

# 2020 Referee Courses at Golden Gate Camp

Courses are subject to cancellation for low enrollment or due to COVID-19 restrictions.

## Intermediate Referee Course

The Intermediate Referee Course provides training to Regional Referees in all aspects of the game and develops skills to referee more challenging matches. While the Basic Referee course covers most of the Laws, this course advances to: the tactics and strategies of players – an in-depth look at offside – identification of all fouls and misconduct – positioning and how to work and communicate as a referee team – how to manage players and coaches. You will also be on the field for drills on signaling and positioning. The course includes the Intermediate Referee written exam.

We expect you to arrive prepared. There will be a brief law review session at the start of the course, but you are expected to already know the material from the Regional Referee Course (formerly called the Basic Referee Course): restarts – the basics of offside – fouls – general positioning – referee responsibilities.

### Prerequisites:

- Be a current volunteer (2020)
- Safe Haven certification
- Concussion certification
- Be certified as a Regional Referee or have completed the Basic Referee Course and passed the Basic Referee Exam
- While being certified as a Regional Referee is not a prerequisite for taking this course, it is highly recommended. Additionally, you should have completed many games as both a referee and as an assistant referee in order to fully benefit from this course.

### Requirements for certification as an Intermediate Referee:

- At least 14 years of age
- Be a current volunteer
- Safe Haven certification
- Concussion certification
- Certified as a Regional Referee
- Complete the Intermediate Referee Course\*
- Pass the Intermediate Referee Exam\*
- Complete one observation in a 12U match (contact your Regional Referee Administrator to arrange this)
- 25 matches as referee with at least 5 in 12U matches

*\* Offered during Golden Gate Camp*

### Preparing for the course:

- Your course instructor will contact you with additional information prior to the camp.

- Study the latest version (2019/2020) of the Laws of the Game, with a special emphasis on Law 12.
  - Read the AYSO National Rules & Regulations
  - Take the sample test
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## **Advanced Referee Course**

The Advanced Referee Course provides training to Intermediate Referees in all aspects of the game and further deepens your officiating skills. You will work on recognizing complex issues or situations that involve critical judgment. You will learn to deal with send-offs and the finer points of misconduct and restarting the match. You will have an opportunity to officiate part of a higher-level match and be evaluated by student assessors. The course includes the Advanced Referee written exam and the fitness test.

We expect you to arrive prepared. There will be a brief law review session at the start of the course, but you are expected to already have a good grasp of the Laws of the Game. You should know the AYSO National Rules & Regulations.

### **Prerequisites:**

- Be a current volunteer (2020)
- Safe Haven certification
- Concussion certification
- Be certified as an Intermediate Referee or have completed the Intermediate Referee Course and passed the Intermediate Referee Exam
- While being certified as an Intermediate Referee is not a prerequisite for taking this course, it is highly recommended. Additionally, you should have completed a number of games as both a Referee and an Assistant Referee at the 12U or higher level in order to gain maximum benefit from this course.

### **Requirements for certification as an Advanced Referee:**

- At least 16 years of age
- Be a current volunteer
- Safe Haven certification
- Concussion certification
- Certified as an Intermediate Referee
- Complete the Advanced Referee Course\*
- Pass the Advanced Referee Exam\*
- Pass the Advanced Referee fitness test\*
- Complete one assessment in a 14U match as a referee and one as an assistant referee (contact your Area Referee Administrator or Area Director of Referee Assessment to arrange this)

- 50 matches as referee with at least 10 in 14U matches, and at least 5 as an assistant referee in 14U matches

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## **Preparing for the course:**

- Your course instructor will contact you with additional information prior to the camp.
- Study the latest version (2019/2020) of the Laws of the Game.
- Study the AYSO National Rules & Regulations
- Take the sample test
- Read the AYSO National Referee Program Manual
- Make sure you are sufficiently fit to pass the fitness test

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## **National Referee Course**

The National Referee Course prepares Advanced Referees to officiate matches at the highest level in AYSO. The emphasis is on match management, how to be part of an effective referee team, decision-making skills, and techniques for dealing with volatile situations. This course prepares you to be a leader and mentor to other referees. The course includes the National Referee written exam and the fitness test.

We expect you to arrive prepared. This course assumes that you have a full grasp of the Laws of the Game and that you know the AYSO National Rules & Regulations.

## **Prerequisites:**

- Be a current volunteer (2020)
- Safe Haven certification
- Concussion certification
- Be certified as an Advanced Referee or have completed the Advanced Referee Course and passed the Advanced Referee Exam
- While being certified as an Advanced Referee is not a prerequisite for taking this course, it is highly recommended. Additionally, you should have completed a number of games as both a referee and an assistant referee at the 14U or higher level in order to gain maximum benefit from this course.

## **Requirements for certification as a National Referee:**

- At least 18 years of age
- Be a current volunteer
- Safe Haven certification
- Concussion certification
- Certified as an Advanced Referee for at least one year

- Complete the National Referee Course\*
- Pass the National Referee Exam\*
- Pass the National Referee fitness test\*
- Complete two assessment in a 18U match as a referee and one as an assistant referee (contact your Section Referee Administrator or Section Director of Referee Assessment to arrange this)
- 100 matches as referee with at least 30 in 16U/18U matches (at least 15 must be in 18U matches)
- 25 matches as an assistant referee with at least 10 in 18U matches

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### **Preparing for the course:**

- Your course instructor will contact you with additional information prior to the camp.
- Study the latest version (2019/2020) of the Laws of the Game.
- Study the AYSO National Rules & Regulations
- Take the sample test
- Read the AYSO National Referee Program Manual
- Make sure you are sufficiently fit to pass the fitness test

## **Referee Assessor Course**

The Referee Assessor course develops the skills needed to assess referees certifying as Advanced Referees. The emphasis is on understanding the goals of the assessor/mentor program, how to use various assessor forms, what to look for in the match, and how to deliver assessment results. You will have an opportunity to practice those skills by conducting a mini assessment of students from the Advanced Referee course. The course includes the Referee Assessor written exam.

We expect you to arrive prepared. This course assumes that you have a full grasp of the Laws of the Game and that you know the AYSO National Rules & Regulations.

### **Prerequisites:**

- Be a current volunteer (2020)
- Safe Haven certification
- Concussion certification
- Be certified as an Intermediate Referee
- While being certified as an Advanced Referee is not a prerequisite for taking this course, it is highly recommended.

### **Requirements for certification as a Referee Assessor:**

- At least 18 years of age

- Be a current volunteer
- Safe Haven certification
- Concussion certification
- At least 3 years of soccer refereeing experience
- Certified as an Intermediate Referee
- Complete the Advanced Referee Course
- Pass the Advanced Referee Exam
- Complete the Referee Assessor Course\*
- Pass the Referee Assessor Exam\*
- Complete two practice assessment on referees in a 14U match (or higher) mentored by a Referee Assessor or a National Referee Assessor.

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### Preparing for the course:

- Your course instructor will contact you with additional information prior to the camp.
- Study the latest version (2019/2020) of the Laws of the Game.
- Study the AYSO National Rules & Regulations
- Take the Advanced Referee sample test
- Read the AYSO National Referee Program Manual

## Referee Instructor Course

The Referee Instructor Course develops the skills needed to lead the Basic and Intermediate Referee courses. Administrative aspects of leading courses will be covered, as well as discussing the material that is covered in the Basic and Intermediate Referee Courses. We will also work with you on improving your communication skills. The class includes the Referee Instructor written exam.

Please note that this course includes some pre-class preparation, which you will need to do in order to be successful. We expect you to have a full grasp of the Laws of the Game and to know the AYSO National Rules & Regulations. **So that we have adequate time to communicate with you about preparation requirements and so that you have adequate time to prepare, you must register for this course at least two weeks prior to Golden Gate Camp.**

**If you have not previously completed the AYSO Introduction to Instruction Course, you must take it before taking the Referee Instructor Course. The AYSO Introduction to Instruction Course is offered at Golden Gate Camp as a separate course.**

### Prerequisites:

- Be a current volunteer (2020)
- Safe Haven certification
- Concussion certification
- Be certified as an Intermediate Referee

- While being certified as an Advanced Referee is not a prerequisite for taking this course, it is highly recommended.
- Complete the Introduction to Instruction course\*

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## **Requirements for certification as a Referee Instructor:**

- At least 18 years of age
- Be a current volunteer
- Safe Haven certification
- Concussion certification
- Certified as an Intermediate Referee
- Complete the Intro to Instruction Course\*
- Complete the Referee Instructor Course\*
- Pass the Referee Instructor exam\*
- Complete two instructor evaluations: One 30-minute presentation from the Basic Referee Course and one 30-minute presentation from the Intermediate Referee Course. Both evaluations must be done by a certified Referee Instructor Evaluator (contact your Area Director of Referee Instruction to schedule this).

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## **Preparing for the course:**

- Your course instructor will contact you with additional information prior to the camp and will give you specific instructions as to the various presentations you will need to prepare. You must have those presentations ready prior to the class.
- Study the latest version (2019/2020) of the Laws of the Game.
- Study the AYSO National Rules & Regulations
- Take the Intermediate Referee sample test
- Read the AYSO National Referee Program Manual

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