



AYSO Region 23

Hacienda Heights

All

Your

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Saturdays

Occupied

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Agenda

Welcome

- Introductions
- Purpose of meeting (know each other, learn from each other)
- Do's and Don'ts of effective referees
- How to handle difficult situations with players, coaches, parents
- Referee Points System for 8U, 10U and 12U
- Referee assignments for 14U, 16U and 19U
- Changes to the Laws
- Q & A

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The Referee Crew

Ideally all referees are certified, complete a Volunteer application (yearly), and complete all necessary coursework for their position.

Center Referee (CR) - Usually the one with the highest badge or more experience

Assistant Referee 1 (AR1) - Usually Referee with more experience. Takes the place of the CR in case of need

Assistant Referee 2 (AR2) - Usually Referee with less experience

Badges:

Regional - U10 and U12

Intermediate - U14 and below

Advanced - U19, U16 and below

Pre-Game Checklist

- Referee crew should make every effort to be at the field at least 20 minutes before assigned game to:
- Conduct a pregame conference: CR shares expectations from AR's, gives pointers to less experienced referees
- Inspect the field for hazards, if any; try to take care of them. If not possible, put a small **soft** cone to mark it and inform all players and coaches
- Inspect the nets and goals for safety. Make sure the posts are safely anchored
- Talk to both team players. Depending on the age level, remind them about the use of flags and whistle. Remind them to have fun, play fair, and be safe
- Talk to both coaches about your expectations and support from them and the parents:
- Coaches must remain in the “Coaches Box” during the game
- Only the Coach and Assistant Coach may coach during the game
- Coaches must remind parents to sit only between the penalty areas, not around the corner kick area, end lines or behind the goals
- Referee and Assistant Referees have the authority to enforce above guidelines
- Meet in the middle of the field at the end of the 1st half and at the end of the game and leave the field together to discuss game (learning opportunity)

The Field

AR's positioning



Referee (CR)

Duties

- Comes fully prepared
- Wears a complete uniform: black shoes, black stripes socks, black solid shorts, jersey with AYSO Referee badge. **Only Region 23 or completely black hats are allowed.** (NO sunglasses)
- Enforces the Laws and keep a record of the Game
- Ensures players are safe, play fair, and have fun
- Utilizes the “Diagonal System”
- Keeps ARs in-sight regularly
- Communicates clearly with ARs, players and coaches
- Uses clear and strong signals
- Depending on conditions, suspends game before regulation time - no winner declared **BEFORE**
REMEMBER: The Center Referee can change the call anytime
the game restarts

Alternatives to a Coin Flip:

- 1- Guess a number
- 2- Rock-Paper-Scissors
- 3- Both teams agree

Assistant Referees (AR)

(New term is “The Other Match Officials”)

- Use same gear as Center Referee
- Follow directions from Center Referee
- Inform and assist, not insist
- Monitor substitutions
- Backup on game time
- Book goals
- Collect game cards
- Stay with Second to Last Defender unless CR says otherwise
- In case of a fight, take numbers of involved players

REMEMBER: Club Linesmen only signal out of bounds, not even direction

Do's and Don'ts

DO:

- Arrive at the field at least 20 minutes before your assigned game time.
- Wear a complete, clean and appropriate uniform: black shoes, black stripes socks, black solid shorts, jersey with AYSO Referee badge. Only Region 23 or completely black hats are allowed. (NO sunglasses)
- If you wear under garments visible to the public, they must match your uniform color
- If you must wear a hat, it has to be solid black or a Region 23 hat
- Be prepared with: 1 or 2 whistles, wallet with caution and send off cards (yellow, red), and game report cards, several pens and/or pencils, 1 or 2 watch/es, flags
- Conduct a referee pre-game conference with your crew to discuss: fouls, off-side infractions, positioning during free kicks, PK's, use of the flags
- Inspect the field for hazards: if any; try to take care of them, if not possible, put a small soft cone to mark it. Inform all players and coaches

Do's and Don'ts

DON'T:

- Argue with players, coaches or parents - You are the maximum authority on the field, carry it with dignity
- Take it personal - You cannot please everyone, nor should you try.

How to handle difficult situations:

- Talk to your referee crew constantly.
- Talk to players and coaches during the game.
- Maintain your “cool” at all times
- Use caution cards when necessary.
- Be close to the play at all times.
- Be assertive.
- Stand by your decisions, do not allow coaches/parents to influence them.
- “Read” the game (every game is unique).
- Do your homework: find out if there is history with players or coaches.
- If parents behave inappropriately, ask their coach for support to control them.
- Continue studying, watch other referees, learn from mistakes.
- Remember: Even professional referees make mistakes.

8U Division

- Home team will provide 1 referee.
- It is highly encouraged that the referee be certified.
- We *cannot* force you to send referees but, if you do not provide referees it makes it extremely difficult to start games on time. We all want our games to start on time and have referees so please take that into consideration for the other teams.

10U and 12U Divisions

- Each team is to send 2 referees to the game ***BEFORE*** their game.
- If you have the last game of the day teams **DO NOT** have to send a referee for the first game of the day. The region will cover the assignment.
- ***Ideally referees are at least certified Regional Referee.***
- If a team does not supply the refs, they will forfeit their game and no points will be awarded.

Changes to the Laws

The International Football Association Board has revised some of the FIFA Laws of the Game. For more information, please go to:

www.theifab.com

We will give you updated information as soon as AYSO makes it available

AYSO Changes

These are some of the current changes that AYSO and our region have adopted:

- ✓ In 8U games, any foul or infraction is restarted with an (IFK) Indirect Free Kick EXCEPT when the ball is out of bounds on the sidelines, it will be a Throw in.
- ✓ In 6U, 8U, 10U, and 12U games, there is NO HEADING. If a player heads the ball intentionally the restart is an (IFK) Indirect Free Kick
- ✓ In 10U games, there is no Offside between the Build out line.
- ✓ In 6U, 8U and 10U there is no PUNTING
- ✓ Region 23 has approved Punting in 12U and above

We strongly recommend that, before the game, you explain these changes to both coaches and all players