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## 2025 AYSO Island's Best Tournament Referee Plan

<p>Commitment Requirements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Each team participating in the 2025 Island's Best Tournament shall be responsible for providing a qualified referee crew, consisting on one (1) center referee and two (2) assistant referees, each of whom will be responsible to cover a <b>minimum</b> of one (1) officiating assignments during pool play. Teams that qualify for playoff round(s), i.e., quarters, semis and/or finals, may be scheduled additional referee assignments as determined by the Tournament Referee Administrator (TRA).</li> <li>b) Assignments may be comprised of GAME –or- STANDBY assignments, or a combination of both, which will be considered equal in terms of earning the team's referee deposit refund.</li> <li>c) A Referee Commitment Deposit (Deposit) of \$300 will be required of each team and submitted concurrently with the Tournament Entry Fee (Fee).</li> <li>d) If all assignments are completed, the entire referee deposit of \$300 will be refunded within 14 days of the completion of the tournament. If only partial assignments are completed, then a partial refund will be provided equal to the proportion of assignments completed.</li> <li>e) The deposit refund check will be returned to the address shown on the Team Application Form.</li> <li>f) Remember: the quality of officiating is largely dependent upon the experience and abilities of the referees you provide.</li> </ul>
<p>Qualification Requirements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Each referee must be an AYSO registered volunteer for the current season and Safe Haven certified.</li> <li>b) Each referee must be versed in the Laws of the Game, AYSO Edition, including current law changes and capable of applying the Laws in accordance with the spirit of the game.</li> <li>c) Players in the tournament will not be allowed to officiate.</li> <li>d) Coaches in this tournament are strongly discouraged from officiating so that scheduling of referees with the best experience and without conflicts can be accomplished. If an exception is warranted due to lack of other referee volunteers, this must be approved in advance by the IBT Referee Administrator.</li> </ul>
<p>Uniform Requirement</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) All referees must be in full uniform as defined by AYSO and USSF, including AYSO Badge.</li> <li>b) The Gold uniform will be considered the primary color of referee uniform for this tournament. When necessary and possible, the referee crew will change to an alternate color in case of conflict with either of the teams' uniforms.</li> <li>c) Referees not in uniform will not be permitted to referee games, and their team's referee deposit may be subject to forfeiture.</li> </ul>
<p>Competency Requirements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Recommended minimum badge levels for center referees:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10U: AYSO Regional or equivalent USSF level or above</li> <li>12U: AYSO Intermediate or equivalent USSF level or above</li> <li>14U: AYSO Advanced or equivalent USSF level or above</li> </ul> </li> <li>b) Any exceptions must have the prior approval of the Tournament Referee Administrator.</li> <li>c) Every effort will be made to assign referees to neutral games at their level of competency or below. Referee crews may be asked to split up in order to meet these goals.</li> </ul>

Tournament Rules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Referees shall familiarize themselves with and uphold the tournament rules, AYSO guidelines and FIFA laws in effect on August 1 each year. Failure to uphold these requirements may be cause for dismissal from the tournament, and may affect a team's referee deposit refund.</li> <li>b) The 3-person diagonal system of control will be used.</li> <li>c) Referees shall be responsible for checking in players, ensuring that all participating players are in compliance with the FIFA Laws of the Game, AYSO Edition and the AYSO National Rules and Regulations.</li> <li>d) Referees shall be responsible for the monitoring and recording of all player substitutions, injuries, misconduct, etc. during their assigned games.</li> <li>e) Referees shall be responsible for completing the entire game card, signing and returning the completed game card to the assigning Referee Station following the completion of each game.</li> <li>f) Immediately following a game and upon submittal of game cards to the assigning Referee Station, all incidents of misconduct by players, coaches or spectators, the issuance of any yellow or red cards or any other action that merits a report must be recorded on the Game Misconduct Report by the center referee and submitted for inspection by the TRA or his or her designee prior to the center referee leaving the Referee Station.</li> </ul>
Referee Schedules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Referee assignments for 10U thru 14U Pool Play games shall be distributed via the final Game and Referee Schedule prior to the start of the tournament and made available on the tournament website.</li> <li>b) RCs shall ensure that the referee schedule and check-in instructions have been provided to their teams' referee crews.</li> </ul>
Use of Local Referees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Additional referees from other Regions and/or Areas may be used to ensure games are covered by qualified referees. However, these referees will be given assignments on a stand-by or fill-in basis. First priority will be given to team referee crews to ensure an opportunity to meet team responsibilities to have their deposit refunded, unless they show up late.</li> </ul>
Referee Check-In	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) All referees will be expected to check in at the Referee Station upon their arrival at the tournament.</li> <li>b) The Referee Station will provide the tournament-generated game cards and game ball(s) for their assigned match before proceeding to fields. If a game ball is not available, the referee is to request one from the home team.</li> <li>c) To receive credit toward their team's referee deposit refund, ALL REFEREES MUST CHECK IN AT THE RESPECTIVE REFEREE STATION AT LEAST THIRTY (30) MINUTES PRIOR TO THEIR ASSIGNED GAME POOL OR PLAYOFF GAME TIME. Failure to appear on time may result in a replacement referee crew being assigned to the field. Once a replacement crew has been assigned, they will have priority and the originally assigned referee or crew may be given an alternate assignment or forfeit a portion of the referee deposit.</li> </ul>
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