

Referee Info for Coaches



Why do we need referees?

One of AYSO's six philosophies is Good Sportsmanship. Referees are a crucial part of making sure that games are conducted in a fun, safe, and fair manner based on mutual respect for other players and teams. As our children develop as players and people, it is critical that they understand the laws of the game and respect for officials. Referees are the embodiment of these traits and help reinforce these important lessons on game day.

Without proper officiating, games can simply fall apart leading to frustration, yelling, and a generally negative experience for everyone involved. We want our players, coaches, and families to leave each game with positive memories and a desire to come back to the next game, practice, and season. Referees are an important part of making that happen.

How many referees does my team need?

For U8, just one Regional Referee is required. For U10, a team of two Regional Referees is required.

How do I recruit referees for my team?

[Ref Recruitment for Coaches](#)


What kind of person makes a good referee?

Anyone over the age of 12! No, you do not need to have played soccer before. You don't even have to understand the game. All the training a person needs to be a competent official is provided free by the region.

Parents and family members who are actively engaged in their child's AYSO experience are a great place to start recruiting. Parents who come to watch practice each week, parents and grandparents who yell from the sidelines to "help" you coach, older siblings who like to tell their little sister or brother what to do - these groups of people can be convinced to spend a little extra time to make our AYSO season a well officiated one.

What training do I need to take to become a referee?

A candidate for the AYSO Regional Referee certification must complete the AYSO volunteer requirements plus the AYSO Regional Referee course. This is a blended course that is both online and in person. The online portion should be completed before attending the in-person session. There are many dates to choose from for the in-person session, see

 [AYSO 683 - Regional Referee Course Calendar](#) for an updated schedule of courses.

Details for the other AYSO volunteer requirements can be found here: <https://bit.ly/3PKoQ4u>

What are the requirements for being a referee?

Each week we will send out a call for refs via email. You will login to our referee portal at <https://cgisports.com/ref/5566/> to sign up for a game. Once your ref assignment is complete, your team will receive ref points that will allow the team to go to the Area Playoffs in Camarillo at the end of the season.

For more information on how use the ref portal, see  [AYSO 683 - Ref Portal Instructions](#)

If we get a referee team for every U8 and U10 team we will only need each team to ref every other week. That will add up to five games per referee team over the 10 game season. That's a commitment of just five hours to over ten weeks!

More questions?

More information about referee requirements will be coming to you soon which includes material to help you recruit referee volunteers from the families on your team. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns in the meantime please reach out: region683refs@gmail.com

Your AYSO Region 683 Referee Administrator Team