



Region 5/C/498 Referee Points System

1. Purpose

In order to provide the optimal soccer experience for the children, AYSO Region 498 is committed to providing trained, qualified referees for every U05 - U19 games as possible. Given the size of our region, our existing referee pool is not large enough to provide a center referee and two assistant referees for every 10U – 19U game and one referee for every 5U to 8U games. To encourage the number of referees necessary to insure a **FUN, FAIR, and SAFE** experience for the children, the Region 498 has adopted a Referee Points System. **Games not having at least one certified referee will result in the match being cancelled.** Teams from 498 may still have a scrimmage instead. A scrimmage is when both coaches are on the field with the players.

2. To put the task in perspective

Each Saturday of the regular fall season Region 498 will play approximately 45 10U through 19U matches. These matches idealistically, require a 3-person referee crew. That means a total of 125+ individual referee assignments for 10U and above. Additionally, we have another ~45 5U to 8U matches going on at the same time that should have at least 1 referee. We endeavor to have a qualified center referee on matches. On any given weekend, we need to fill a total of approximately 190 referee slots for one weekend of soccer. The fall season has 12 weeks of games which bring the total number of referee slots for the region to 1500+. Our region had 140+ teams last year. If each, 5U – 18U, team was to allocate just one referee, that would require each referee to referee a total of ~10 games during the fall season.

3. Team responsibility to provide referees

For any 10U through 19U team to be eligible to participate in the Region 498, Area 5C, or State post season tournament play, they will be required to provide a minimum number of volunteer referees for the fall season per Table 1 - Referee Requirements.

They can be existing certified AYSO referees who agree to be named by a team, or they can be new volunteer referee who are willing to be named by a team, trained, and mentored to become certified AYSO referees in time for the fall season.

Several regional referee training courses will be scheduled to accommodate volunteers willing to become certified AYSO referees.

All teams are required to provide the names of their active certified AYSO referees to the Regional Referee Administrator, ref1@ayso498.org, **no later than October 1st**. The team manager will work with the regional Referee Administrator to help recruit referees for their teams. All region 498 active referees will be allocated to a team.

Each existing or newly certified AYSO referee may only be named by one team and will be expected to accumulate a Minimum Number of Points Per Named Referee (MNPPNR). Any team which fails to name the minimum number of certified AYSO referees by the deadline will not be eligible to advance in any post season AYSO tournaments. They will still be able to play in the regional tournament pool play, but not advance into the regional finals, area or state.



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The number of named referees per team is listed in the below table:

Age Division	Named Referee Requirements			Referee Point Requirements		
	Regional Tournament	Area/State Tournament	Players per team	Regular Season	Regional Tournament	Area Tournament
10U	1	2	9	25	10	10
12U	2	2	12	30	12	12
14U	2	2	15	35	15	15
16U	3	3	18	40	20	20
19U	3	3	18	45	20	20

Table 1 - Referee Requirements

4. How the Referee Points system works

For each game worked as a referee, assistant referee or mentor during our regular season and regional tournament, points are earned. Points may be earned for any game in division's U10-U19, but are only counted for trained, certified referees. Untrained "club" linesmen cannot earn points. Point system is also set up to encourage referee certification advancement.

One referee can only allocate the Maximum Number of Points Per Named Referee (MNPPNR) per team based on the above table. For Example: An advanced referee can referee 6 16U games for a total of 36 points giving 18 points to two different teams.

Referee can allocate point to a maximum of 3 teams.

For teams in the 10U-19U divisions, which meet the eligibility requirements for providing volunteer referees, the privilege to represent Madison AYSO in post-season play must be earned through contribution to the program. Eligibility for playing in the Area 5C and State tournaments is based on two criteria: performance in the Region 498 tournament, and accumulation of the minimum number of referee points.

To be eligible to in the advance from the Regional Tournament to the Area and State tournaments, teams must accumulate a total of referee points from Table 2 - Points Per Game.

Notes: Verify points so min 2 can complete one team

Added exception for rain outs

Added exceptions for multiple referees



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Adult						
Referee Certification	7U/8U CR/M	10U CR/AR/M	12U CR/AR/M	14U CR/AR/M	16U/19U CR/AR/M	MNPPNR
U8 Referee	1/-	-/-/-	-/-/-	-/-/-	-/-/-	Unlimited
Regional Referee (First 5 Games)	2/-	3/2/-	-/2/-	-/3/-	-/3/-	12
Regional Referee	1/1	2/1/1	2/1/-	2/2/-	2/2/-	12
Intermediate Referee	1/2	2/2/2	3/2/2	4/2/-	5/2/3	15
Advanced Referee	1/3	2/2/3	4/2/3	5/2/4	6/2/4	18
National Referee	1/4	2/2/4	5/2/4	6/2/5	7/2/5	24
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Referee Certification	7U/8U CR/M	10U CR/AR/M	12U CR/AR/M	14 UCR/AR/M	16U/19U CR/AR/M	MNPPNR
U8 Referee	2/-	-/-/-	-/-/-	-/-/-	-/-/-	Unlimited
Regional Referee (First 5 Games)	3/-	4/3/-	5/3/-	-/-/-	-/-/-	12
Regional Referee	2/2	3/2/2	4/2/2	5/3/2	-/3/-	12
Intermediate Referee	1/2	4/3/2	5/3/2	6/3/4	-/4/-	15
Advanced Referee	1/2	5/4/2	6/4/2	7/4/5	-/5/-	18

Table 2 - Points Per Game

Table Abbreviations:

- CR – Center Referee
- AR – Assistant Referee (Line Referee, AR1, AR2 and Substitution Monitor)
- M – Mentor
- MNPPNR – Maximum Number of Points Per Named Referee