

## **AYSO Region 13: Referee Game Assignment Guidelines September 2009**

### **\*\*\*U6/8 Divisions\*\*\***

Team referee volunteers should referee their own team's game(s).

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**SPECIAL NOTE:** For purposes of determining game assignments for U10/12/14 Regional Play teams, games listed on each week's game schedule with the "YDP" annotation should be disregarded. Since these games will be covered by YDP referee teams, they should not be considered when determining the first and last game provisions discussed below. For example, if the first three games of the day on a field are listed as YDP and the fourth game is represented by a Regional Play team, then that fourth game should be viewed as the first game of the day for referee assignment purposes. Similarly, if the last two games of the day on a field are listed as YDP then the game immediately preceding the first YDP game should be viewed as the last Regional game of the day.

On a selected U10 field each week, Region 13 Very Important Player ("VIP") teams will play at game time(s) that may be in the middle of the game schedule for that field. These games are annotated as VIP. For purposes of determining game assignments for U10 Regional Play teams, games listed on each week's game schedule with the VIP annotation should be disregarded and viewed as an unscheduled, open field with no game.

All Regional and YDP games should be officiated using the diagonal system of control with 3-person referee teams.

### **\*\*\*U10 (Regional Play Teams)\*\*\***

Team referee volunteers officiate their own team's game. Home teams are listed first in the game schedule and should provide two referees. Visitors, listed second on the game schedule, should provide one referee.

### **\*\*\*U12 (Regional Play Teams)\*\*\***

Home teams are listed first in the game schedule and should provide two referees for the game prior to their own on the same field that they will be playing on. Visitors, listed second on the game schedule, should provide one referee. If a team is playing the first game of the day, then that team provides referees in accordance with the home/visitor provisions discussed above for the last game of the day on the same field.

If the preceding game to a scheduled U12 match is a U14 game, the Referee Staff will assign the center to that game; nevertheless, both the home team and visiting team scheduled to provide referee coverage should still each send one referee to act as assistant referees for that game. Visiting teams may, at their option, send two referees to any game. They may be of help by filling in for no-shows on the same or other fields, or by acting as a Fourth Official (referee) helping to manage the sidelines and give advice to the referee team on the field regarding the behavior of coaches, spectators and players.

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To receive credit for assignments, all referees who participated in the match must PRINT their names and their team designation (Division: Number) on the back of the game card on the line provided. Equal credit is granted for Center, Assistant Referee or Fourth Official. Referees should print the appropriate letter "code" next to their team number indicating that ("A") they were assigned to cover the game; ("B") advance arrangements had been made with a referee who was not previously scheduled for that game to provide coverage for someone who was (i.e., trading assignments); ("C") they covered an open game.

When a scheduled referee assignment cannot be fulfilled, it is the referee's responsibility to find a substitute. After informing their coach that they will not be able to cover a game, referees should first contact the other referee(s) on their team to see if they can cover for one another. If possible, the referees on the "opposing" team should be contacted if necessary; the Division Referee Coordinator will be able to provide assistance in this regard in addition to help in identifying other available referees within their division. If referees trade assignments, they should be clear about referee team credit vis-à-vis the person they are trading with. For games worked, referees may assign team credit to any team that they wish. There is no limitation on the number of game credits that a team may receive from referee games worked.

**\*\*\*U14 (Regional Play Teams)\*\*\***

Center referees for all U14 matches will be assigned by the U14 Division Referee Scheduler. The home team (listed first on the game schedule) and the visiting team (listed second on the game schedule) should each send one referee to act as assistant referees in accordance with the game-before/last-game convention discussed above. If the preceding game to a scheduled U14 match is a U12 game, the Referee Staff will assign the center to that game. While not required, additional team referees are encouraged to show up to cover other, potentially open games should the need arise and/or provide on-the-field mentoring support to our newer referees.

**\*\*\*U10/12/14 (YDP Teams)\*\*\***

Center referees for all YDP games played on a Region 13 home field will be assigned by the YDP Referee Scheduler. Whenever a Region 13 YDP team plays on a designated Region 13 field against a YDP team from another region, the Region 13 YDP team will provide 2 neutral assistant referees to the preceding YDP game on that field. When a Region 13 team plays another Region 13 team, each team provides one assistant referee to the preceding game. When two teams from outside Region 13 play on a Region 13 field, the YDP Referee Scheduler will assign the 2 assistant referees and the center referee.

For the first YDP game on a field, the "preceding game" is defined as the final YDP game on that field.