



WELCOME RETURNING REFEREES 2025



Introduction-Who we are



Region 18 Referee Community



Getting ready for the season










Improving/Supporting Referee Performance



New for 2025- RAP and Things to know



2025 REFEREE STAFF

 Referee Administrator	Dan Angress
 Asst. Ref Admin	John Friberg
 Training/Education	Scott Lentz
 RSS	Nate Bavolek
 Referee Assessment	Vince O'Hara
 Equipment/Uniforms	Woody Hauck
 Area 1D Ref Admin	Chris Wong



UPGRADE RECOGNITION-CONGRATULATIONS!



Lexi Hutchinson
Michael Duarte
Scott Gelber
Neil Schwartz
Baldeep Sadhal
Aleem Shamji
Franklin Tseng

Michael DiMartino
John Friberg
Brian Switzer

Who's next?



LOTG Changes 2025-26

Law 8 (Dropped Ball)

- The Law: "If, when play was stopped, **the ball was outside the penalty area**, the referee drops it for one player of the team that has or **would have gained possession if this can be determined by the referee**; otherwise, it is dropped for one player of the team that last touched it."
 - There are times when the ball would clearly have gone to an opponent of the team that last touched the ball. In such instances, it is fairer for the ball to be dropped for the team that would have gained possession.
- The Law: "If, when play was stopped, **the ball was inside the penalty area**, the referee drops it for the defending team goalkeeper in their penalty area."
 - It doesn't matter whether the offensive team was in possession of the ball or would have been in possession of the ball, it is always dropped to the defending team's goalkeeper.



LOTG Changes 2025-26

Law 12 (Fouls and Misconduct)

- The Law: "A corner kick is awarded if a goalkeeper, inside their penalty area, controls the ball with their hand(s)/arm(s) for more than **eight seconds** before releasing it. . . . **The referee will decide when the goalkeeper has control of the ball** and the eight seconds begin and will visually count down the last five seconds with a raised hand."
 - In determining when the 8 seconds begin, the Referee may take into account the age/skill level of the goalkeeper, as well as other circumstances affecting the ability to release the ball (e.g., on the ground, but prevented by opponents from getting up).
 - The hand signal and verbal countdown are provided to help the goalkeeper avoid a violation.
 - When a corner kick is awarded, there is no disciplinary action against the goalkeeper, unless the goalkeeper repeatedly commits the offence, in which case, a Caution will be issued.

Guidelines for referees:

- 'silently' count **8 - 7 - 6**
- raise open hand and count **5 - 4 - 3 - 2 - 1 - 0** with the fingers and arm movement
- verbally count **5 - 4 - 3 - 2 - 1 - 0** to help goalkeeper and team-mates
- start counting if goalkeeper is on the ground but no one around them
- only start counting when goalkeeper has clear possession





WEBSITE RESOURCE BASICS



Website: <https://www.ayso18.org/referee help>

Everything you need to know can be found here.

- How to sign up & complete certifications
- RSS User Guide
- Referee courses
- Other resources
- Much more...



Referee Help Desk

Refhelp@AYSO18.org



EQUIPMENT BASICS- Woody Hauck

Simple: go to www.ayso18.org and under Referee tab find:

Referee Uniform/Equipment Requests



**New or Returning Referee and need uniform or equipment?
Fill out the form [here](#) and our Uniform Coordinator (Woody)
will coordinate. Please allow 3-5 days as everything is in
storage and will need to be collected first.**



GETTING READY FOR SEASON - MENTORING



Ref mentors are ready, and we want you to sign up

To request a mentor
click the **M** button

CR:	Ismael Elfath	12UB-07	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adv M
AR:	Frank Anderson	10UB-11	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reg M
AR:	Kathryn Nesbitt	14UG-08	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reg M

**after you sign
up in RSS**

- For U8 refs-we have mentors on field for another week
- For refs looking to improve their game or preparing for an upgrade, we ask you to work with a mentor.
- Please...Don't be "afraid to ask" for help. 😊



Everything in the world has been passed down. Every piece of knowledge is something that has been shared by someone else. While I made my living as a coach, I have lived my life to be a mentor and to be mentored.

Coach John Wooden

REFeree SCORECARD DETAILS

All players even those not present at match should be listed in numerical jersey order

Date: 10-9 Time: 11:00 Field: Village

RU: G 14 TFRM: 21

TEAM NAME: South Bay Rockers

TEAM COLOR: Green/Black

COACH: George Martin

ASST COACH: Andrew Oldham

OPPONENT: McGarra

No.	PRINT PLAYER FULL NAME	Stats		X = On Field Player			
		1H	2H	1	2	3	4
2	Ruby Tuesday	I					
3	Eleanor Rigby			X			
4	Layla Clapton						
5	Cecelia Simon				X		
6	Linda Paloma		X				
7	Maggie Maya						
8	Charly Watts					X	
9	Georgia Harrison	I					
10	Jenny Hendrix						
11	Melissa Allman		X				
12	Roxanne Sumner			X			
13	Lucy Indasky					X	
14	Joan Lennon				X		
15	Sara Dylan						
16	Opponent Queue insert here!	I					

Notes: All players on roster must be listed. Indicate reason for absence.

Referee: D (Keeper), C (Captain), I (Injured, LL (Late Arrivals only)

Kickoff: for South Bay Rockers/Green/Red Half: Blue Devil-Blue

Halftime Score: 1-0 In Favor of: Blue Devils

Final Score: 2-1 Winning Team: SB Rockers - Inferno

Losing Team: Blue Devils-Garcla

Portable game card credit available at ayla@mcgarra.net - print and attach

Referee Information

Division	Each Half not to exceed	Total Game not to exceed	Law 2 Ball Size	Players on the field	Minimum to play
14U	35 Min.	70 Min.	No. 5	11	7
12U	30 Min.	60 Min.	No. 4	9	6
10U	25 Min.	50 Min.	No. 4	7	5
7&U	20 Min.	40 Min.	No. 3	7	5

Game time does not include halftime (max of 10-15 minutes).
Do added time unless significant stoppage due to injury or event.

Referee Pregame Check

- ☒ Goals/Hits/Field safe for play?
- ☒ Equipment check - shoes/clothing/guards/protective shirt
- ☒ No jewelry anything on wrist. No dogs - ask coach to manage.
- ☒ Coach/Referee aligned on encouraging positive sideline behavior?

Referee's Report - Conduct and Sideline Behavior

	Excellent	Normal	Poor	Comments
Players:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Coaches:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	yelling at AR
Spectators:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Disciplinary Action Taken:

Please Coach/FB, Spectator (action requires supplemental report - keep game cards)

Additional Comments:

Center Referee (please print)

Scott Chapman

Assistant Referee (this card)

Mark Geiger

Assistant Referee (other team)

Ismail Elfath

Complete this section at referee's discretion

Fill this section to ensure referee credit

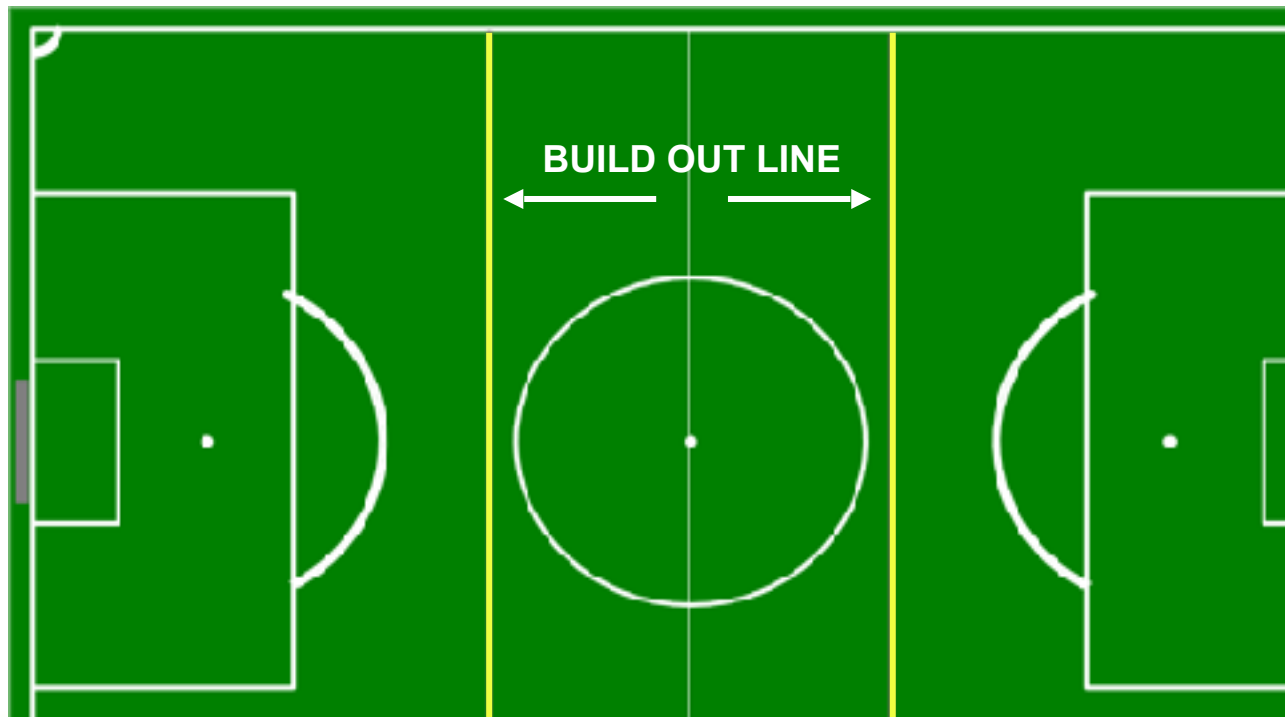
winning and losing teams name and coaches



FIELD MARKINGS FOR 10U GAMES

BUILD OUT LINE REMINDER

MIDWAY BETWEEN TOP OF PENALTY AREA AND HALFWAY LINE





REGION 18 PROGRAMS AND REFEREE'S ROLE



Instruction and Classes - Scott Lentz

- Classes in MB will be listed on our Ref Page

Wednesday	September 3	6-9:00 PM	Marine Ave Park-MB
Monday	September 8 - YOUTH	6-9:00 PM	Marine Ave Park-MB
Thursday	September 11	6-9:00 PM	Marine Ave Park-MB
Sunday	September 14	6-9:00 PM	Marine Ave Park-MB
Tuesday	September 23	6-9:00 PM	Marine Ave Park-MB
Sunday	October 5 - INT	8-5:30 PM	Marine Ave Park-MB

- AYSOU lists classes in Region 18 and other regions in the South Bay
- Ask us about upgrading your badge.
- Please help us recruit more volunteers!



SUPPORT YOUR FELLOW REFEREES

PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR FELLOW REFEREES

- By earning your badge, you are a member of the referee family
- Support referees on the field especially if you are coaching or a spectator
- Serve as an AR and mentor referees with less experience
- Protect our youth referees-- ***ALWAYS***



U.S. Soccer and AYSO Referee Abuse Prevention (RAP) Program





Q & A