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# REFEREE REQUIREMENTS

## Adults

In order to sign up to officiate games, the below requirements must be met.

1. Register as a Volunteer
2. Background check and risk status equals Green
3. Live Scan Fingerprint
4. Complete AYSO's Safe Haven course
5. Complete CDC Concussion Awareness course
6. Complete SafeSport training
7. Complete Sudden Cardiac Arrest training
8. AYSO Certified Referee Course (U8, Regional, Intermediate, Advanced, or National)

## Youth

Youth referees must still register as AYSO volunteers, but they are not subject to the same background verifications as adults. All other requirements are the same for our youth referees and adult referees.

1. Register as a Volunteer
2. Complete AYSO's Safe Haven course
3. Complete CDC Concussion Awareness course
4. Complete Sudden Cardiac Arrest training
5. AYSO Certified Referee Course (U8, Regional, Intermediate, Advanced, or National)

**If you need help please feel free to reach out to Josh Smith Region 46 Referee Administrator [RefJosh46@gmail.com](mailto:RefJosh46@gmail.com) or visit the AYSO Wiki Page where you will find helpful guides for everything related to AYSO <https://wiki.ayso.org/>**

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Keep Scrolling for Further Details

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# REGISTERING AS A VOLUNTEER & BACKGROUND CHECK

All volunteers, returning and new, **MUST** register as a Volunteer each season and do a Background Check (or check to make sure your background check is still valid)

## **1. How to register as a Volunteer:**

- A. **AYSO Adult Volunteer WITHOUT children in the program:** Start by going to the upper right corner of our website and click “REGISTER NOW.” Remember your user name and password for your account. You will be assigned an AYSO ID#. Once you fill out the general information page, it will take you to your account page. Please click on the “Volunteer” button on the LEFT side of the screen. Then click the orange “Find volunteer roles” on the upper right side of the screen. There will be a list of choices, but you need to click on “show more” to get more options. Select “2025 Volunteer Registration” then click “View Available Positions.” Scroll down to select the Referee choice. Fill out your volunteer application. Fill out your E-Signature section and then submit your application.
- B. **AYSO Adult Volunteer WITH children in the program:** Start by logging into your account that you used to register your children for AYSO. Once in your account, please click on the “Volunteer” button on the LEFT side of the screen. Then click the orange “Find volunteer roles” on the right side of the screen. Scroll down to select the Referee choice for your child’s age division for the Spring Core 2025 season. Fill out your volunteer application. Fill out your E-Signature section and then submit your application.
- C. **RETURNING AYSO Adult Volunteer WITHOUT children in the program:** Login into your account on our website. Once in your account, please click on the “Volunteer” button on the LEFT side of the screen. Then click the orange “Find volunteer roles” on the right side of the screen. There will be a list of choices, but you need to click on “show more” to get more options. Select “2025 Volunteer Registration” then click “View Available Positions.” Scroll down to select the Referee choice. Fill out/update your volunteer application.
- D. **RETURNING AYSO Adult Volunteer WITH children in the program:** Login into your account on our website. Once in your account, please click on the “Volunteer” button on the LEFT side of the screen. Then click the orange “Find volunteer roles” on the right side of the screen. Scroll down to select the Referee choice for your child’s age division for the Fall Core 2024 season. Fill out/update your volunteer application. Fill out your E-Signature section and submit your application.

2. **Sterling Volunteer Background Check:** AYSO now requires a more significant background check through a third-party vendor Sterling Volunteer. You will receive an e-mail from the American Youth Soccer Organization after you register with a secure link for you to complete a background check.

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# ONLINE COURSES

You will need to log into your AYSO account at [www.ayso46.org](http://www.ayso46.org) From there you can click the volunteer tab which will show what courses need to be completed. You can check the boxes to the left and click “Renew & Update”

To Access any of the classes that are part of AYSOU click the “AYSOU” tab in the left column.

AYSO U (AYSO's online learning resource), contains all the AYSO Online Courses at the Training Library” tab.

- 1. Complete the online AYSO’s Safe Haven Course. Safe Haven course is the same for all AYSO volunteer positions. SAVE A COPY OF YOUR CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION.
- 2. Complete the online CDC: Concussion Course. The concussion course is the same for all AYSO volunteer positions. SAVE A COPY OF YOUR CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION.
- 3. Complete the online Sudden Cardiac Arrest Course. The sudden cardiac arrest course is the same for all AYSO volunteer positions and is required for all youth sport volunteers in the State of California. This is a one-time course that you will not need to repeat or update in the future. SAVE A COPY OF YOUR CERTICIATE OF COMPLETION.
- 4. Complete the SafeSport Course. A new requirement mandated by California law is the SafeSport course.

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Board Member Spring 2025 43916-704576 12U Boys (2013 & 2014)

Region 46 Area 10S

Certification	Expiration Date	Status	Compliant
<input type="checkbox"/> Risk Status	10/08/2025	Green	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Concussion Awareness	None	Verified	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Fingerprinting CA + FL Only	None	Verified	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Sudden Cardiac Arrest	None	Verified	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> AYSOs Safe Haven	None	Verified	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> SafeSport	03/30/2026	Verified	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Coaching License	None	None	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Referee Grade	None	Intermediate Referee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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# REGIONAL REFEREE COMPANION COURSE

## FIRST STEP:

Complete [Regional Referee Training online](#) and test. Set aside approximately 90 minutes to complete the course work and the test. It is located in AYSO U. **This must be completed before you attend the live in person portion.** If you come to the live class before completing the Regional Referee Training online you will not be able to take the live course. Please make sure you complete all 9 online chapters and pass the Final Exam.

## SECOND STEP:

Sign up and attend the Live [Regional Referee Online Companion Course](#). Sign up through AYSO U at the “Training Event” tab.

1. Search for a Regional Referee Course by typing in your zip code
2. Scroll through the Calendar Until you find a Regioanal Referee Companion Course you want to attend
3. Click The Enroll button to sign up for the class

Please note you can take any available class at other nearby regions. They do not have to be offered through Region 46. Please email me after you complete the course if you take it someplace else.

## New Referees for 6U-8U:

If you have not been certified as an 8U Referee before and your players are in 6U-8U you will need the training to be a 6U-7U-8U Referee which will qualify you to referee your player’s 6U, 7U or 8U game. You will need to take the 8U Referee Class Online. The 8U referee course is only online.

