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2026 AYSO Battle at the Beach Tournament Referee Plan



The following are guidelines that AYSO Battle at the Beach Tournament will apply for referees in our tournament:

Commitment Requirements	<p>A. Each team participating in the AYSO Battle at the Beach Tournament is asked to provide at least ONE (1) crew consisting of no fewer than THREE (3) qualified referees. All must be comfortable, educated, and capable of officiating games at the age level of your team.</p> <p>B. At least ONE (1) of the referees should be capable of Centering at the age level of your team.</p> <p>C. The Battle at the Beach Referee Team Information Form must be completed, approved and signed by you Region Referee Administrator, and returned with the Team Application.</p> <p>D. Each crew of 3 referees will be asked to officiate TWO (2) matches during the tournament, or a total of SIX (6) referee slots. (Such as a 2-person crew covering 3 slots, or one referee covering six slots.)</p> <p>E. If all assignments are completed, the entire referee deposit of \$250 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.</p> <p>F. The deposit refund will be returned to the address selected in the online Team Registration form.</p> <p>G. Remember: the quality of officiating is largely dependent upon the experience and abilities of the referees you provide.</p>
Qualification Requirements	<p>A. Each referee must be an AYSO registered volunteer and certified. All volunteer requirements must be met (Safe Haven, SafeSport, Sudden Cardiac Arrest, and Concussion Awareness).</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. Players in the tournament may be allowed to officiate, with permission from Referee Administrator.</p> <p>D. Care must be taken when considering whether to allow a youth referee to officiate in the heated environment of a competitive tournament. These referees must have their Youth Volunteer Application form with them at all times and present it to any Tournament official upon request.</p>
Uniform Requirement	<p>A. All referees must be in full Uniform as defined by AYSO and USSF, including the AYSO Badge.</p> <p>B. The Yellow uniform will be considered the primary color of referee uniform for this tournament. The referee crew will be expected to change to an alternate color in case of conflict with either of the teams' uniforms.</p> <p>C. Referees not in uniform will not be permitted to referee games, and their team's referee deposit may be subject to forfeiture.</p>
Competency Requirements	<p>A. Referees will be assigned to games as follows: U-09 / U-10: Regional Badge or higher for Center and AR U-11 / U-12: Intermediate Badge or higher for Center; Regional Badge or higher for AR U-13 / U-14: Intermediate Badge or higher for Center and AR</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Any exceptions must have the prior written approval of the Battle at the Beach Referee Administrator.</p> <p>B. Every effort will be made to assign referees to neutral games at their level of competency or below. In rare cases, referee crews may be asked to split up in order to meet these goals.</p>
Tournament Rules	<p>A. Referees will be expected to familiarize themselves with and uphold the tournament rules, AYSO guidelines and FIFA laws. Any failure of the referee to uphold these rules may be cause for dismissal from the tournament, and will place a team's referee deposit refund in jeopardy.</p> <p>B. Only the diagonal system of control will be used.</p> <p>C. Referees will be expected to fill out the game cards and to keep track of substitutions. Free substitutions will only be allowed if permitted by SCEDSL for the upcoming Fall season.</p> <p>D. Referees will be expected to note on the back of the game cards and to fill out misconduct reports immediately after the game in which a misconduct (caution and/or send-off) was issued to a player</p>

	<p>or coach, or if there were spectator interference problems, or any other action that merits a report.</p> <p>E. Referees will be expected to turn in all completed game cards and misconduct reports to the Field Monitor immediately after each game.</p>
Referee Schedules	A. Referee schedules will be available on the tournament website within 1 week of the tournament start date. Each team will be expected to ensure that the referee schedule and check-in instructions have been provided to their referee crew.
Use of Local Referees	A. Additional referees will be provided by the host region, including from the surrounding regions and Areas to ensure all games are covered by qualified referees. These referees will be provided assignments on a stand-by or fill-in basis. Priority will be given to referee crews to ensure an opportunity to earn their deposit refund.
Referee Check-In	<p>A. All referees will be expected to check in at the Referee Station closest to their assigned fields, upon their arrival at the tournament, to sign-in so they receive credit.</p> <p>B. At check-in, each referee team will be provided with a summarized set of tournament rules that they will be expected to administer.</p> <p>C. Referees are expected to check in at the Referee Station at least 30 minutes prior to their assigned game. 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 original crew must report to the Referee station for alternative assignment.</p>
Referee Mementos	<p>A. Referees will be provided with a meal ticket for food and drink at the concession stand for each day that they officiate. Chilled water and snacks will also be available at the Referee Station.</p> <p>B. Up to three participating referees from each team will receive a tournament t-shirt, flipping coin and pin as mementos to thank them for their contribution.</p>
Address:	<p>Referee forms may be submitted with the online application at the tournament website, OR may be mailed with the Team Application to:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Tournament Director 4357 Hazelbrook Avenue Long Beach, CA 90808</p>
Contact Information:	<p>Questions regarding referee requirements should be directed to:</p> <p>Shom Dasgupta-Tsinikas, Tournament Referee Director E-mail: ayso114RRA@gmail.com Website: www.ayso114.org</p>