

La Mesa AYSO Region 89
9U thru 19U Core & Extra Volunteer Referee Points Program

Summary

All coaches, levels 10U and above, must produce volunteer referees who accrue a total of **30 points** for their team. Failure to accrue 30 points may result in denial of post-season play opportunities.

Volunteer referees earn **Regular points** by:

- (1) being trained and certified, uniformed, and associated with a team;
- (2) signing up for matches in the Area scheduler;
- (3) centering matches for 4 points each or assistant refereeing matches for 2 points each.

New volunteer referees (both youth and adult) can earn **Bonus points for a team**. Up to 20 points may be Bonus points. Points are earned after a new referee centers two matches (10 points), with 5 points for each additional new adult referee per team.

Requirements have been put in place to ensure the integrity and proper functioning of the point system.

- Referees should volunteer in the proper division for their level of training. Referees should not center matches for teams they have family or coach relations with.
- Referees should sign up for matches in the Area scheduler website in advance of matches. To receive points, refs must be uniformed.
- Coaches and Team Parents are the main recruiters for the point system.
- The RRA will be responsible for reporting points to all participants using a central spreadsheet.
- Regional training sessions will be announced by the league. All referees must be certified and approved by the Regional Referee Administrator before signing up for matches.

Purpose of the Point Program

The AYSO program is entirely based on the participation of volunteers including parents, Coaches, and Referees. The Volunteer Referee Points program is designed to ensure matches are conducted in a Fair, Safe and Fun manner with increased participation of parent and youth volunteers. The goal of this program is to recruit volunteers and distribute officiating responsibilities to new and returning referees from all participating teams.

The program is explained below and applies to the regular fall season. All Coaches, the Regional Commissioner and Assistant RCs, the Regional Referee Administrator, Regional Referee Staff, Division Representatives are familiar with this program.

Key Elements

1. Each team, 10U to 19U, should supply **two** volunteer referees to participate in the points program. Coaches are responsible for recruiting these volunteers.
2. Recruited volunteers, 10U to 19U, must fulfill the minimum number of points by end-of season.
3. If the team volunteers do not meet the minimum requirement for points, the team may not be allowed to participate in post-season play, which includes the Area V League Team Tournament.

Participation Requirements

The following requirements apply to participation in the point system:

- Teams must accrue **30 points** by the last match of regular Fall Season.
- It is the responsibility of the Coach to inform the Regional Referee Administrator of the names of referees accruing points for his or her team. A points spreadsheet will be maintained by the RRA and shared bimonthly with coaches and referees participating in the point system.
- Teams must identify their participating referee volunteers by the second Fall training date (usually held in September)
- Teams must earn a minimum of 4 points each month of the regular season so that referees are available throughout the entire regular season.
- A team may have multiple volunteers; however, a single volunteer cannot accrue points for multiple teams unless the volunteer has relatives on all teams.

- All referees must be trained, AYSO Certified Referees (of any level), whose credentials have been vetted and approved by the Regional Referee Administrator (RRA).
- A referee must be in uniform for match participation to count toward team points.

Note: The only exception to this rule is if there is not full coverage and the referee agrees to officiate at the last minute, so long as he or she is not related to a coach or team member of either team.

- Volunteers must sign up for matches in the Area scheduler website. This will be the account of record for participation in the point system. If a referee signs up late for a match, **he or she will update the Area schedule the same day**, so points may be properly tracked.
- Unless specifically approved by the Referee Administrator, Referees shall not volunteer for or be assigned to officiate games involving any team that they are coaching or for which children, siblings or other relatives play.
- It is not recommended for the Coaches to be their team referee. If they do, they shall not Referee matches in their Division (i.e. Boys U10, Girls U12, etc.)

Types of Points

Regular Points

Each Referee or Assistant Referee will earn points for each U9 or above match supported as identified in the following table. A referee who misses a game assignment will not receive any points for that game. A referee who signs up at the last minute (not in the Area schedule) may still receives point for that match provided he or she is in uniform and updates the Area scheduler the same day as the match.

Position	Points
Referee (Center)	4
Assistant Referee	2
Mentor	2

Bonus Points

As an added incentive for recruiting, teams may earn bonus points for new adult and youth referees following the guidelines discussed below. No team may earn more than 20 initial bonus points in any one season. The remainder of the points earned must be Regular Points from refereeing.

A team whose referee list includes one new Referee will earn bonus points for each Referee that completes Regional Referee Training and Certification and referees (in the center position) at least two matches per the table below.

A team whose referee list includes two or more new Referees will earn another 5 points immediately following the second game refereed by that team's second new adult referee.

Communication of Point System

The Regional Commissioner, Referee Administrator or their designees shall communicate and support the Referee Point System to all coaches at the general coaches meeting. The Regional Coach Administrator and Regional Coach Instructors will also communicate the Referee Point System to all coaches during each Coach course. This point document will be included in the Coach's manual, and available upon request via email.

Team Volunteer Form

The Coaches will be required to sign and turn in to the Division Representatives, no later than the fourth Thursday of August, the volunteer referee form containing the name(s) **and signatures** of any persons who are willing to volunteer as referees or assistant referees on behalf of that team. Coaches can submit those forms as early as August 1st.

The Referee Administrator in conjunction with the CPVA will assist the volunteers in completing AYSO Volunteer Registration forms, training, and other certification prior to refereeing.

If no parents volunteer, the form is still to be returned signed by the Coach.

Roles and Responsibilities

Coaches and Team Parents

Coaches and team parents must:

1. Recruit parent volunteers to be team referees;
2. Submit the Team Referee Volunteer Form to the Division Representatives on time;
3. Contact his/her referee(s) during the season to get season to date updates on points accumulated or track points earned by viewing the regional web site for current referee point's information; and
4. Two weeks prior to the end of the season, contact the Referee Administrator to confirm accumulated points.

Regional Referee Administrator

Regional Referee Administrator and his/her staff will collect team volunteer names, provide training and uniforms, and record the points earned during the season. Whether a Referee is qualified to Referee in divisions U12 and above will be subject to the discretion of the Regional Referee Administrator and/or Director of Referee Instruction and/or Director of Referee Assessment, and persons who believe that they are qualified to referee games in those older divisions may request that their qualifications to do so be assessed by the above-referenced regional board members

Training

Referee training classes will be held before the commencement of the season. Dates, times and locations will be announced as they become available. Interested persons may also seek permission from other regions to attend their training classes.

Reporting

Each team referee will be responsible for reporting his or her weekly assignments to the referee coordinator. The preferred method is by registering for the match prior to the match date; however, exceptions always occur. If a referee participates “last minute,” they must either update the Area website or contact the RRA the same day to receive proper and timely point allocation.

The Referee Administrator will send a spreadsheet via email to all coaches and referees subject to the point system to provide bimonthly reporting on participation and report accrual.

Scheduling

The Referee Administrator, Director of Referee Instruction, and Director of Referee Assessment have the discretion to alter assignments if they determine it is necessary to do so. In addition, they will monitor whether any referee is qualified to referee a particular match and may alter assignments based on that monitoring (for example, if the volunteer does not have the proper training, has a child on the team, or is a coach in that division).