

Appendix

AYSO Referee Training Matrix

Course	Description	Length	Prerequisites	Minimum Lead Instructor Requirements	Verification of Lead Instructor Requirement by
REFEREE TRAINING COURSES					
8U Official	This course trains volunteers to officiate in 8U matches.	3 hours	None	Regional Referee Instructor	Regional Referee Administrator
Assistant Referee	This course trains volunteers in the basics of being an Assistant Referee for AYSO matches under IFAB <i>Laws of the Game</i> and AYSO National Rules & Regulations, and to officiate in U-8 matches.	5 hours	None	Regional Referee Instructor	Regional Referee Administrator
8U Official to Regional Referee	This course trains 8U Officials in the basic skills required to serve as a Regional Referee.	4 hours	8U Official	Regional Referee Instructor	Regional Referee Administrator
Regional Referee Online Training and Regional Referee Online Companion	This two-part training consists of an online, self-paced training course located at www.AYSOU.org and a separate class with a live instructor. Together provide training equivalent to that of the Regional Referee Course.	Online: 1.5 hours Class: 3 hours	Online training must be completed before attending Companion course.	Regional Referee Instructor (for Companion course)	Regional Referee Administrator
Regional Referee	This course trains referees in the basic aspects of refereeing needed to do AYSO matches under IFAB <i>Laws of the Game</i> and AYSO National Rules & Regulations.	6 hours	None	Regional Referee Instructor	Regional Referee Administrator
Intermediate Referee	This course trains referees to do more physically demanding and challenging matches under IFAB <i>Laws of the Game</i> and AYSO National Rules & Regulations.	8 hours	Complete Regional Referee Course and Pass Regional Referee Exam	Intermediate Referee Instructor	Area Referee Administrator or Director of Referee Instruction



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Advanced Referee	This course trains referees to do most matches under IFAB <i>Laws of the Game</i> and AYSO National Rules & Regulations.	8 hours	Complete Intermediate Referee Course and Pass Intermediate Referee Exam	Advanced Referee Instructor	Area Referee Administrator or Director of Referee Instruction
National Referee	This course trains referees to referee all AYSO matches under IFAB <i>Laws of the Game</i> and AYSO National Rules & Regulations.	15 hours	Complete Advanced Referee Course and Pass Advanced Referee Exam	National Referee Instructor	National Office Programs staff
REFEREE ADMINISTRATOR TRAINING COURSES					
Referee Administrator Training	This training teaches Referee Administrators the essential activities needed to manage a referee program.	2.5 hours	None	Intermediate Referee Instructor	Area Referee Administrator or Director of Referee Instruction
Area Referee Administrator Training	This training teaches Area Referee Administrators the essential activities to manage an Area referee program.	1.25 hours	Referee Admin Training	Advanced Referee Instructor	Section Referee Administrator or Director of Referee Instruction
ASSESSOR TRAINING COURSES					
Referee Assessor	This course trains assessors to assess officiating skills at the Advanced level.	4.5 hours	None	Advanced Referee Instructor and either an Assessor or National Assessor	Section Referee Administrator or Director of Referee Assessment
National Referee Assessor	This course trains Assessors to assess refereeing skills at the National level.	5 hours	Referee Assessor Course	National Referee Instructor and National Referee Assessor	National Office Programs staff
INSTRUCTOR TRAINING COURSES					
Referee Instructor	This training teaches Instructor candidates how to conduct introductory and intermediate referee training courses using AYSO teaching plans. Entry level class for both Regional Referee Instructor and Intermediate Referee Instructor	7.5 hours	Introduction to Instruction; Intermediate Referee	Advanced Referee Instructor	Area Referee Administrator or Director of Referee Instruction
Advanced Referee Instructor	This training teaches Intermediate Referee Instructors how to conduct advanced referee training courses using AYSO teaching plans.	6.5 hours	Referee Instructor Course	Advanced Referee Instructor	Section Referee Administrator or Director of Referee Instruction



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National Referee Instructor	This certification (not a course) is accomplished through mentoring while assisting with National Referee Courses.	Variable	Advanced Referee Instructor National Referee Referee Instructor Evaluator	SRA or SDRI assigns mentor	National Referee Program Administrator
Referee Instructor Evaluator	This training teaches Intermediate Referee Instructors (or higher) to evaluate other instructors and to provide constructive feedback.	5.5 hours	Advanced Referee Instructor certification preferred	Advanced Referee Instructor	Section Referee Administrator or Director of Referee Instruction

Notes:

- This table shows training information only. For certification requirements, see the next section.
- Volunteers may attend training courses without having the listed prerequisites but the course may not then be used to satisfy a certification requirement.



AYSO Referee Certification Requirements

8U OFFICIAL	
Age:	10 or older
Training:	8U Official Course
Test:	Take 8U Official Exam
Notes:	1, 2, 3
ASSISTANT REFEREE	
Age:	12 or older
Training:	Assistant Referee Course
Test:	Take Assistant Referee Exam
Notes:	1, 2, 3
REGIONAL REFEREE	
Age:	12 or older
Training:	Regional Referee Course <u>or</u> be a 8U Official and complete 8U to Regional Referee Course
Test:	Score 75% or higher on the Regional Referee Exam
Notes:	1, 3, 4
INTERMEDIATE REFEREE	
Age:	14 or older
Games:	25 as referee with at least 5 in 12U matches
Prerequisite:	Certification as Regional Referee
Training:	Intermediate Referee Course
Test:	Score 90% or higher on the Intermediate Referee Exam
Observation:	One observation as a referee in a 12U match is required
Verification:	Area (or Section) Referee Administrator or Area (or Section) Director of Assessment
Notes:	1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 12
ADVANCED REFEREE	
Age:	16 or older
Games:	50 as referee with at least 10 in 14U matches and 5 as assistant referee in 14U matches
Prerequisite:	Certification as Intermediate Referee
Training:	Advanced Referee Course
Test:	Score 90% or higher on the Advanced Referee Exam
Assessment:	One as a referee in a 14U match <u>and</u> one as assistant referee in a 14U match
Fitness Test:	AYSO Physical Fitness Test for the Advanced level
Verification:	Area (or Section) Referee Administrator or Area (or Section) Director of Assessment
Notes:	1, 3, 7, 9, 10, 12, 13
NATIONAL REFEREE	
Age:	18 or older.
Games:	100 as referee with at least 30 in 16U and 19U matches, of which at least 15 must be in 19U matches if available, <u>and</u> 25 as assistant referee with at least 10 in 19U matches, if available
Prerequisite:	Certification as Advanced Referee
Training:	National Referee Course. It is strongly recommended that the candidate complete at least 80 matches as referee before attending the National Referee Course
Test:	Score 90% or higher on the National Referee Exam
Assessment:	Two as a referee in 16U or 19U matches with at least one in 19U, if available, <u>and</u> one as assistant referee in a 19U match, if available
Experience:	A minimum of one year of experience as an AYSO Advanced Referee
Fitness Test:	AYSO Physical Fitness Test for the National level
Verification:	Section Referee Administrator or Section Director of Assessment
Notes:	1, 3, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13