

Memo

To: All Region 9 Referees
From: Steven S. Cruise, Regional Referee Administrator
Date: 8/19/2009
Re: Referee Scheduling for U14 Soccer Matches

This season we have a large number of referees who have upgraded or are planning to upgrade their AYSO Referee Certification. In order to accommodate those upgrades, we need to keep a significant number of U14 matches available for formal and informal referee assessments, and for referees to work a sufficient number of matches to meet minimum upgrade requirements.

To this end, the Referee position (aka Center Referee) for U14s will no longer be available for Region 9 referees to self schedule. Referees interested in working as a Center Referee in U14 should contact Michael Wilson mjw10687@msn.com or Bruce Bennett bzbcpa@sbcglobal.net or Steven Cruise refadmin@aysoregion9.org to have their names added to the referee schedule.

First priority will be given to formal and informal referee assessment matches. Next priority will be given to referees who need to work a minimum number of matches to meet their upgrade requirements. Previously scheduled matches are subject to change up to the Thursday evening before any scheduled match, though we will do our best to schedule upgrades and assessments well in advance.

Unless approved otherwise by the Regional Referee Administrator, all Referees (Center Referees) for U14 matches must be certified as an Intermediate Referee or higher. Exceptions may be made for experience or the needs of the Region.

Referees accepting U14 referee assignments are expected to work additional younger matches or as an Assistant Referee. Assistant Referee skills are an integral part of the upgrade and assessment process, and our Area Assessor reports that deficient assistant referee skills are the most common issue faced by upgrade candidates.

None of the above policies shall apply to the Assistant Referee position for U14 matches and they will continue to be filled via our Clubspaces' referee scheduling program. All U14 Referees and Assistant Referees are eligible for Team Referee Bonus Points.