

Referee

Youth & Adult



Vision - To provide world class youth soccer programs that enrich children's lives.

Mission - Develop and deliver quality youth soccer programs, which promote a fun, family environment based on AYSO's six philosophies: Everyone Plays, Balanced Teams, Open Registration, Positive Coaching, Good Sportsmanship, & Player Development. See the back side for more on our six philosophies.

About AYSO Region 149

We are American Youth Soccer Organization in Benton County, Oregon. We are a volunteer organization based out of Corvallis for over 35 years, our region includes: Adair, Corvallis, Monroe, Newport, & Philomath. Our volunteers deliver a positive soccer experience for players from 4 to 19 with our primary program and special programs for high schoolers, 4 year olds, competitive play teams, summer camps, and winter indoor teams.

Referee Program

Referees are critical to soccer - the game can't be played without them. Our program will teach male, female, youth (12+), and adults (18-60+) to officiate the game of soccer. Many referees start when their children are young and move up with them Note: training is provided for all levels.



	U6 & U8 Official	U10-U12 Referee	U14+ Referee
Time Commit	1h x 14 weeks + Training	1.2h x 14 weeks + Training	1.4h x 14 weeks + Training
Ages	5-7 y/o	8-11 y/o	12-18 y/o
Players In Game	8	14-18	22
Referees	1 Center	2 Assistants + 1 Center	2 Assistants + 1 Center
Ball Size	Size 3	Size 4	Size 5
Notes	No Goalkeeper	Choose The Game	Multiple Higher Level



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Referee Mentoring Program

What are the benefits of using a mentor? For new and existing referees, a mentor can give you support during those first few games early in the season! They also help to reinforce your good practices and provide friendly feedback for areas that could use improvement throughout the season. A mentor also provides a "live person" to ask all the questions that invariably come up after a game (as opposed to trying to look things up later).

Each year we have a mentoring program for youth and adults. Participants can vary their participation, providing observation or advice, helping provide feedback for advancement, or being a scheduling buddy (ref together). There are many possibilities to get or provide support to fellow referees. Anyone at any level can be a mentor or mentee.

**All Youth Referees
Are Offered A Mentor**



Keeping The Game Safe, Fair And Fun

Why should you become an AYSO Referee? We need you. We can't have games without referees. More importantly, it's rewarding and working with kids is great fun!

Referees are critical to soccer - the game can't be played without them. The referee's job is to be the official in charge of the game. They are the independent arbiter and manager of the game. Their authority extends to everyone at the field, including players, substitutes, team officials, spectators, and even assistant referees.

The referee's No. 1 concern is to keep the game as safe as possible for the players. While there is risk in all sports, the referee is responsible for minimizing such risks from field conditions, equipment, spectators, and the players.

The referee is responsible for enforcing the Laws of the Game in such a way as to keep the game safe, fair and fun for everyone: the players, the coaches, the spectators and themselves. The referee interferes with the game as little as possible, avoiding making calls for doubtful and trifling offenses. Referees only make calls for offenses they are sure occurred.

We want our kids to continue to play, and they keep playing as long as it is fun. Referees learn that fun soccer varies from age group to age group.

Important Dates

Training Events - 1st two weeks in September.

First Fall Game - 2nd Saturday after Labor Day

Spring Limited Registration - February

Training Events - 1st week after Spring Break

First Spring Game - 1st Saturday after Spring Break

We Are A Volunteer Organization

Our region serves over 1,200 children each year and is administered entirely by volunteers. In order to provide a quality program, we need **YOU!**

All referees who work directly with children are trained and certified. This includes a background check, concussion training, as well as job specific training. Training sessions are offered locally, prior to the start of each season. No previous soccer or job experience is necessary. We teach you what is required, and you provide the enthusiasm!

Our Six Philosophies

Everyone Plays - Our program's goal is for kids to play soccer so we mandate that every player on every team must play at least 50 percent of every game.

Balanced Teams - Each year we form new teams as evenly balanced as possible because it's more fun and a better learning experience when teams of similar ability play.

Open Registration - Our program is open to all children who want to register and play soccer.

Positive Coaching - Encouragement of player effort provides for greater enjoyment for the players and leads to better-skilled and better-motivated players.

Good Sportsmanship - We strive to create a positive environment based on mutual respect rather than a win-at-all-costs attitude, and our program is designed to instill good sportsmanship in every facet of AYSO.

Player Development - We believe that all players should be able to develop their soccer skills and knowledge to the best of their abilities, both individually and as members of a team, in order to maximize their enjoyment of the game.

