



AYSO Region 112 2008 Referee Credit Program – U10 thru U19

PLEASE READ THIS DOCUMENT VERY CAREFULLY. The purpose of this referee credit plan is to provide an incentive for each team to serve its share of the Region’s referee load for the upcoming season. It applies to all teams in the U10 through U19 Divisions.

The Fall season will be divided into two phases. First, we will play a season of “Friendlies”. Standings for these matches will not be kept. After that, we will play the annual Regional Cup tournament. All teams that have provided the necessary referee support will qualify to play in the tournament. The tournament outcome will determine the Regional Champions in each Division.

Friendlies phase - Teams must earn 12 referee credits during the Friendlies phase in order to be eligible to play in the Regional Cup tournament! If a team has earned less than the required 12 credits, their Fall Season will end at the conclusion of the Friendlies. Under some circumstances, the Region 112 Executive Board may elect to allow limited teams that did not fulfill the requirement into the Tournament to facilitate scheduling. Teams will be notified if they are selected.

Tournament phase - Teams must earn 3 referee credits during the Pool Play phase of the tournament in order to be eligible to advance to the Semi-finals! If a team has earned less than the required 3 credits, their Fall Season will end at the conclusion of the Pool Play.

Each team will be obligated to share the referee load during the Semi-finals and the Finals of the tournament at the request of the Regional Referee Administrator and designated Referee Schedulers.

How to earn necessary referee credits

1. To qualify for referee points, the referees working games for each team must have completed the AYSO Regional Referee course or above and an appropriate Safe Haven course. **No referee credits will be given for referees who are not certified.** Coaches and team referees should keep a log of what games the referees work as well as have the referee **legibly** write their name, division, and team number on the back of the game card for every game they work. Coaches should make sure that their referees know that if their name, division, and team number can't be read on the back of the game card, they won't be given referee credits for that match.

Referee Credits	Results
12 or more	Qualify for Regional Cup
Less than 12	Not Eligible for Regional Cup

2. For each game worked by a team's certified referee, either as an Assistant Referee or as a Center Referee, One (1) referee credit will be awarded to the team they represent.
3. Two (2) referee credits will be earned each time a referee officiates a match in U14, U16 or U19. These matches are more challenging and take more time to complete.
4. Referees will NOT earn referee credits for officiating at the U7 or U8 level.
5. Teams can earn a maximum of 3 referee credits in one day.
6. Referees will not be allowed to sign up to referee their own team's game. In the event that no referee shows up for a game, certified referees on each team will be allowed to referee their own team's game for no referee credit. No referee credit will be given to referee your own team's game.
7. Coaches should periodically check with their division coordinator to assure that they've received the appropriate number of referee credits as the season progresses. Division Coordinators should update and distribute a list of referee credits on a weekly basis. This way, discrepancies can be resolved quickly before much time passes and discrepancies become more difficult to reconcile.
8. Regular season and regional tournament games canceled due to inclement weather, unhealthful air, or any other reason may not be rescheduled by and therefore, the referee points requirement will be adjusted accordingly as needed.