

# 2016 AYSO Referee Training in Palos Verdes at Peninsula High School

This will certify you to referee in U9/U10, as well as U8 for Spring Select (and younger ages)

When	Roster #	LOCATION
<b>Tuesday Jan 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>201505543</b>	<b><i>PV PENINSULA High School,</i></b>
		<b><i>27118 Silver Spur Rd., RH, Room: Panther 207</i></b>

**TIME:** Course will begin at 6:00PM and will end by 10 PM.

## PRIOR TO ATTENDING

- ✓ Pre-register for the course on eAYSO ([www.eAYSO.org](http://www.eAYSO.org)) at least 24 hours in advance
- ✓ Complete the Basic Referee Online Training Course ([www.aysotraining.org](http://www.aysotraining.org))
- ✓ BRING your Certificate of Completion to the class.

Even if you hold a U8 referee badge, you must take the entire 100 minute online course. The online course allows you to learn the laws of the game at your own pace, and then the in-class session allows you to confirm your understanding of the laws, and ask questions and then take a closed book exam at the end of the evening.

1. Log in using the email that you used to sign up your child. Yes, there is an “e” in front of AYSO in the address above.
2. Apply as a New or Returning Volunteer (Adult or Child – you must apply every year); Electronically sign and submit the form.
3. To register for the course: on the Home page, place your cursor over the “My eAYSO” drop down box and select the Course Signup menu, enter the Roster # noted above in the Roster box, then click on the Search button. Click on the Radio button for that course, and then click on Course Signup on the bottom of the page.
4. If you have trouble registering, please call the eAYSO Help Desk at 1-866-588-2976. They can walk you through any technical issues.
5. Using your AYSO ID#, at [www.aysotraining.org](http://www.aysotraining.org), take the 100 minute Basic Referee Online Training (Course R002) and print out your Certificate of Completion (or take a picture of this on your phone).
6. If never completed before, also take the 60 minute on-line Safe Haven course for referees (Course MT02) at [www.aysotraining.org](http://www.aysotraining.org)

**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 pre-register, complete the course and exam.

See **FAQs** on the reverse side.      **Further questions?** Send an email to [Alan.Siegel@Mattel.com](mailto:Alan.Siegel@Mattel.com)

Missed it for this year? Search for other nearby classes in Section 1, Area F or Area D. We'll have fall classes in September.

## **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 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 and it is great exercise!

### **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 the Fall season. In older age groups we try to schedule you to ref the game before or after your child's game to minimize your time. In Spring Select and Tournaments you generally cannot ref your child's games.

### **Q: How much time will this take?**

After you attend the training course, 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?**

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. Please note that in Spring Select, U8 games do enforce the Offside Law with Assistant Referees, and therefore you must have a Regional Referee badge to do either position.

### **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 Fall season 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. The online training is self-paced.

### **Q: Do I need to pre-register for the training course? Must I provide my Social Security Number?**

YES, these are required. Please see the registration instructions on the other side. Social Security Numbers are required by AYSO on the adult volunteer form. These are used only by the AYSO National Office and are never printed on your form. Sorry, if you do not have a SSN, you cannot be a volunteer for AYSO.

### **Q: I took the One Night class years ago and have a U8 Referee Badge; must I take the online course and attend the in-class session?**

Yes, there is much new material not covered previously that you need to know, and this must be reviewed in the classroom session.

### **Q: Whoaa, Wait a minute: Can't I just use AYSO as a Babysitting service? Do I really need to Volunteer my time?**

Yes, AYSO is an all-volunteer organization. You obviously care about your child. This is a youth development program run by volunteers. Who would be better than a concerned parent like you? And nothing beats the smiles and "Thanks Ref" after a job well done!