



## Fall Season Playoff Qualification

Region 878 shall conduct a Fall Season (Standard Core Program) Regional Playoff immediately following the Fall Season to offer additional playing opportunities and to determine the teams that the Region will sponsor to play in the Area 10D Intra-Area Playoff Tournament. The Regional Play-Off will comply with the letter and spirit of the AYSO Tournament and National Games Handbook.

### Qualification to Participate

Team participation is not guaranteed; the teams must meet the qualifications listed below to qualify to participate in the Regional Playoff Tournament. Teams in the 10U, 12U, and 14U divisions may participate if all the qualifications are met:

- I. All team volunteers (i.e. coach, assistant coach, and team manager) must complete a volunteer application and all required certifications and division-specific training requirements by September 30th to meet Area Qualification Requirements.
- II. To be eligible to participate in the Fall Regional Playoffs, players must participate in at least HALF of the season games for which they are eligible. Eligibility is determined by the date the player is assigned to a team, less any games missed due to a doctor's recommendations.
- III. Each team must earn a total of 30 points throughout the regular season play. Points must be complete before the Regional Play-Off Tournament. A minimum of twenty (20) points must be earned as referee points. Teams have the choice to earn the other ten (10) points as either a referee or as volunteer points.
  1. Referees Points:
    - i. Referees earn two (2) Referee Points per game, or partial game, officiated.
    - ii. Assistant Referees earn one (1) Referee Point per game, or partial game, officiated.
    - iii. 8U Officials earn one (1) Referee Point per game officiated; 8U Officials must officiate the entire game.
    - iv. Club Linesmen earn one (1) Referee Point per game officiated. Club linesmen must officiate the entire game. Certified Assistant Referees will always be preferred over club linesmen if the choice is available.
    - v. Passing a Certification Class or Upgrade Class and officiating a Region 878 game immediately after earns one (1) Referee Point.
    - vi. Standby does NOT earn a Referee Point.
    - vii. There is a maximum of 4 points per referee per team per week (Saturday-Friday).
    - viii. Referees are free to assign their points to any team, regardless of association with any team. The region does not condone "selling" referee points.

Best Practice: If your team needs points in addition to what their associated referees can provide, build a partnership with referee volunteer who has points to spare! Some amazing ways that our coaches and referees build partnerships that benefit the region include:

      - Keep a positive sidelines



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- Engage in constructive and friendly conversations with the referees
- Provide **positive** feedback for our referees
- Respect the referee as a VOLUNTEER
- Handle concerns in a professional, private way
- Show your appreciation of their time and effort! Thank a referee!
- Swing by the ref shack between games and say hi to your ref crews!

### 2. Volunteer Points:

- i. Earn a BONUS Volunteer Point if all team volunteers (i.e. coach, assistant coach, and team manager) complete a volunteer application and all required trainings before the first practice of the season. Note: Safe Haven and CDC Concussion trainings must be completed within the last two (2) calendar years to qualify for this bonus.

\* Note: The two (2) year requirement is not national or regional policy; but Area 10D and Section 10 tournaments impose this requirement. This Volunteer Point Bonus ensures volunteers have this requirement satisfied early in case the team qualifies for those tournaments.

- ii. A youth player or family member may enroll in our VIP Buddy program. Each VIP Buddy must submit a volunteer application, complete Safe Haven and CDC Concussion online trainings. Each VIP Buddy will earn 1 point for every VIP game they volunteer on.
- iii. Any team family member (volunteer application and trainings are not required for volunteer roles that do NOT directly interact with children) may help the board members prepare or tear-down the fields on game day to earn one (1) Volunteer Point. A check-list of items will be provided and must be complete to earn the point.
- iv. Any team family member with completed volunteer application, Safe Haven training, CDC Concussion training may act as field monitor on game day to earn one (1) Volunteer Point per hour.
- v. Hesperia Recreation and Parks District provides Maple Park and lighting to the Region in exchange for volunteer hours. Any team family member may participate in Region sponsored volunteer events and/or projects to earn one (1) Volunteer Point per hour.
- vi. The Regional Board may elect to provide other volunteer opportunities for volunteer points by majority vote.

3. Teams MUST earn a minimum of 5 referee points through someone on their team roster or family of someone on the team roster. The remaining referee points may come from other referees.

- IV. Sponsorship to Intra-Area Tournament: The Region will sponsor the first-place team in each division to participate in Area 10D's Intra-Area Playoff Tournament. If only one team in a division qualifies, that team will be sponsored as the first-place team by default.