

Referee Volunteer Team Point Program for U7-U16 (2016)

Purpose

1.0 - The purpose of the Volunteer Point Program is to help ensure that AYSO Region 75 recruits, trains, certifies and fields enough volunteer referees to officiate at our Regional home games. **In this Program, this season we need to fill 40 referee positions and 40 Assistant Referee positions each week for a period of ten weeks.** Volunteers agree to referee games during our Regional Regular Season (August through most of November) and Preliminary (pool play) Playoff Rounds, which will take place in either late November, early December, 2016 and January 2017 depending on your division.

1.1 - Referee volunteers earn team points for their assigned team where their children reside. If you're a coach, assistant coach, team manager, parent of a child or a player/referee (Age 12 or older) on that team you can receive unlimited points. If you choose to allocate points to a different team other than your team, and other than having your child on a different team in the same or different division, that other team is only allowed outside help to a maximum of 50% of that team's point requirements. Each team must do their part.

1.2 - During the 2016 Season, Teams in Divisions U-7/8 need to earn at least 5 referee points each doing a U7 or U8 game. Teams in Division U-10 need to earn at least 10 referee points and teams in Division U-12 Boys need to earn 12 referee points. Division U-12 Girls need to earn 6 referee points and teams in Division U-14 need to earn at least 10 referee points to qualify for the Final (elimination) Round of our Regional Playoffs, which leads to Area and Section Playoffs. Teams that do not accumulate the required points will play the same number of Regular Season and Preliminary Playoff games, but will not be able to advance to the Final Playoff Round. **Teams that do not accumulate the required Volunteer Points may not go on to Post Season games.**

For Divisions U16 because play is between our Region and other Regions, inter-regional standings are kept during the Regular Season in order to determine Area E Playoff seeding. Region 75 U16 teams that fall short of the required number of 10 referee points may not participate in the Area E Playoffs.

1.3 - During the Final (elimination) Rounds of our playoffs, teams must earn an additional number of points in the first weekend to be eligible for advancement to the 2nd weekend. Teams that qualify for the 2nd (semifinal/final) weekend of elimination rounds must then earn an additional number of points during the final weekend to be eligible for post season.

Teams in divisions U10-U16 will need a combination of Referee points and Parent points, to be eligible for post season play. Or in the case of U7/8, to participate in the U7/8 reward activities.

The reduced number of points that are listed above for the lower divisions were determined by the possible number of parents or guardians to kids in those divisions. We based it on a division's full roster Ex. U7/8-7 players, U10-9 players, U12-12 players, U14-15 players, U16-18 to 22 players.

You don't just have to officiate games when you only have a scheduled game at home. If you are traveling and or if you have a bye, you can come back to the field on those days and help out. The players will thank you.

Points Double for all 1:30pm Games at Sierra Field

General Rules

1. A volunteer may allocate points to a single team per game officiated. **The maximum number of game each team can officiate in any given week is three (3) games.** The referee points will be posted on *Match Track* each week. A minimum of **one or more** volunteer must allocate points to a team in order for that team to accumulate enough points to qualify for the final playoff round or in the case of U-7/8, to participate in the reward activities.
2. Volunteer Points belong to the Volunteer who earns them. Team points **MUST** be allocated to a team or teams on the day you earn them. Allocation decisions by a Volunteer cannot be appealed after game day.
3. Game Assignment points may be allocated to any team in Divisions U7/8 thru U-16. (see paragraph 1.1 above)
4. Youth Referees have the same rights and privileges as adult referees under this program. The minimum age to certify as a Referee is 12 years old.
5. **Teams are responsible for recruiting their own referee volunteers.** You may use ANY certified referee from Region 75 that is not on the referee staff, unless that staff member has a child on that team. If the referee staff is utilized for any game other than their own team in which they are not the head coach, assistant coach, team manager, parent of a child or a player/referee (Age 12 or older) on that said team you cannot receive points towards that team. Please, contact the Referee Administrator at referee@ayso75.org for details on this subject.
6. The referee administrator reserves the right to issue no points or negative points in cases where the system is clearly being abused (like not showing up for an assigned game without notifying the RRA in advance).

Questions or comments concerning this program should be addressed to the Region Referee Administrator at referee@ayso75.org if there is a conflict with any of the above decisions that may arise, the Regional Commissioner will make the decision.

*IMPORTANT: In addition to **referee team points** those same points that each referee earns for their team(s) will also be considered as **personal points** making you eligible for a raffles during the fall season. The referee staff may also earn individual personal points. If a referee staff member happens to be a head coach on a Region 75 team, he or she may use referee points for your own team (U-7/8 thru U-16), see the Referee Administrator for details.*

What if I cannot make it to the game(s) I signed up for on a game day?

We understand that “things happen”. We do ask you to contact us by Wednesday evening at referee@ayso75.org if you have not scheduled or contacted us by Wednesday night the referee scheduler will attempt to assign referees. If the referee staff needs to place referees on the team you are assigned to ref, no points will be given to your team(s). *Please note that our chances of finding a referee at the last minute are slim, so if you cannot show up you will likely not be replaced.* Also note: The Referee Administrator reserves the right to issue negative points in cases where the system is clearly being abused.

Signing Up for Games and Getting Trained

For referees needing training, dates for referee clinics and additional details are posted on our website at www.ayso75.org Certified referees may sign up for games by logging into **Match Track**.

No one except the AYSO Region 75 Commissioner or Referee Administrator may grant an exception to these guidelines.

These guidelines may be revised as necessary only by the Region 75 Commissioner.

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How and Where Are Referee Points Recorded?

They are determined by the game(s) officiated. We will record the number of times your team number appears on the backs of the official game cards. Please take the time to print legibly.

Game cards must be filled out properly. **If we can't read it, we can't record it!** Your points will show up in **Match Track**.

This **2016** Referee Point Program reflects a reasonable and reachable goal for all teams involved. Most of you may very well reach this goals at the half way point of our season.

We ask that you either continue volunteering your services during the entire fall season or simply pace yourself for the 10 weeks. Remember you may use the services of any qualified referee for the division game you are in need of except the referee staff.

Referee Individual Point Program (Not for team points)

Ways to Earn Individual Referee Points

<i>Point Type</i>	<i>Points Earned</i>	<i>Comments</i>
Game Assignments	U7/8- Referee 1 per game U10- Referee 1.5 per game AR- 1 per game U12- Referee 2 per game AR 2 per game U14- Referee 3 per game AR 3 per game U16- Referee 5 per game AR – 4 per game	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Officiate as either center or an assistant referee (U7/8- Center Referee only) • Multiple games per day earn multiple points • Need to be a certified referee (no points for club linesmen)
Basic Referee and Safe Haven Training completion	3 per complete course (need roster number)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successfully complete Basic Referee & Safe Haven course • Clinic points are not earned until after the volunteer completes their first 3 referee assignments
First time center	2 time per volunteer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One time only for center referee assignment • Should be earned in the same season after completing Referee Training • Does not apply to U8 games
Upgrade completion	3 per upgrade certification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intermediate Referee • Advanced Referee • National Referee • Any level Referee Instructor or Assessor
Referee Trainer	4 per course	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in referee clinic as instructor
Referee Assessor/Mentor	1 per game	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serve as mentor or assessor for a less experienced referee
Laws of the Game Refresher Course	2 per course	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend a Region 75 Law Refresher course (need to be a certified referee to earn points) • Clinic points are not earned until after the volunteer completes 2 additional referee assignments after the Refresher Course during the same season.
Referee Scheduling/ Staff Assistance	2 points per week scheduled 1 point per week assisting the referee staff at the table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under the direction of the Referee Administrator, help schedule referee assignments for each week's games. • Assist at the referee table