

AYSO Region 92  
**2011-2012 U-10, U-12, U-14**  
**Team Referee Program Guidelines**  
 Board approved May 16, 2011



**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 2011-2012 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 U10 through U14 earning sufficient Team Referee Points by volunteering for referee assignments will qualify for post-season Regional Playoffs, which lead to Area and Section Playoffs.

**Referee Volunteer Points Required to Qualify for Regional Playoffs:**

Team	Points NEEDED	Comments
U-10	16	Smaller roster size; parents are typically newer to AYSO
U-12	26	Larger roster size
U-14	36	Larger roster size; families have experience with referee program

**Points Earned Per Volunteer Assignment:**

Game Level	Referee	Assistant Referee (AR)	Comments
U-10	1.5	1	Newly trained referees start here
U-12	2	1	(Center) Referee role requires experience at U-10
U-14+	3	2	Must have minimum 2 games experience at U-12

**Bonus Points Available:**

No. of Points	Credit Name	Comments
1	Sunday	Bonus credit for working two (2) games on the same Sunday (these assignments are sometimes harder to fill)
1	Mentor	Credit for working an assignment as a "Mentor" for a new referee (mentors are assigned by the Regional Referee Administrator)
2	Certification	Bonus credit for completing Regional (or higher) training/ certification during Fall Season AND completing two (2) Referee or AR assignments
1-8	Donation	Referees not affiliated with a team may donate points (earned after Week 6 of the Fall Season) to a team of their choice. Recipient teams are limited to a total of 8 points earned in this manner.

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***Signing up for Games / Limitations:***

**Early-Bird Signups** (signups *prior to Thursday* for the next week's games: Friday through Thursday) – these limitations 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) U-12 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 U10 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 credit for a team.
- 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 on the game card or within 2 weeks of the credit being posted.
- No monetary payments are permitted to referees to encourage participation.
- Credit is earned for up to three (3) game assignments per day (excludes mentor assignments).
- Credit is earned for up to five (5) game assignments per game week (Friday – Thursday).
- You must be a certified, registered (for current season) AYSO referee in uniform to earn game credit. The minimum age to register and be trained as a volunteer is 12. Remember: every volunteer must turn in a new, signed volunteer form each year.
- Do not Referee (center) a family member's game.
- Coaches / Assistant Coaches should not do Referee (center) duty for another game in their division.
- It is OK to signup (after Wednesday) and do Assistant Referee duty for a family member's game.
- Youth referees can referee divisions one level below the age at which they would register and "play". For example, a 13 year old (U-14) youth referee may only referee U-10 and U-12 games.
- Credits may be earned up until the last game of the Regular Fall Season.

***Referee Incentives:***

- Referees who complete 10 or more assignments in one season (Fall/Spring) qualify for an additional color basic jersey. Referees may pay the upgrade fee to get an upgraded jersey if desired.

***Referee Training & Game Signup Information:***

- Refer to the Region 92 website, [ayso92.org](http://ayso92.org), for referee information (classes, training material, online signups for games).

***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.