee

volunteers must complete the Basic Referee course to be certified. The Regional Referee Administrator certifies the volunteers as referees upon completion of these requirements.

- c) Prospective volunteers must be at least 12 years old. Prospective volunteers under the age of 18 must have signed parental consent in the form of the AYSO Youth Volunteer Application.

3. Qualifying Volunteer Activities

- a) Assignments are awarded only to volunteer referees who are certified as AYSO Regional Referees defined in section (2.b) and who complete their game assignment(s) in an approved uniform. Club linesmen do not earn volunteer recognition.
- b) Referee assignments (the official in the middle of the field) will earn the volunteer two (2) volunteer points. Assistant Referee assignments (the official on the touchline) will earn the volunteer one (1) volunteer point.
- c) Volunteers will be credited for up to 3 game assignments per week. The week runs from Saturday to Friday.
- d) Any volunteer who successfully completes the AYSO Referee Certification Requirements for the next referee certification level during the season (e.g., Regional to Intermediate, Intermediate to Advanced or Advanced to National) will receive two (2) volunteer points as upgrade incentive recognition. The requirements for certification levels are defined on the AYSO website www.ayso.org. Upgrade incentive recognition is awarded when a completed upgrade application is submitted to the Regional Referee Administrator.
- e) Typically, volunteers will not be offered assignments to referee their own child's or sibling's games.
- f) Coaches are ineligible for referee assignment in the same division in which they are a coach or assistant coach. They are eligible for Assistant Referee assignments.
- g) No points will be awarded for missed or partially completed assignments.

4. Allocation of Volunteer Recognition to Teams

- a) Volunteer may only credit teams on which the children or siblings of the volunteer are registered.
- b) Volunteer referees will identify the team(s) to which their earned volunteer assignments will be credited when they request a game assignment. Where a volunteer has more than one child registered in the program, the volunteer may allocate the recognition for completing the assignment to any of their children's or sibling's teams (whole games only; no partial allocation). The volunteer may revise this prior to the match with the consent of the Regional Referee Administrator.

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- c) Volunteer allocations are final after game day. Completed assignments allocated to one team may not be retroactively allocated to other teams.
- d) The Regional statistician will verify the referee assignments completed on the game cards weekly and report the volunteer status for each team via the Regional website at <http://ayso92.org/fall/fstatistics.asp>.
- e) The coach may identify corrections to the allocations for the last two games played. Allocations recorded for games older than these are final and may not be disputed.

5. Signing Up for Training and Game Assignments

- a) There are ample opportunities to receive training as a referee.
 - Training for the Regional Referee course, along with Intermediate, Advanced and National Referee are offered during the Ken Aston Camp.
 - The Regional Referee course will be offered in Region 92 El Segundo during August and September.
 - Courses in neighboring Regions in Area 1D are also available.
- b) The modular training program may be completed in a single class or several classes as is most convenient for the volunteer.
- c) Volunteer referees who are not already on the active referee email distribution list may sign up for by contacting the Region 92 Referee Administrator. Game assignments are typically available starting on the Monday or Tuesday before the weekend games and are normally assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.

OTHER INFORMATION

The Regional Referee Administrator is the final authority on how many volunteer points a volunteer is awarded under these guidelines. While every effort will be made by the Region to record the completed assignments accurately, each volunteer should maintain a separate record of games refereed and communicate this to their coach weekly. For purposes of this program, volunteer hours expire at the conclusion of the 2008 Fall Season.

No one except the AYSO Region 92 Commissioner may grant an exception to these guidelines. The AYSO Region 92 Referee Administrator may revise these program guidelines subject to the approval of the Regional Board of Directors.

Questions or comments concerning this program should be addressed to the Region 92 Referee Administrator.