

Region 9 Team Referee Information For Coach & Team Referees 2009

In an effort to encourage parents to volunteer to become referees, Region 9 had decided that each team must provide at least one referee (aka Team Referee) to serve as a referee in at least one game each week. To encourage compliance with this rule, the Region has further decided that one bonus point in team standings shall be awarded for completion of the teams' weekly referee responsibility, as determined by the Referee Administrator or his staff.



Team Referee procedures and guidelines are as follows:

1. Team Referee is a **MANDATORY** volunteer position for ALL Region 9 teams except U6.
2. Team Referees may be either returning referees (have completed an AYSO referee class) or new referees (willing to attend an AYSO referee class); adult or youth.
3. A youth referee must be 12 and older for U7/U8, 12 and older for U10-U14; and must be at least 1 age group older than the team he or she represents (e.g. U14 for a U12 team, U16 for a U14 team).
4. U7 & U8 Team Referees are responsible for officiating their own team's game every Saturday (1 referee from each team). **No referees, no game.** Completed game cards must be submitted to the referee tent at the conclusion of the match.
5. U10-U14 Team Referees are required to serve as either an **Assistant Referee (AR)** or a **Center Referee (CR)** each week. If working as an Assistant Referee, the referee cannot work the same game with his or her child. If working as a Center Referee, the referee cannot work any game in the same competition pool with his or her child. Referees will schedule their own matches using Clubspaces or an equivalent Referee Scheduling program.
6. Competitive Teams are awarded one **bonus game point** for each week that their Team Referee works a game. Maximum of one point per week. To receive your bonus point, your Team Referee or a qualified replacement referee must:
 - a. Schedule game of his choice using our **Region 9 Referee Scheduling Program**, and designating the team to receive the referee point at the time the game to be worked is selected.
 - b. Sign in at the Referee Tent no later than fifteen (15) minutes before the assigned game time.
 - c. Go to the assigned field before play is commenced to perform pre-game check-in.
 - d. Work the game to completion as, correctly completing the game card with detailed game and referee information.
 - e. **Failure to follow the above instructions may result in a bonus point not being awarded.**
7. Missed referee bonus points may not be made up later in the season, unless the Regional Referee Administrator or Director of Team Referees determines that the needs of the Region necessitate the use of make up games to fill open referee assignments.

8. The award of team referee bonus points, or the decision not to award team referee bonus points, shall become final and irrevocable at the conclusion of the following week's scheduled games. **CHECK YOUR REFEREE POINTS WEEKLY AND CONTACT THE DIRECTOR OF TEAM REFEREES IMMEDIATELY IF YOU BELIEVE A MISTAKE HAS BEEN MADE.**
9. The decision to award or not award team referee points is solely at the discretion of the Director of Team Referees, with an appeal to the Regional Referee Administrator. The decision of the Referee Administrator is final.
10. Prior to the first game of the season the team coach must submit the name, phone number and e-mail address of a certified and registered AYSO referee to serve as Team Referee to the Director of Team Referees. Teams that have not submitted such information shall not become eligible for Team Referee bonus points until such information is provided to the Director of Team Referees.
11. You are encouraged to **recruit two (2) referees** for your team, to share the duties and to cover in case of illness or other absence. We **strongly discourage coaches from volunteering** as the team's primary referee; you will have enough to do on Saturdays before, during and after your team's game!
12. **Returning Referees** are REQUIRED to attend the September 3, 2009 **Returning Referee Meeting** and to **register as AYSO Volunteers** (either online via eAYSO or with paper forms available at the meetings).
13. **New Referees** are REQUIRED to complete an **AYSO Referee Class**, either in our Region or in a neighboring Region; and to **register as AYSO Volunteers**.
14. **Region 9 is a Kids Zone!** Verbal or other abuse of players, coaches, referees, etc. will NOT be tolerated.
15. Questions? Your Director of Team Referees is Micah Schwartz at TeamRefs@aysoregion9.org Your Region 9 Referee Administrator is Steven Cruise at RefAdmin@aysoregion9.org