



KIRK BANKS TOURNAMENT

2026 REFEREE PLAN

<p>1. Commitment Requirements</p>	<p>A. Each team participating in the 2026 Kirk Banks Tournament shall be responsible for providing a qualified Referee crew consisting of one (1) Center Referee and two (2) assistant referees.</p> <p>B. Each team will complete a Referee Commitment form and submit it to the Tournament Registrar no later than March 10.</p> <p>C. The Referee crew will be responsible to cover a <u>minimum</u> of three (3) referee assignments during pool play. <i>Teams that qualify for playoff rounds (quarters, semis and/or finals, may be scheduled for additional referee assignments and are expected to fulfill them.</i></p> <p>D. Assignments may consist of a game and/or standby assignments which will be considered equal in terms of earning the team's referee deposit refund.</p> <p>E. The required referee deposit for this Tournament is \$300.</p> <p>F. RC's and/or RRA's shall ensure that this Referee Plan is provided to all of their teams participating in the Tournament.</p>
<p>2. Qualifications</p>	<p>A. Each referee must be an AYSO registered volunteer in MY2025 and completed all certification requirements including Safe Haven, Concussion Awareness or HCAMP Sudden Cardiac Arrest training and Safe Sport Training for MY 2025</p> <p>B. Each referee must be versed in the Laws of the Game, including current law changes and capable of applying the laws according to the spirit of the game.</p> <p>C. <i>Participating players in the tournament shall not be allowed to officiate (center or AR) any game within their own age group.</i></p> <p>D. Youth referees should be at least two (2) years older than the age group they are officiating. They must be AYSO registered Youth Volunteers for the current season and AYSO Safe Haven certified. Youth referees must carry their Youth Volunteer Application form with Them and present it to any Tournament official upon request.</p>
<p>3. Competency Requirements</p>	<p>A. Referees will be assigned to games as follows: 10U: Regional Badge or higher 12U: Intermediate Badge or higher 14U: Advanced Badge or higher 16/19U: National Badge or higher Exceptions to these assignments may be made at the discretion of the Tournament Referee Administrator, or his/her designated representative.</p> <p>B. In addition, referees for the 16U/19U levels will be assigned by the Tournament staff And may be assigned to different levels and age groups at the discretion of the Tournament staff.</p> <p>C. Every effort will be made to assign referees to neutral games at their level competency or below. In rare cases, referee crews may be asked to split up in order to meet these goals.</p>
<p>4. Uniform Requirements</p>	<p>A. All referees must be in full uniform as defined by AYSO and USSF, including AYSO badge (except for 10U Assistant Referees), two or three stripe black referee socks and solid black shorts.</p> <p>B. The Gold or Yellow uniform shirt will be considered the primary referee shirt for this Tournament. When necessary and possible, the referee crew will change to an alternate color in case of conflict with either team's uniform color(s)</p>
<p>5. Referee Check-in</p>	<p>A. Refer to the Tournament Field Map for Referee Check-in Tent locations</p> <p>B. To receive credit towards the team's referee deposit, referees must check in at the respective Referee Tent (10U or 12U or 14,16,19U) at least 30 minutes prior to their</p>

	<p>scheduled game (Pool or Playoff). Failure to appear on time and in proper uniform will result in the team being replaced, and a portion of your referee deposit will be forfeited.</p> <p>C. Referees replacing a scheduled team will earn credit for their region based on the Number of positions being replaced.</p> <p>D. Referee teams may be split up and assigned to different fields. See “Competency” for Further explanation.</p>
6. Duties	<p>A. Referees shall familiarize themselves with and uphold the tournament rules, AYSO guidelines and FIFA Laws of the Game, AYSO Edition, 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.</p> <p>B. Only the 3-person diagonal system of control will be used.</p> <p>C. Referees shall be responsible for checking in players in accordance with FIFA Laws of the Game, AYSO Edition and the AYSO National Rules and Regulations.</p> <p>E. Referees shall be responsible for the monitoring and recording of all player substitutions Injuries, misconduct, etc. during their assigned games.</p> <p>F. Referees shall be responsible to complete the entire game card, including the <u>Sportsmanship portion</u> on the reverse side of the card, signing and returning the completed game card to the assigning Referee Tent following the completion of each game.</p> <p>G. All incidents of player, coach or spectator misconduct, the issuance of any yellow or Red cards or any other action that merits a report MUST be reported on the Game Report immediately following the game by the Center Referee. The Tournament Referee Administrator or his or her designee will examine the report before the Center Referee leaves the tent.</p> <p>H. The report should be attached to the game card and turned into the Statistician asap.</p>
7. Referee Assignments	<p>A. Referee assignments for 10U thru 19U Pool Play games shall be distributed via the FINAL Game Schedule prior to the start of the Tournament and made available on the Tournament web-site</p>
8. Playoffs	<p>A. Upon posting of standings following pool play, all teams and regions shall be responsible for verifying and fulfilling assignments during playoff rounds, whether or not their teams advance to play off rounds. Teams who miss their assignment during the playoff round will forfeit a portion of their referee deposit.</p>
9. Refreshments & Mementos	<p>A. Snacks, fruit, and water will be provided at each of the Referee tents for all referees participating in the tournament.</p> <p>B. While supplies last, a tournament memento will be provided to all participating Referees.</p>
10. Assessments	<p>A. Referees interested in UPGRADING will have the opportunity to do so at the Tournament. To take advantage of this opportunity, referees must contact the Tournament Referee Administrator. His contact information is as follows: Mr. Ramdas Lamb @ ramdas214@gmail.com</p>