

AYSO Region 11/Q/144

Referee Point Policy

OBJECTIVES

- Develop and maintain a strong Region 11/Q/144 referee team by encouraging new referee volunteers.
- Have certified referees in every game at U8 and above as well as neutral center referees for every U10 and older game.
- Address the chronic, significant shortage of certified referees in the U8/U10/U12/U14 divisions.

REFEREE POINT SYSTEM

- This policy rewards teams by using points earned for referee participation as the sole criteria of determining eligibility for a U8/U10/U12/U14 team to participate in a post-season tournament held after the completion of the Fall season.
- The scope of this policy covers only the teams in the recreation league in the U8, U10, U12 and U14 divisions due to the consistent and significant shortage of referee volunteers in these age groups which reduces the quality of the game for the players and places undue burden on the volunteer coaches.
- Each U8/U10/U12/U14 team will earn two (2) points for providing an Eligible Center Referee and one (1) point for providing an Eligible Assistant Referee in an Eligible Game. Twelve (12) referee points must be earned during the Fall season to become eligible for the post-season tournament which is provided as a reward to teams that obtain referee volunteer participation during the Fall season.
- The Regional Referee Administrator (“RRA”) will administer this Referee Point System and all decisions by the RRA are final and not subject to appeal. Questions should be sent to rra@aysoirvine.org.

ELIGIBLE REFEREES

- Every team **MUST** have their team referees pre-registered with their Divisional Referees to be eligible to earn points. Only AYSO certified refs with a child, sibling or family member (“Relative”) playing in one of the U8/U10/U12/U14 divisions can earn points. Referees who work Eligible Games but do not have a Relative in the U8/U10/U12/U14 division cannot earn points for a team. The purpose of this system is to encourage parents with Relatives in the program to become referees. We need our older refs to pull games in our U14/U16/U19 divisions and AYSO+ program. We need the relatives of kids playing in the U8/U10/U12 divisions to meet the referee needs of these teams.
- The Referee must be wearing a full Referee uniform to earn credit for working the game.

ELIGIBLE GAMES

- Referee points are earned by providing Center and Assistant Referees in games that are administered by Region 11/Q/144 in the following divisions: BU8, GU8, BU10, GU10, BU12, GU12, BU14, GU14, BU16, GU16, BU19, GU19 and AYSO+ during the Fall season.
- For AYSO+ and U14/U16/U19 games, only the games hosted on South Irvine fields will count except for games assigned to Region 11/Q/144 by Area Q, even if the games are hosted in a different region. Information about such games will be available on our website.
- Referee points are also earned by providing Center and Assistant Referees in Harvest Cup games assigned to Region 11/Q/144. The Harvest Cup is an annual tournament run by the City of Irvine on a Friday night and Sunday in October involving teams from local elementary and middle schools.
- Except for the U8 division, Referees can only work their own Relative's games as an Assistant Referee as we want neutral Center Referees in all of our U10 and older games. If they have to serve as a Center Referee in their own Relative's game because there was no other referee Page 2 available, points will be awarded to the team. No splitting of a game between Referees from opponent teams – only one Center Referee per game.

IMPACT ON OTHER DIVISIONS: MANDATORY CENTER REFEREE IN U8

- Region 11/Q/144 requires a three (3) referee system for U8 and no coaches on the field. We do not insist on a neutral Center Referee for U8 play. However, referee scheduling will be through the Region 11/Q/144 website (www.aysoirvine.org) and the Center Referee's decisions during the game shall be final. In case a game is not covered by Thursday 8PM, the designated HOME TEAM will be responsible for appointing a Center Referee for their game on Saturday, however no Referee points are earned unless the appointed Referee is an Eligible Referee as defined in this policy.
- Every team must have at least ONE, preferably TWO to THREE team referees.
- The youth referee protection policy will be strictly enforced in division U8 and older, along with strong measures being taken for any kind of harassment of referees.