

Becoming a referee requires you to complete the following:

- Volunteer at [AYSOU112.org](https://www.aysou.org)
 - If you have registered before, click the **Login link** and fill in your username and password
 - If you have not registered before, click the **Register Now link** and create an account.

Advice for youth referees and other volunteers.

1. **Additional Volunteer Users** - users volunteering outside of the registration system will volunteer his/herself or add a new user to volunteer. If the volunteer now becomes an additional user, he/she will want to log in to the email account that was used to register the person as an additional volunteer and accept the invite to create a Username/Password on Blue Sombrero to get them access to AYSOU.
2. **AYSOU Certifications** - Certifications will port over from AYSOU to Etrain once the user volunteers, based on the system recognizing the volunteer ID. If the certifications do not port over, there is a mismatch in the ID. To ensure the best results DO NOT CREATE another account.
3. All volunteers **must have their own** account tied to their **own unique email address**. A youth watching the videos on a parent's account or a spouse watching the videos and doing the courses on their spouses' account will not count and we cannot award credit after the fact.

VERY IMPORTANT: EVERY volunteer in a family should have their own unique email address. 99% of people having problems is because they used their own personal email addresses for their kids or spouses. Duplicate EMAIL addresses will cause problems.

- Click the **Volunteer tab** on the left side and then **Find Volunteer Roles** on the upper right. Select **View Divisions** under season you are volunteering for (i.e. Core2022).
- As a new referee, select 10U and 12U. Click **View Selected Opportunities**
- Select Referee for each and complete the volunteer registration
- Background Check - Adults only
 - Once you've gone thru all of the volunteer steps and clicked submit. A company named Sterling Volunteers will complete a background check.
 - Open your email, you will have received an email from American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) (TheAdvocates@sterlingvolunteers.com), subject "Here's the link to complete your AYSO Volunteer Background Check" with a link specific to your registration.
 - Click on the link and Complete fields to verify your information (email, date of birth, zip code).
 - You will create an account entering a user name and password.

- You will then complete the 4 Step process of completing your background check. You will be asked if you will be paying for your background check, select NO, our region will cover this fee.
- You will have completed your background check when you reach the Screen that says "Congrats, you're on your way to becoming a volunteer."
- You will also receive an email from Sterling Volunteers (TheAdvocates@sterlingvolunteers.com), subject "You did it! You're on your way to becoming a Sterling Volunteer". This will show that the process has been started and provide a link if you wish to check the progress or see the completed report.
- Your AYSO account will start by showing your registration as Pending. Once your background check is completed, it will change to Eligible.

• **At this point, wait 24 hours for the single sign on systems to synchronize.**

Once you have volunteered, log in at AYSO112.org and if necessary, Click the **My Account button** at the top right of the screen otherwise click the **Volunteer tab** on the left side and then the **AYSO button** under your name in the middle of the screen then you can complete the following courses.

- Click on **Training Library** on the left hand side and then click **View Courses under Safe Haven**
 - Complete the following courses:
 - AYSO's Safe Haven - Online
 - CDC Concussion Awareness - Online
 - Sudden Cardiac Arrest - Online
- Click on **Training Library** on the left hand side and then click **View Courses under Refereeing**
 - Complete the following course:
 - Regional Referee - Online + In-Person Companion Course - if you are 12 years old and older and want to referee 10U and continue to older levels
 - OR
 - 8U Official Course - Online - if you are 11 years old and younger and only want to start out at 8U
 - For the Regional Referee, if you completed the online portion and need to complete the field training, click on Training Event on the left hand side and then search for **In-Person Companion Course** in the **Courses** search box at the top. Locate a Referee Field Companion Course and register and then attend to complete the training.

When all courses are completed, Click on **Skills Passport** on the left hand side and then click the **Download PDF button** on the upper right. Send a copy of that file to the referee administrator for review.

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Course/Qualification	Provider	Completion Date	Expiry Date	Certificate
EU Coach - Online	AYSO	09 Sep 2019	N/A	View Certificate
Regional Referee - Online - In-Person Field Session	AYSO	28 Aug 2019	N/A	View Certificate
Regional Referee Administration - Online Version	AYSO	28 Apr 2018	N/A	View Certificate
Advanced Referee - Event 2	AYSO	18 Jun 2018	N/A	View Certificate
CCC Concussion Awareness - Online	AYSO	14 May 2016	N/A	View Certificate
Advanced Referee - Event 1	AYSO	21 Aug 2015	N/A	View Certificate

AYSO and USSF are all using the IFAB documentation now. Download the app for the entire manual at www.theifab.com