

AYSO AREA 1-R NEWSLETTER



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WELCOME TO AYSO AREA 1-R

Area 1R is proud to offer the full range of AYSO programs to meet the needs of every player and family. From our **Schoolyard** program, which introduces 3–5 year-olds to the beautiful game in a fun, age-appropriate way, to **EPIC** (Everyone Plays In our Community), which provides inclusive opportunities for players with physical or developmental disabilities, we strive to make soccer accessible for all.

Our Core program forms the foundation of AYSO, offering balanced teams, positive coaching, and guaranteed playing time in a fun and developmental environment.



For players looking for more competitive opportunities, we offer:

- **Spring Select** – A tryout-based, spring season program designed for motivated players seeking additional development.
- **EXTRA** – A more advanced, year-round competitive program for higher-level players who still want to stay within the AYSO system.
- **Alliance** – A pathway that bridges AYSO and club-level play, giving top-tier players a chance to compete at the highest levels while upholding AYSO's philosophies.

Across all levels, Area 1R supports its Regions in developing diverse programs tailored to their local communities while maintaining AYSO's six core philosophies. Thanks to these wide range of programs, AYSO and Area 1R continue to be Southern California's premier youth soccer option; fun, fair, and competitive for every player.



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Area 1R TEAMS & PROGRAMS

FRENCH VALLEY



French Valley Wolfpack FC

14UG - Tournament Team

Coaches Chris Ramos & Amaya Johnson

MURRIETA



Murrieta United

16U/19UB - "High School Division"

Coaches Josh Schwarz & Jaime Bencia

JURUPA



Jurupa FC

14UG Select

Coaches Memo Heraldez & Rick Blum

RIVERSIDE



Cherry Bombs

14UG - Area

Coach Jared Jazwiec



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Area 1R TEAMS & PROGRAMS

PERRIS



Regulators

16U/19UG - "High School Division"

Coaches Andy Echeverry & Jason Brown



CORONA



Titans

17UB Coed Core

Coach Barraza



MENIFEE



Meniffee 10UG Select

10UG Spring Select

Coaches Chelsey Bueker & Brad Gresham



MORENO VALLEY



Moreno Valley Elite

12UB Extra

Coach Alex Halsey



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Area 1R TOP REFEREES



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AYSO Area 1R proudly recognizes a select group of referees who go above and beyond in service, skill, and dedication. Being named a Top Referee is more than just a title. It reflects an unwavering commitment to fair play, safety, and the spirit of the game. These outstanding volunteers consistently demonstrate leadership, professionalism, and a passion for youth soccer that elevates the experience for players, coaches, and families alike. **Congratulations to all of our 1R Top Referees!** Thank you for stepping up, giving your time, and setting the standard for excellence on the field!



AYSO AREA 1-R COACH NEWS



Area 1R TOP COACHES



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AYSO Area 1R is proud to honor our Top Coaches; volunteers who exemplify what it means to lead with integrity, enthusiasm, and care. These coaches are more than just instructors; they're mentors, motivators, and role models who help shape not only better players but better people. Through their dedication to teaching the game, fostering teamwork, and creating a positive environment for growth, they embody the true spirit of AYSO. **We extend our heartfelt congratulations and gratitude to these remarkable individuals for making a lasting impact both on and off the field.**



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COACHES! PREPARE FOR FALL RIGHT NOW

A quick reminder to all our volunteer coaches: it's important to ensure your coach certification matches the division you're coaching. Attending an AYSO Coach Course not only keeps you current, but also helps you better support your players' development and enjoyment of the game. Area 1R is always looking for passionate volunteers to step up as Coach Instructors, too. If you love coaching and want to help others grow, we'd love to have you!



Level	Class Requirements
6U	6U online or in-person
8U	8U online or in-person
10U	10U online or in-person
12U	"Regional" 12U in-person (Classroom and field)
14U	"Intermediate" 14U in person (Classroom and field)
16/19U	"Advanced" 19U in person (Classroom and field)



AYSO AREA 1R

SUPER CAMP

COACH | REFEREE CERTIFICATION COURSES | DISCIPLINE ROUNDTABLES

JULY 18, 2025 | AYSO R37 CORONA OFFICE
JULY 19-20, 2025 | JURUPA VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Teaching Requirements (All need Intro to Instruction)
Coach Instructor Class & Assessment
Coach Instructor Class & Assessment
Coach Instructor Class & Assessment
Coach Instructor Class & Assessment
Intermediate Coach Instructor Class & Assessment
Advanced Coach Instructor Class & Assessment

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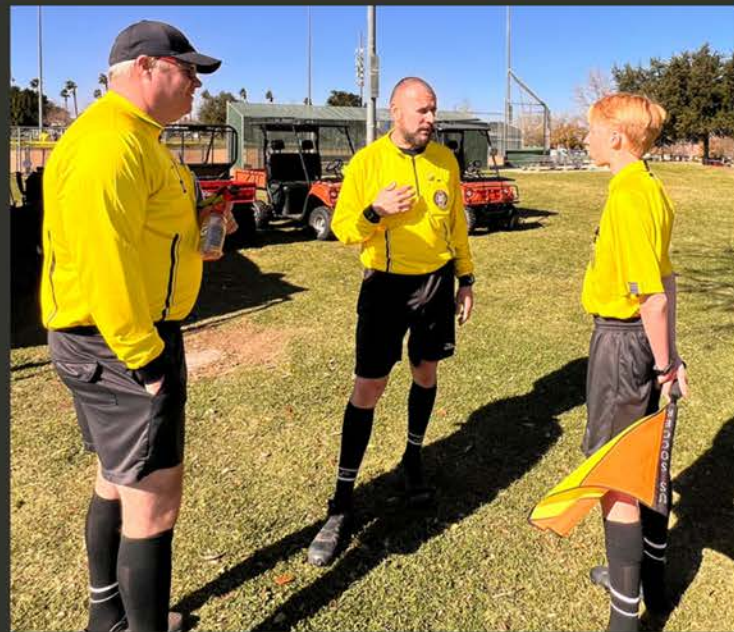
THE IMPORTANCE OF A PRE-GAME

Chris Call - AYSO Beaumont RC & Area 1N Referee Admin

When refereeing a match as a team, situations may arise where if we aren't on the same page, it could appear that we're confused or inexperienced. How do we ensure that we act as a team in unison, and appear to be as one at all times? We work these things out before the match in a pre-match conference, or what is commonly referred to as a "pregame." What should we cover in a pregame? Anything and everything you feel is important to the managing of the match.

These should include the following:

- Match Details (teams, division, length of halves)
- Designating a Senior Asst. Referee (AR)
- Diagonal to be used
- Restart Positions for the ARs (for all restarts)
- Signals, including non-standard signals
- Referee Team communication (verbal, non-verbal)
- Assistant Referee Duties (offenses, etc.)
- Areas of Responsibility (who signals what?)
- Substitution Procedures
- Touchline Management
- Penalty Kick Procedures
- Match Booking (goals, misconduct)
- Mass Conflict Events



Feel free to include even more details if needed. The more we cover in the pregame, the less likely it will be that we will run into a problem that we aren't prepared to handle. A great pregame allows a referee team to work together seamlessly. This will give the impression that we are an experienced crew, which will result in fewer problems on the pitch and from the touchlines.



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ADMIN NEWS



REBECCA STROECKER-HILL (R1508) - PURCHASER

As a Purchaser for AYSO 1508, I order uniforms and do all the exchanges for uniforms. For competitive teams, I help facilitate the orders as well. This includes supplies for the region such as field equipment and referee apparel and gear, team equipment needs, coach shirts, returning coach & referees gifts and more. I'm the loudest board member with the biggest smile!



NADIA RUIZ (R462) - SECRETARY

I genuinely enjoy being part of the behind-the-scenes work that helps make each season a success. Collaborating with my fellow board members has helped me grow both personally and professionally. I love connecting with families, answering their questions, and making them feel welcome and supported. It's incredibly rewarding to play a role in creating an environment where kids can thrive, both on and off the field.



BRYAN LOMBARDI (R37) - REGIONAL REFEREE ADMIN

My role as an RRA is primarily to provide support, mentoring, encouragement for all of the Referees in our region. Responsibilities include encouraging volunteers to sign up to become new referees, provide them support in their training, help assign referee mentors for our volunteers, and reinforce our rewards and incentives for our dedicated referees.

Oh yeah! Now and then I actually carry a flag or whistle and directly help on a game myself! That's the fun part! I'm continuously inspired by fellow referees who jump in and help for the sake of "providing the best possible soccer experience" for all of the kids in our region.



DANA JENSEN (AREA 1R) - AREA REGISTRAR/STATISTICIAN

As Area Registrar I ensure that all players and coaches, participating in the Area and Spring select playing circuits, are registered and in compliance within the AYSO volunteer guidelines. I'm also a resource for region registrars or other board members who have questions regarding registration, roster issues within their regions, or need my help as an assistant registrar. As the statistician, I monitor all the game cards for Area play and update the scores and standings.



AYSO AREA 1-R COACH SPOTLIGHT



Remembering Benjamin Scholtz Menifee: 820



Ben was the embodiment of what it means to be a true volunteer—always ready to lend a hand, step in where needed, and do it all with a warm smile and generous heart. Over the years, he served our region as a dedicated coach, referee, and supporter—often doing whatever was needed to make soccer days run smoothly for our kids.



Ben was recently honored as the first recipient of our new Spirit of AYSO Award, recognizing those who lead with heart, humility, and unwavering dedication. His legacy will also live on through the Benjamin Scholtz Scholarship Fund, created to help youth fall in love with the game just like he did.



The fields feel a little quieter without him, and the world is a little dimmer. But the impact he made will continue to shine through every game played, every child inspired, and every volunteer moved to follow in his footsteps.

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Tony Contreras
Perris: 544

When did you start Refereeing?

I first started to referee at the ripe age of 13!



What do you enjoy the most about Refereeing?

What I enjoy the most about refereeing is not only giving back to my community but also the journey of making it a full time career. I started to referee because I needed the community service hours to graduate high school! I referee under USSF as well and have done ECNL, EA, MLSNEXT, GA, and DPL matches! My long term goal is to become a National Referee for both AYSO and USSF before I turn 26.

What keeps you with AYSO?

Passionate and dedicated volunteers you can meet from all walks of life

What are other things you do for AYSO?

Aside from holding the whistle you can catch me helping coordinate seasonal events with the local high school like our Trunk or Treats & Easter Egg Hunt!

What are your Outside Hobbies?

Some of my hobbies include practicing my faith, spending time with friends, and hiking.



AYSO AREA 1-R ADMIN SPOTLIGHT



*Nadia Ruiz
Jurupa: 462*

SPECIAL EVENTS COORDINATOR



When did you start volunteering with AYSO?

I began volunteering in Fall 2020 during my daughter's first soccer season. It was a challenging and unique time due to COVID-19. After just one meet, her head coach tested positive, and I stepped in to lead the team. That unexpected moment sparked my journey with AYSO and opened the door to a deep passion for youth sports and community involvement.

What keeps you with AYSO?

My passion for giving back to the community is what keeps me involved. I'm committed to making each child's experience positive, fun, and enriching. Representation is also very important to me. I want young girls to see that they can lead, coach, and achieve anything they dream of. When they see someone who looks like them in those roles, it inspires belief. Being part of that impact and paving the way for future generations is something I take great pride in. Whether I'm coaching, refereeing, or volunteering, I feel honored to contribute.

What other things do you do for AYSO?

I help plan events like the Fall Carnival, assist with Picture Day, serve as the U4 and U5 age group coordinator, and manage my daughter's U10 team. I also volunteer as a referee whenever needed.

What do you do in your free time?

In my free time, I enjoy visiting the library with my daughter and discovering new books together. I also love dancing and choreographing routines—especially for special events like Quinceañeras. Helping young girls feel confident and prepared for their big day brings me so much joy.



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In May, our Area 1R Area Director Jeff Jensen and our Regional Commissioners traveled to Kansas City to represent our Regions at the 2025 AYSO National Annual General Meeting (NAGM). The event provided a valuable opportunity to connect with AYSO leaders from across the country, participate in governance decisions including the NBOD election, and celebrate our shared mission to enrich children's lives through soccer. Attendees also enjoyed the local hospitality, including a fun night out at a Sporting Kansas City MLS match!



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