

AYSO REGION 10 - PLAYOFF PARTICIPATION POLICY for 9U thru 14U Divisions

AYSO is an all-volunteer organization – there are no paid coaches or referees. Parents of current players make up the vast majority of the coaches and referees.

Region 10 has a Playoff Participation Policy that requires a minimum number of referee points to be earned by each team. All teams are required to provide volunteer referees who earn points equal to reffing in 40% – 50% of the regular-season games.

Each Division Coordinator sets the exact point requirement for all teams based on the number of scheduled games and the games reffed by community volunteers not associated with a team. As more games in a division are reffed by community volunteers, the point requirements for all teams in that division will be lowered.

Any team that does NOT meet the required points will have their season end with the regular season. This team will not be able to play in the post-season playoffs that lead up to the Queen/King of the Hill championship match. Also, this team will not advance to any post-season Area or Section tournaments. These playoff games and post season tournaments are invitation-only events that require the above referee participation. Additionally, teams that make the playoffs will be required to continue reffing during playoffs or the team will not advance to the King/Queen of the Hill Championship game.

All teams are made aware of this and have sufficient time to recruit at least 3 volunteers from the team who are already AYSO-certified referees or who can be trained as a referee at the beginning of the season.

Points are earned as follows:

Center Referee	2 points per game reffed
Assistant Referees	1 point per game reffed (1 point earned for each Assistant Ref position filled)

Points are awarded only for refereeing in regular season 9U through 14U games that are in Region 10's referee scheduling system (CGISports).

Playoff seedings will be determined by the Division Coordinators from the teams that qualify to advance to playoffs.

FAQs

1. How do I become a referee for our team? All information about the referee classes offered in Region 10 are posted on the Referee page of AYSO10.org
2. Can I start refereeing in a younger age group? Although the expectation is that you will ref in your own division, for 11U and older teams, a parent can earn points for reffing in a division 1 year younger, with permission of their own Division Coordinator.
3. Can I ref my child's game? In 8U, since no scores or standings are kept, you can be the referee for your child's game. In 9U and 10U, you can be the Assistant Ref in your child's game. In 11U and older, all 3 referees are expected to be neutral to both teams.

4. I want to watch my child's game; can I ref a game before or after my game? Yes, all referees self-schedule themselves for convenient games. Team refs do not need to ref together.
5. If our parents cannot make any of the referee classes, can their team be invited to the playoffs anyways? No, there are many classes offered in Region 10 and nearby regions. No exceptions will be made for not earning the required points.
6. Can we just pay a high-school kid to ref our games? No, Region 10 does not allow the use of paid refs. However, anyone that is AYSO-certified as a ref: a grandparent, uncle, aunt, 2 or more years older sibling or family friend can be enlisted as a team's ref. They must meet the training requirements as shown on the Referee page of AYSO10.org.
7. I filled in to "run the lines" when there were not 3 referees at our game. Can this be counted as a point? No, parents who run the lines do not earn points for their team. These "club linespersons" cannot call offside like an assistant referee in uniform would.
8. I reffed another game for which I wasn't scheduled. How does my team earn points for this? Before the end of the day, log in to the ref scheduling system and enter your name in the appropriate space and assign credit to your team. If the game was in the past or you are unable to enter your name, ask the Referee Coordinator for your division to enter your name for that game.
9. What if there are no open ref spots for me to sign up? As best as is practical, schedules will be opened up 4 weeks in advance to allow opportunities each week to find future open spots.
10. I have kids playing on different teams. Can both teams earn points for the games that I ref? No, you select which team earns points for each game that you ref. Similarly, for EXTRA teams, you choose which team earns the points, either the EXTRA team or the Core program team
11. How do I specify which team earns the points? In the referee scheduling system (CGISports), update your Profile with all the teams to be credited. Then, when selecting a game to ref, choose the team to receive credit from the drop-down box. See the CGISports user guide for questions.
12. How will rained-out games affect the required points? The Division Coordinator can adjust the point requirements for any team that had a rained-out game that was not played. Also, in other extreme and limited circumstances, the Regional Commissioner can adjust team point requirements for a Division.
13. Our parents are afraid of being yelled at by the coaches if they make a mistake as a referee. What do you suggest? Everyone makes mistakes when learning a new job. We have mentoring programs to get you comfortable being a ref. Also, referees can show yellow cards to coaches and parents to caution them to please not make comments to the refs, and can show red cards and eject them from the field. It will likely not require this, since we expect everyone to respect and support the decisions of the volunteer referees.
14. We've tried everything, but not enough parents will volunteer to be team refs. What can we do? Remind everyone again that they are volunteering a few hours a month to make their child's soccer experience better. They are not only denying their team the chance to play in the King/Queen of the Hill but are burdening the other parents who are volunteering their time for your child's soccer experience.
15. Where can I get more information about refereeing in Region 10? See the Referee page of AYSO10.org