2013 AYSO SOCCER REFEREE TRAINING COURSES in Palos Verdes

For referees **in divisions U6, U7 & U8,** one evening – any one of the dates listed below under FIRST NIGHT

For referees **in divisions U9 AND ABOVE**, two evenings – one FIRST night followed by one SECOND night

FIRST NIGHT	SECOND NIGHT	LOCATION – All Nights
Tuesday Sept 3rd	**Thursday Sept 5th**	***PV PENINSULA High School,***
Monday Sept 9th		***27118 Silver Spur Rd., RHE***
Tuesday Sept 10th	**Thursday Sept 12th**	*Room: Panther 206/207, But look for signs*
Monday Sept 16th	**Wednesday Sept 18th**	*on campus in case it is moved to another room.*

Please **PRE-REGISTER** at least 24 hours in advance for the course of your choice on eAYSO (http://www.eayso.org/) so we have enough materials.

1. Log in using the email that you used to sign up your child.
2. Apply as a New or Returning Volunteer (Adult or Child – you must apply every year); Electronically sign and submit the form.
3. Register for the Course: Select the Signup menu, Select Course, then Search for courses in Section 1, Area F, Region 10. Select the date you want to take the U8 Official (for U6/7/8) or the Basic Referee Course (for U9 & above), Click on the Radio button for that course, then click on Course Signup on the bottom of the page. You only need to register for the Basic course even if you are attending 2 nights.

Using your AYSO ID#, please take the 60 minute on-line Safe Haven course for referees (Course MT02) at: http://www.aysotraining.org/

TIME: All begin at 6:00PM SHARP and will end at approximately 9:00 to 9:30 PM (Panther Room 206 – 2nd floor)

Please bring paper and pencil to take notes and to take the test

COST: Free! We will provide a referee uniform to all Region 10 attendees that complete the course and the exam**.**

If you have any questions, please email our Director of Referee Instruction: Alan.Siegel@Mattel.com

See FAQs on the reverse side.

Frequently Asked Questions about becoming a Referee

Q: I've never played soccer before; can I (or my spouse) really become a referee?

YES, every year in Region 10 we train over 150 moms and dads like you who get to help their kids learn the sport of soccer and keep it a Fun, Fair and Safe experience. Try it. We'll help you every step of the way and it may become a real passion for you!

Q: Will I be able to ref my child's games?

YES, in the U6/U7/U8 you can ref your own child's games. In older age groups we try to schedule you to ref the game before or after your child's game to minimize your time.

Q: How much time will this take?

After you attend the evening training course (1 or 2 nights depending on the age group in which you will be reffing), the time commitments are usually about 1 – 1½ hours, 2 – 3 times per month during the season. We are very flexible to accommodate travel schedules and other children's game commitments. This is usually much less time than a coaching position and still allows you to volunteer to help your child's soccer experience. Generally there are 2 or 3 referees for each team so you do not need to ref every week.

Q: Can I start out as an Assistant Referee?

In the younger age groups (U6/U7/U8) there is only 1 Referee per game. At this level all that is required are the skills (and the patience) of a parent at a play group: directing traffic, encouraging the kids to play nicely, making sure everyone shares the toys, and stopping things if there is a boo-boo. It is very easy and straightforward. At U9/U10 we have a Referee who is assisted by 2 Assistant Referees. We can schedule you to be an Assistant Referee for your first few games to learn the requirements and gain confidence. Our training covers both positions.

Q: Can I ref my younger sibling's game? How old must I be to referee?

YES, becoming an AYSO referee is a great way for soccer players to learn critical leadership, decision making and communication skills. You can referee a younger sibling's game as long as you meet the requirements (minimum age of 10 for U6/U7/U8 games and minimum age of 12 for U9/U10 games). Community service hours worksheets are gladly signed by the referee coordinators.

Q: English is not my first language; will I be able to understand the training class?

YES, our instructors are trained to teach the material in a way that is easy to understand. You may want to download and print the training session PowerPoint slides before the training and make notes on these during the class. See AYSO10.ORG in the Referee section/Referee Guidelines.

Q: Do I need to pre-register for the training course?

YES, this helps us to prepare. Please see the registration instructions on the other side. If you have trouble registering, let us know.

Q: Can I take the training classes in the reverse order (Second night before First night)?

Unfortunately, the material in night 1 is required before taking night 2. You can take any of the first night courses and then take the second night in another week.

Q: I took the First Night class years ago and have a U8 Referee Badge, now my child will be in U9, what should I do?

It is best to take the First night again as a refresher, but feel free to send an email to Alan.Siegel@Mattel.com with any specific questions.