



Referee Meeting

September 3, 2024



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Agenda



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- 2. Law Updates
- 3. Certification Requirements
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- 5. Mentoring
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- 10. What to do when you have a problem
- 11. Injuries
- 12. Weather
- 13. Blowouts
- 14. Upgrades





Meet the Referee Staff



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Updates to the LOTG



Law 3 - The Players

- Must have a captain on the field
- For AYSO, this is probably not critical for 10U
- For 12U and older, it is a good habit to start

Law 4 - The Players' Equipment

Shin Guards

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- "Players are responsible for the size and suitability of their shin guards"
- BUT, referees are responsible for VERIFYING suitability.
- Glossary requires "reasonable protection"
- Compulsory armband for captain. This is optional in AYSO

Law 12 - Fouls and Misconduct

- Non-deliberate handball that stops a promising attack but results in a PK is not cautioned as SPA
- Non-deliberate handball that denies an obvious goal scoring opportunity and results in a PK is cautioned.
- DOGSO (must meet the 4 Ds) by a deliberate handball is still a send off
- DOGSO (must meet the 4 Ds) by a non-deliberate handball outside of the penalty area is still a send off





Updates to the LOTG



Law 14 - The Penalty Kick

- Part of the ball must touch or overhang the center of the penalty mark.
- Encroachment by an attacker is only punished if it clearly impacted the opponent (GK) or they score, attempt to score or create a goal scoring opportunity.
- Encroachment by a defender is only punished if it clearly impacted the opponent (kicker) or the defender prevents a score, an attempt to score or a goal scoring opportunity.
- The restart table in Law 14 has been modified accordingly.





Certification Requirements



Safety Certifications:

- 1. Background Check (annually)
- 2. LiveScan Fingerprint (once, as long as active)
- 3. Safe Haven (once)
- 4. SafeSport (annually)
- 5. Sudden Cardiac Arrest (once)
- 6. CDC Concussion Course (once)

Referee Certification:

- **6U-8U:** 8U Official or Regional or higher
- **10U-12U:** Regional
- 14U AR: Regional
- 14U Referee: Intermediate

All referee classes have an in-person component.

You may not referee without proper certifications:

- No insurance coverage
- Legal violation
- No protection via Volunteer Protection Act

If your background check or SafeSport expires mid-season we will ask you to update!





Upcoming Classes



If you still need a Referee certification, a few opportunities remain:

8U Official:

- Thursday, 9/5
- 6pm 10pm

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Region 13 Clubhouse

Check https://ayso13.org/referee-training-calendar/ for all class details

Regional Referee:

- Arcadia (two part): 9/4 & 9/5
- Glendale (online+in-person): 9/4
- Pasadena: 9/8
- Temple City (two part): 9/11 & 9/12

Youth Only Class:

South Pasadena, 9/7





Scheduling and Assignments



6U-8U:

- Referee your own team's game
- Minimum 2 referees, ideally 4 referees

10U & 12U:

- Every game: Assistant Referee your own game (opposite touchline)
- Home: (except first game of day): referee game before your game
- Visitor: Second to last game referees final game of day
- Always referee the game prior/after on your field, regardless of gender division

14U:

- Every game: Assistant Referee the game before your game
- Last game of the day: Assistant Referee the first game of the day
- Region provides the Referee from an at-large pool of Intermediate+ Referees
 - Region 13 will supply at-large referees to Temple City Interlock games & assignments





LiveScan



- LiveScan is a fingerprint background check required under Federal law and processed by the FBI
- Visit https://avso13.org/livescan for full details
- Go now it can take weeks to process
- Visit LiveScan facility, get scanned, upload form & ATI number to website (same link)

You will continue to receive LiveScan reminders until your LiveScan is fully processed!





Self-Assign via inLeague

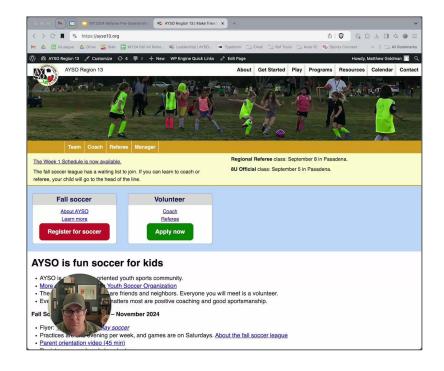


Referee assignments are **by team**. Each week, you, as an individual referee, need to login to inLeague and assign yourself to your team's game **prior to 12 noon on Thursday**.

- Do not sign-up for a spot that isn't your teams before 12 noon on Thursday
- After 12 noon Thursday, all spots are considered open for at-large

Watch this video on how to use inLeague:

https://vimeo.com/1005579936/2eaf5bc1b7







When You Can't Make a Game



It is your responsibility to ensure a qualified referee is at your teams game. We know life happens and you may not be able to make every game.

- Contact the other referees on your team to see if they can cover the game
- If neither referee can make the game, contact your coach and ask them to contact the opposing coach for coverage
- If the opposing team cannot cover your spot do two things:
 - Fill out the substitute request form at https://ayso13.org/referee-swap
 - b. Email your DRA

Do not wait until the last minute to do this!

If you miss a game, make up for it by picking up another game that is noted as needing a substitute. If we all cover for each other it will all work out!





Referee Points



Teams earn Referee points for each made assignment. Referee points are a factor in standings at the end of the season and may affect who wins the division and what seed you are in the playoffs.

Assignment	Points Earned		
Referee	2 points		
Assistant Referee	1 point		

Credit is determined solely by the Team Number entered in the Credit Field on the Game Card.

Missing credits reduce your playoff standings.

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Mentoring



Region 13 provides experienced referees as mentors to all referees.

- Request at mentor at https://ayso13.org/requestmentor
 - Please provide one week notice if possible
- We will attempt to mentor everyone's first game in the center

If you would like to be a mentor, please email Matthew & Patrick







Before, During, & After The Game



Before:

- Arrive early (30 minutes) so you can find parking, check the field, meet the coaches, and check in the team
- Get game cards from each side
- Check-in the team, ensuring proper gear and minimum number of players
- Collect balls and ensure they are properly inflated

During:

Have fun!

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After:

- Manage the handshake
- Complete the game cards
- Upload the game cards





Game Cards: Why They Matter



- Official record of the match
- Track key statistics:
 - Score
 - Sporting behavior
 - Referee credits
 - Player substitutions and injuries
 - Misconduct



Game Cards: What We Do With Them



- You take photos and upload them
- The referee staff reviews every game card
- Statistics are pulled from cards and input into inLeague and other resources
- Reviewed when an incident occurs



2024 Game Cards



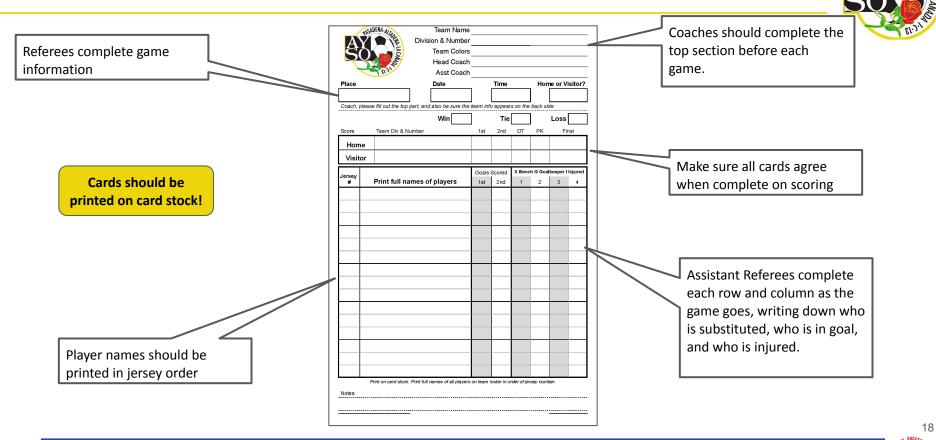
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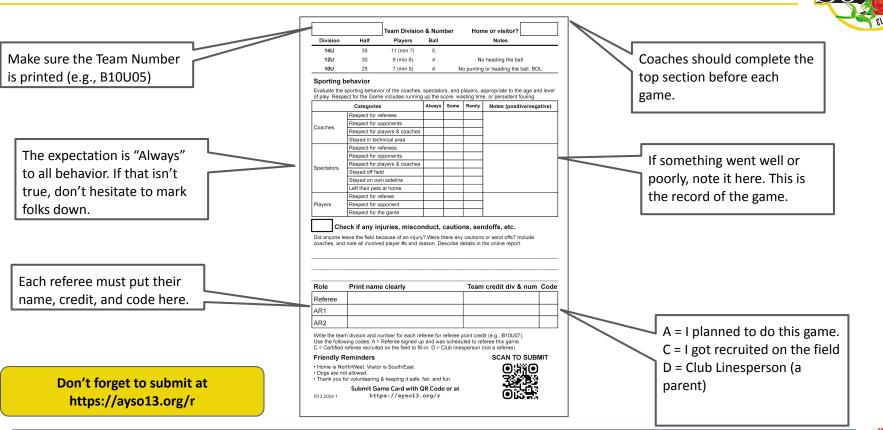
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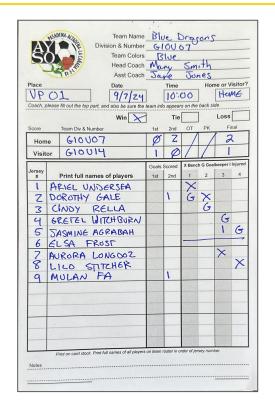


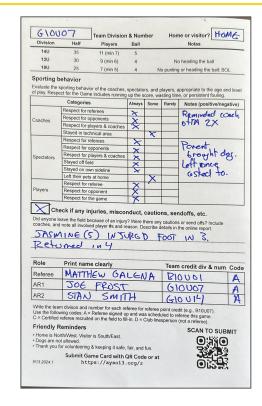




A Properly Completed Card







Don't forget to submit via QR code!





Video of Uploading the Game Card





View at

https://vimeo.com/999914391/889aed5be2



Managing Coaches & Spectators



- 1. Coaches are responsible for their touchline. If you have spectator problems, speak with the coach first
- 2. Remind everyone: coaches coach, parents cheer
- 3. Use P.I.E. when speaking with coaches and players
- 4. Enforce that spectators must sit on the proper touchline
 - a. Home = North/West
 - b. Away = South East
 - c. In-between the penalty areas
 - d. No sitting behind the goal line
- 5. Coaches should stay in technical area (if not marked, generally aligns with the center circle)
- 6. If you need to speak with the coach, do it facing away from their touchline





Pick up the Ball





If things are getting out of hand, pick-up the ball. Take a moment to stay calm. Speak in cool and authoritative voice.

If your directions are not being followed: stop the game until the parent, spectator, etc., complies with directions. For example, removal of dogs, sitting in the wrong place of the field, etc.





Youth Referees



- Youth referees are a critical part of AYSO soccer
- No tolerance for abuse or criticism of youth referees
- Support your youth counterparts. Take action to stop any improper behavior directed against any youth referee
- All youth take the same classes and tests as you
- Youth referees often know the game better because they play it
- Remind parents or coaches who are criticising youth, that we are all part of the AYSO Safe
 Haven team and protecting kids means all kids

Don't Hesitate - Step in if negative behavior is escalating. Check-in with youth referees to ensure they are supported.





Don't Tolerate Abuse or Criticism



Directed to the Referee:

- "C'mon Ref!"
- "That's a terrible call."
- "Get it together ref, someone is going to get hurt."
- "Call it both ways, ref!"
- "What was that??"
- "That's not a goal! He can't score like that!"
- Language that can't be used in a G rated movie.

Directed to Assistant Coach, Parents, Players:

- "It's ok kids, this ref doesn't know what he's doing"
- "Don't worry we're losing kids, we're playing against 12 today."
- "We all know that that was a goal, the Ref just sucks"
- "I was just talking to my Assistant Coach" does not justify inappropriate comments.

Nonverbal Actions:

- Stepping onto the field
- Number one salute
- Leaving the technical area
- Following the referee around
- Throwing things (e.g., water bottles)





When You Have a Problem



- Mark it down on the game card in both sportsmanship ratings and comments
- Complete the Incident Form at https://ayso13.org/incident/
- Email your DRA or the RRA





Investigation into Misconduct



- Referee staff will **investigate reports** of coach misconduct (from a Game Gard, volunteer, Feedback Form, parent, etc.)
- The RRA may contact you for a phone conversation and/or written account to hear your side of the story
- Other witnesses will similarly be interviewed
- All information will be submitted to **Regional Commissioner who will decide** what actions, if any, will be taken
- Potential actions can include warnings, game suspension, etc. and may impact a volunteer's opportunity to coach in the future

Open Registration





Sportsmanship Awards



- New program (many details TBD)
- You will receive sportsmanship tokens to distribute to players demonstrating excellent sportsmanship
- Players will be able to turn these in for rewards





Ask the Ref



If you have questions from a game or during the week, you can Ask the Ref

Review the data and complete the form at https://ayso13.org/ask-the-referee/



Injuries



- Remember, you can stop play **ANYTIME & IMMEDIATELY** for injuries
- Coaches should not enter the pitch until you call them over
- If a coach enters the pitch, the coach and the player must exit the pitch
- The player may be re-admitted with referee's permission
- If a player leaves the game with an injury that prevents them from returning to play, note this on the game card and submit an Injury Report at URL





Weather



Rain:

- The region must cancel games for rain to protect the field
- Check ayso13.org after 7:00 am
- If it starts raining during your game (more than a brief sprinkle) you may call the game

Heat:

- New heat policy* this year
- WBGT (same as USSF, CIF)
 - Extra Water Breaks
 - Shortened Games
 - Canceled Games

Extra Water Breaks:

- Occur at approximately each ½
- Players should not exit pitch, but drink at touchline
- No coaching or substitutions
- Discuss plan with coaches before game





Blowouts



New policy on blowout games, defined as a score differential of six or more goals

- Losing coach may choose to end the match
 - Referees record score at that point
 - Referees exit field; teams may rebalance and scrimmage
- If losing coach does not end the match, game continues
- The Coaching Staff (RCA) will speak with coaches who run up the score and determine any follow-up actions





Upgrades



We encourage you to consider upgrading your badge so that you can referee at older age groups

Level	Games
8U Official	6U-8U Only
Regional Referee	Referee up to 12U Assistant Referee up to 14U
Advanced Referee	Referee up to 14U Assistant Referee up to 16U Referee up to 16U
National Referee	All Games (up to 19U)

Indicate your interest by emailing Matthew





Important Dates



Key Dates:

- **September 7:** First Games
- **November 23:** Last Games
- Nov. 29-Dec 1: Thanksgiving Tournament in Region 13
- **Dec 7-8:** First round of playoffs (All Flight A games this weekend)
- **Dec 14-15:** Second round of playoffs (Flights B & C)
- **Dec 14-15:** Area playthrough

Uniform Pickup Times:

- Friday, 9/6, 7pm 9pm
- Saturday, 9/7, 7am 9am
- Wednesday, 9/11, 7pm 9pm
- Friday, 9/13, 7pm 9pm
- Saturday, 9/14, 7am 9pm

Pickup is at the Region 13 Clubhouse: 711 W. Woodbury Rd., Unit E, Altadena, CA 91001





Helpful Links and Info



Annual Review & Update

- The AYSO Wiki https://wiki.ayso.org/wiki/Category:Referee continues to grow with lots of great information.
- NEW THIS SEASON: Quick Reference list under "Referee Match Wallet"
- Review the 2024-2025 AYSO Updates to Laws of the Game available at https://wiki.ayso.org/wiki/Category:Referee.
- Review changes to the 2024 Section 1 Rules and LOTG (https://ayso1ref.com/lotg).
- Review the PDIs for 2024.
 - https://ayso1ref.com/instruction a.
 - https://www.ayso1ref.com/lib1/pdf/Handout Build-Out Line.pdf b.





Final Notes



- This weekend will be hot
- There are still some schedule changes
- 14U will not be at Eliot. Location TBD

Read your email for updates 😉









Questions?

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Confirm you watched: https://ayso13.typeform.com/to/DHo1phOT

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