

Fellow Referees,

First off, thank you for volunteering your time, yet again, to help our kids play AYSO Soccer. As I may not get a chance to do a 'pre-game' with all of you, I'd like to go over some basics for this tournament.

- **Let them Play Philosophy:**
 - This is NOT a Silent Saturday/Sunday
 - This is a time to sit back and Let Them Play
 - The whole idea is for coaches and parents to sit back and watch the game.
 - Coaching to be kept to substitution breaks and halftime.
 - We encourage lots of cheering, just no direction.
 - In the spirit of the tournament, we are asking you, the Referee
 - Did the Coaches Let Them Play?
 - Did the parents Let Them Play?
 - Each "Yes" response is 2 points (max of 4 points)
- **Tournament Rules**
 - This is link to the Tournament Rules - [Let Them Play - Tournament Rules](#). Please review and be familiar with them.
- **Check In Before Your Assignments**
 - **All Referees (and ARs)** - Please check in with the referee tent, so we know you are there
 - **DO NOT GO STRAIGHT TO YOUR FIELD**
 - **Please be in full uniform** – appearance and first impressions count
 - Be the referee you'd like to see refereeing your kids' games
 - Referee socks pulled up
 - Shirts tucked in
 - No backward baseball caps
- **Hydration Breaks**
 - As it will be HOT, please use common sense and allow for hydration (NOT SUB BREAKS) as needed during the match
 - Do not stop the match, use a normal stoppage of play
 - **The clock is running during these breaks**, so use them wisely
 - **Matches are to start and END on time**
 - There will be water and Gatorade at the field monitoring stations
- **Standby Assignments**
 - For those that need referee points please stop by the referee tent and sign up for STANDBY games
 - There will be a sheet for you to add your name, available times and a way for us to reach you (cell phone)
- **Completed Game Cards**
 - Please return completed game cards to the field monitoring station for your match
- **Send-Off Reports**
 - Should you have a send-off (Player, Coach, or Spectator) you **MUST** fill out a misconduct report
 - Bring the completed game cards to the main Referee Tent
 - Please fill them out at the main Referee Tent (where you checked in, between fields 10 and 11)
 - Please use the appropriate language and terminology
- **Sportsmanship Award**
 - If you observe any player displaying great sportsmanship, please give them one of our Sportsmanship 'dog tags'
 - Not required at every match, or for both teams

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you again!

Al Prado
alprado527@gmail.com