

2008 AYSO Section 14 State Games Tournament

Referee Plan

The following are guidelines that the State Games Tournament will apply for referees in our 2008 tournament.

Commitment Requirements:

- Each team will provide at least two referees per team
- Each region will submit with the team registration the State Games Referee Information Registration per each referee supplied
- Each referee team will be assigned three game assignments for the qualifying rounds of play. In the event that their team advances to the final round, the referee team will be expected to volunteer for the games in that round.
- The referee binder of \$300 per team will be returned within fourteen days upon verification that all assignments for a team's referees had been met.
- The deposit refund check will be returned to the regional commissioners mailing address

Qualification Requirements:

- Each referee must be a registered AYSO volunteer for the current year and have completed the AYSO Referee Safe Haven certification course.
- Each referee may represent up to two teams.
- Referees who also coach will not be granted a first, second or third official field position in the division in which they coach.

Uniform Requirements:

- The center referee and the two assistant referees will wear the same shirt with an AYSO badge, black shorts, black socks with white stripes, and predominantly black shoes.
- Shirt colors will follow the USSF/FIFA standards- primary- gold with black stripes or black with white stripes. Secondary-red with black stripes or green with black stripes.
- Referees must change shirts if their shirt conflicts with a team or goalkeeper's shirt.

Competency Requirements:

- Referee qualifications are as follows:
 - U10 Regional Referee or higher
 - U12-U14 Intermediate Referee or higher
 - U16-U19 Advanced Referee or higher
- Every effort will be made to assign referees to neutral games at their level of competency or below.

Tournament Rules:

- Referees shall at all times impose the Rules and Regulations of competition as defined by AYSO and the FIFA Laws of the Game in general.
- All games will be conducted using the diagonal system of control.
- All referees will be volunteers and will be scheduled for matches based upon their qualifications to officiate as well as by their comfort level to an assigned gender and age group.
- Referees shall at all times put great emphasis on the welfare of the players and officiate the game in a manner conducive to clean competition and good sportsmanship.
- The game scores as recoded on the game cards shall be the official scores.
- Referees must report to the referee station for accountability prior to each match.
- Referees shall submit a written report that must be given to the referee tournament committee in the event of:

- Any yellow or red cards issued to a player
- Violent conduct or serious foul play by a player
- Any send-offs of players, coaches or spectators
- Any conduct by coaches, spectators or other guests that interfered with the match.
- Abuse of the substitution and/or minimum play rules noted or brought to attention of the referees.
- Any other action that the referee determines merits a notation or report.
- Referees will be required to turn in all game cards to the referee committee immediately following their match.
- Referees will be required to return to the coach at the end of each match the team player cards.

Referee Schedules:

- Schedules will be posted on the section website www.aysosection14.org under state games at least one week prior to the tournament.
- Referee game assignments will be posted at the referee station during the tournament.

Referee Check-In:

- All referees will be required to attend on Friday evening January 18, 2008 from 7pm to 10 pm the Referee check-in and the combined coach and referee meeting
- Referees are expected to check in at the referee station at least 30 minutes to their assigned game. Failure to appear on time may result in a replacement to the field.

Referee Mementos:

- Referees will be provided with food and drink throughout the tournament at the referee station.
- Participating referees will receive a tournament t-shirt, flipping coin and referee tournament badge to thank them for their contribution.

Address:

- Referee forms will be mailed with the Team Application by December 5, 2007 to:
Tournament Registrar
AYSO Section 14
7936 W. Lantana Rd.
Lake Worth, FL 33467

Contact information:

- Questions regarding referee requirements should be directed to:
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