

2011 Referee Point System

Region 144 – South Irvine

Policy and Rules

OBJECTIVES

- 1) Develop and maintain a strong Region 11/Q/144 – South Irvine referee team by encouraging new referee volunteers.
- 2) Have three certified, registered, and authorized referees in every game at division U8 and above as well as neutral center referees for every U10 and older game.
- 3) Address the chronic, significant shortage of certified referees in the U8/U10/U12/U14 divisions.
- 4) Improve the quality, level, and associated capabilities of the Region 11/Q/144 – South Irvine referee team.

REFEREE POINT SYSTEM - SUMMARY

- 5) This Policy rewards Fall Recreational League teams by using Referee Points earned by referee participation as the sole criteria for determining eligibility for a U8/U10/U12/U14 team to participate in a post-season tournament held after the completion of the regular Fall Recreational Season.
- 6) The scope of this Policy covers only the teams in the Fall Recreation League in the U8, U10, U12, and U14 divisions due to the consistent and significant shortage of referee volunteers in these age groups. This referee shortage reduces the quality of the game for the players and places undue burden on the volunteer coaches and other volunteer referees.
- 7) Each U8/U10/U12/U14 team will earn Referee Points for providing an Eligible Center Referee or an Eligible Assistant Referee in an Eligible Game. Twelve (12) Referee Points must be earned during the Fall Recreational Season to become eligible to play in the post-season tournament.
- 8) Four (4) Referee Points are needed in the post-season tournament to determine final placement of the team.
- 9) Every Fall Recreational League team must have at least ONE, preferably TWO or THREE team referees.
- 10) The Regional Referee Administrator (“RRA”) will administer this Referee Point System and all decisions by the RRA are final and not subject to appeal. Questions should be sent to rra@aysoirvine.org.
- 11) The Youth Referee Protection Policy – “Zero Tolerance” - will be strictly enforced in division U8 and older, along with strong measures being taken for any kind of harassment of referees.

ELIGIBLE GAMES

- 12) Fall Recreational League teams earn Referee Points by providing an Eligible Center Referee or Eligible Assistant Referees in games that are administered by Region 11/Q/144 – South Irvine in the following divisions: BU8, GU8, BU10, GU10,

BU12, GU12, BU14, GU14, BU16, GU16, BU19, GU19, and AYSO Flex Extra during the Fall Recreational Season.

- 13) For AYSO Flex Extra and U16/U19 games, only the games hosted on Region 11/Q/144 – South Irvine fields will count to earn Referee Points. Games assigned to Region 11/Q/144 – South Irvine by Area Q, even if the games are hosted in a different region, will also classify as Eligible Games. Information about such games will be available on our website. Please contact the Regional Referee Administrator at rra@aysoirvine.org.
- 14) Fall Recreational League teams also earn Referee Points by providing Center Referees and Assistant Referees in Harvest Cup games assigned to Region 11/Q/144 – South Irvine. The Harvest Cup is an annual tournament sponsored and run by the City of Irvine on a Friday night and Sunday in October involving teams from local elementary and middle schools.
- 15) In case a game is not covered by Thursday at 8PM, the designated Home Team will be responsible for appointing a Center Referee for their game on Saturday. No Referee Points are earned unless the appointed Referee is an Eligible Referee as defined in this Policy.

ELIGIBLE REFEREES

- 16) Every Fall Recreational League team MUST have their team referees pre-registered with the Regional Referee Administrator or designee to be eligible to earn Referee Points. Only AYSO certified, registered, trained, and authorized referees (referees) can be Eligible Referees. Eligible Referees are determined by the Regional Referee Administrator, according to their eAYSO volunteer status, completion of Safe Haven Training, Registration with Region 11/Q/144 – South Irvine, and completion of appropriate referee training courses. The Regional Referee Administrator will then include the referees in a list authorizing them to earn Referee Points.
- 17) Only AYSO referees who are Relatives (i.e., parents, siblings, family members, legal guardians) of a child playing in one of the U8/U10/U12/U14 divisions of the Fall Recreational League teams can earn Referee Points for the Fall Recreation League team where the child plays.
- 18) Referees who officiate Eligible Games but are not a Relative of a child in a U8/U10/U12/U14 Fall Recreation League team cannot earn Referee Points for any team. The purpose of this Referee Point System is to encourage Relatives - primarily parents- in the program to become referees and actively volunteer as such during the Fall Recreational Season. Region 11/Q/144 – South Irvine needs its more experienced referees to officiate games in the U14/U16/U19 divisions and AYSO Flex Extra program. We need the Relatives of children playing in the U8/U10/U12/U14 divisions to meet the referee needs of these teams in the Fall Recreational program.
- 19) A referee must be wearing a full referee uniform and referee badge to become an Eligible Referee and earn Referee Points for officiating the game. Club Linesmen or referees not in uniform are not Eligible Referees and therefore do not earn Referee Points.

- 20) A Youth Referee who is also a player, is an Eligible Referee when he/she officiates Eligible Games in which his/her team is not playing.
- 21) In special circumstances (i.e., no referees), a Coach (or Assistant Coach) who is also a referee, can be an Eligible Referee for a game where its own team is playing, if and only if:
 - a) The team has an Assistant Coach that can act as Coach of the team during the game, and
 - b) The Coach from the opposing team agrees to having the opposing Coach as a referee for the game, and
 - c) The Coach has its referee uniform and badge, and dresses to officiate the game.
- 22) To be considered an Eligible Referee, referees must have signed-up by Friday at 9:00pm in Region 11/Q/144-South Irvine referee game scheduling system to officiate a game as Center Referee or Assistant Referee. Some changes are accepted; see below in “Changes to Referee Points”.

SCHEDULING OF ELIGIBLE REFEREES

- 23) Referee scheduling will be through the Region 11/Q/144 – South Irvine system for referee game scheduling, and administered by the Regional Referee Administrator.
- 24) Because Region 11/Q/144 – South Irvine desires neutral Center Referees in all of its games; Relatives of a child should not sign-up to officiate as Center Referee of the games of the child. These Relatives should sign-up as Assistant Referee in the child’s games.
- 25) The following are exceptions to the previous rule: (See “Changes to Referee Points” below, for procedure to modify Referee Points).
 - a) Region 11/Q/144 – South Irvine does not insist on a neutral Center Referee for U8 games; Relatives can sign-up as Eligible Center Referees in the games of their child in the U8 Division. Nevertheless, Region 11/Q/144 – South Irvine prefers neutral referees in this young division, and Relatives are encouraged to switch positions if a neutral referee is available for officiating the game as Center Referee.
 - b) When a Relative needs to serve as a Center Referee in the Relative’s child game because there is no other referee available.
 - c) If both signed up Assistant Referees are related to players in the teams and the game has no CR, then one of them needs to act as Center Referee. The Eligible Referee associated with the home team should officiate as Center Referee; unless the other referee holds a more advance referee badge and the home team referee declines the Center Referee position. This Policy does not allow splitting the Center Referee position of a game between referees from opponent teams – only one Center Referee per game.
- 26) When a Relative officiates as a Center Referee, the Center Referee must notify the coaches of both teams that a Relative of a team is officiating as a Center Referee. This is valid also for U8 division games.

REFEREE POINTS

- 27) A Fall Recreational League team in division U8/U10/U12/U14 requires a minimum of Twelve (12) Referee Points to be eligible to play in the post-season tournaments of the corresponding division.
- 28) An Eligible Referee officiating a game as Center Referee will earn two (2) Referee Points.
- 29) An Eligible Referee officiating a game as an Assistant Referee will earn one (1) Referee Point.
- 30) Referees can allocate the total Referee Points earned to a maximum of four (4) Fall Recreational League teams, in the proportion that he/she selects. To assign points to a Fall Recreational League team, the referee must be a Relative of a child in such team.
- 31) More than one referee can allocate Referee Points to a team – and the purpose of this Policy is to encourage this end result.
- 32) Standings of Fall Recreational League teams for the post-season tournament are independent of the total Referee Points earned by the team, and are based solely on the points earned by the performance of the team during the Fall Recreational Season games (i.e., Game Points earned by the team).
- 33) Fall Recreational League teams playing in the post season tournament must earn a minimum of four (4) additional Referee Points during post-season tournament games to be eligible to place in the final standings of the Fall Recreational Season.

CHANGES TO REFEREE POINTS

- 34) The Referee Point System is administered by the Regional Referee Administrator and his/her decisions are final and not subject to appeal. Questions should be sent to rra@aysoirvine.org.
- 35) This Policy considers the following situations for modifying Referee Points earned by an Eligible Referee:
 - a) An Eligible Referee who had signed-up as an Assistant Referee and officiated the game as a Center Referee.
 - b) An Eligible Referee who had signed-up as a Center Referee and officiated the game as an Assistant Referee.
 - c) An Eligible Referee who had signed-up to officiate a game and does not show to the game. The Center Referee for the game must report this situation to the Divisional Referee Commissioner so the appropriate changes are recorded. If no referee shows to a game, the game cannot be played, per AYSO National Rules and Regulations, which were adopted by Region 11/Q/144 – South Irvine.
 - d) An Eligible referee who had not signed-up to officiate a game and officiates the game as Center Referee or Assistant Referee. A special consideration, review, and exception are needed in this situation, because Eligible Referees need to sign-up by Friday at 9:00pm.
- 36) To change Referee Points, Eligible Referees need to submit a Referee Point Modification Request to the Divisional Referee Commissioner. The following procedure is necessary to avoid misunderstandings, errors, and to simplify the administrative work needed to make the change by the Divisional Referee

Commissioners and Regional Referee Administrator. Requests that do not follow this procedure will not take effect.

- a) Eligible Referee submits complete information of the game for which he/she had signed-up (or not signed up), and the referee position that he/she actually performed during the game. Required information includes: division of the game; date and time of the game; location (field name) of the game; name of teams/coaches of the game; referee position held (Center/Assistant); name of other referees (if any) and their position during the game.
 - b) The Division Referee Commissioner will review the change, verify the validity of the change with other referees and coaches of the game, and pass the Referee Point Change request to the Regional Referee Administrator.
 - c) The Regional Referee Administrator will record the change in the Referee Point System.
 - d) When sending Referee Points Modification Requests by email message, Region 11/Q/144 – South Irvine, Division Referee Commissioners and Regional Referee Administrator appreciate that Eligible Referees indicate so in the subject line of the email by writing “Referee Point Change” and that the email include only issues related to the Referee Point Modification requests.
 - e) Referees must submit their Referee Point Modification Request to the Divisional Referee Commissioner within two days of the game, or risk forfeiting the points.
- 37) The regional Referee Administrator may review and modify Referee Points at any time.

DISCLAIMERS

- 38) The Referee Point System may be revised at any time.
- 39) The Regional Commissioner, after consulting with the Regional Referee Administrator, and with the approval of the Regional Board, may extend the Referee Point System to other programs in the Region (i.e., All-Stars, Select, Flex) modifying the Referee Point System specifically to cover the requirements of such Programs.