

AYSO Region 13: 2021 Referee Game Assignment Guidelines

Referee Assignment : 6U/7U/8U Divisions

Team referee volunteers should referee their own team's games.

Referee Assignment: 10U/12U Divisions (Regional Play Teams)

Teams provide referees for the game **prior** to their own on the same field that they will be playing on. Home teams are listed first in the game schedule and should provide two referees for that game. Visiting teams, listed second on the game schedule, should provide one referee for the game. (Note that this is a change starting with the 2021 season: 10U teams will no longer referee their own games, but will instead follow the policy previously set up for the 12U and 14U divisions.)

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. (Yes, it's awkward to return to the field much later in the day, but it shouldn't happen too often.)

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.

Referees may exchange assignments so long as the game officials are not associated with one of the teams playing on the field.

Referee Assignment: 14U Division (Regional Play Teams)

The Division Referee Scheduler assigns center referees for all 14U matches. 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 to the previous game (or to the last game of the day, if playing the first game of the day on that field).

Referee Credits: 10U/12U/14U Divisions

To receive credit for assignments, all referees who participated in the match must **LEGIBLY PRINT** their names and their team designation (such as G12U05) 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

("A") they were assigned to cover the game - team receives ref credit

("B") whoever was assigned for the game made advance arrangements for someone else to cover the game (i.e., trading assignments) - both teams receive ref credit

("C") the assigned referee didn't show up, so someone stepped in - one team loses ref credit, one team gains ref credit

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 next. The Division Referee Administrator (DRA) 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 each game, 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 referees.

What if we don't have three referees? (10U/12U/14U Divisions)

All games should be officiated using the diagonal system of control with 3-person referee teams. If only two certified and uniformed referees are available, a volunteer from one of the competing teams may serve as a "Club Linesman". This person should work one touchline with a flag and maintain the game card for the corresponding team. They may only indicate the direction of throw-ins via their flag; the indication of offside and fouls is generally beyond the role of a Club Linesman.