



Team monitoring FAQ

How much time will my team be scheduled to monitor?

We will schedule teams for up to 3 hours per team per season. We will schedule teams for field monitoring after the schedules have come out for the season.

Are the amount of hours that a team is given all done after one game?

No, the Field Monitor Scheduler will schedule the team for the season, and the field monitoring will be done on a weekly basis up to three times during the season. What this means is if your team is scheduled for three hours during the season, you will not complete your three hours on one Saturday.

What forms do field monitors need to complete?

Every field monitor needs to complete a volunteer form as well as complete Safe haven training.

Where do I obtain a volunteer application from and who do I turn it in to?

Volunteer application: <http://www.eayso.org/>

All volunteer applications must be turned into the regional CVPA. Please refer to the region website for our CVPA to turn your forms and identification in to.

Where do I take the Safe haven course and what's the purpose of it?

- AYSO's program to address the growing need for Child and Volunteer Protection in youth sports. Components help create a safe, fun, fair and positive environment - "safe haven" - for all participants.
- Safe haven course: <http://www.aysotraining.org/>

How are field monitors identified on the field?

Field monitors are identified by wearing field monitor vests supplied by the region to use while volunteering at the fields.

Will I be the only monitor during my shift?

No, our intent is to schedule multiple teams at the same time, but at the same time it is equally important for every team to volunteer for this position, when they are scheduled.

Will I be required to confront coaches or referees or parents?

No, we are specifically requesting that you do not confront anyone with an issue. Your purpose is to record events and call the appropriate people in the event of an emergency or serious issue (911, Regional Commissioner, Assistant Regional Commissioner and/or Divisional.

What are my duties as a field monitor?

Your duties will be limited. You will be answer questions such as which field a team is playing on, what side of the field am I on, etc. You will be asked questions about region policies and procedures to which you will refer the parent the appropriate person. You will be asked about problem referees, bad calls, and problematic coaches. In response to this you will ask the reporting party to send an email to the appropriate person and go and observe the situation on the field so that you can answer questions that may come up about the situation by a board member. Do not intervene in any situation, merely record events and report to the divisional, Regional Commissioner or Assistant Regional Commissioner.

Other duties include:

1. Make sure the games are starting on time. If games are running late, you can ask, but may not require, the referee to get the games back on track by cutting time.
2. The Center referee must be a certified referee and be in full uniform. All coaches should be wearing their badges out, in sight. Don't be afraid to spot check the badges to make sure they are for this season. If you find a coach without a badge, ask them if they have their badge, and if not, make a report to the divisional.
3. Be alert to potential safety issues, weather conditions, sideline behavior and the overall conduct of all participants. If you have any issues, get help. Ask a coach or other board member to assist you. Call one of the people on the emergency phone list if the situation requires it.
4. Most people will have generic questions. But if somebody gets confrontational, hear them out. Thank them for their comments and let them know you will pass it on to someone who will get back to them. Offer to take their contact information.

Do field monitors have to set up the fields?

No, divisional will continue to do this, however it is the responsibility for the teams to do the following:

- First teams on the field: Set up the nets and chalk the fields.
- Last teams on the field: Break down the nets and assist with breaking down the fields.

What happens in case of an emergency?

If there is an emergency by all means please contact the police. Your role is not to get involved in any matter that will put you in harms way. Field monitors will also have contact information for regional contacts in the event that the region needs to be notified of anything that happens on the fields.

1. There are certain procedures to follow in case of an emergency.
 - a. STAY CALM AND SAFE
 - b. BE IN CONTROL OF YOURSELF AND YOUR ACTIONS
 - c. USE THE COACHES AND REFEREES TO HELP CONTROL THE SITUATION
 - d. DETERMINE IF HELP IS NEEDED
 - e. USE YOUR BEST JUDGEMENT
2. When dealing with an injury, do not administer first aid. For serious injuries call 911. If the parent is present and advises you otherwise, respect the parent's wishes. Be sure the coach is instructed to fill out an accident report. It is recommended that you call the Regional Commissioner or one of the Assistant Regional Commissioners to notify them of the event. There are blank incident forms in each site notebook and in the mailbox at each site.
3. In the event the police are called, the Regional Commissioner or one of the Assistant Regional Commissioners should be called immediately.

Most importantly, enjoy the great soccer around you.