

AYSO REGION 4 2023 TEAM POINTS POLICY

Volunteering is how we make the AYSO program work.

AYSO Region 4, in implementing the "Team Points Policy, affirms that a true championship team excels in the three key areas of AYSO participation:

"SPORTSMANSHIP"

"VOLUNTEERISM"

"SUCCESS ON THE FIELD (win/loss)"

How do Coaches qualify? Attend the age-appropriate Coach clinic and become certified by completing all required background checks and "Safe Haven"-related certifications for the given season.

How do Referees qualify? Attend and pass the Regional Referee clinic and become certified by completing all required background checks and "Safe Haven"-related certifications for the given season.

Guidelines for points: Team Points in 10U, 12U & 14U will be used to determine standings and playoff seeding for qualified teams (see below). Team Points are awarded as follows:

- 2 points per win, 1 point per tie, 0 per loss.
- 1 point per game officiated, ½ point as Stand-By referee, with a maximum of 18 Referee Points per team.
- 1 point for normal sportsmanship, 0 for poor sportsmanship. Players, coaches and spectators are expected to display good sportsmanship at all times, regardless of referee decisions made on the field or the behavior of others, in order to earn the team sportsmanship point. Field referees will determine if sportsmanship point is earned or not. Dismissal of any coach, parent or player from the field will result in automatic loss of sportsmanship point. Any failure to earn sportsmanship point will be reviewed by Regional Referee Administrator.
- Additionally, failure to comply with Region policies at a match may also impact the awarding of a sportsmanship point (i.e., deliberate substitution violations, failure to setup or take down game field equipment as needed, etc.). AYSO Division Directors will review any such instances with Executive Members and inform the Regional Referee Administrator of any sportsmanship point deductions.

In order to qualify for the regional post-season playoff tournament, a team must have at least 20 Team Points, at least 9 of which must be referee points. The word 'Referee' applies equally to Center Referee and Assistant Referee. A new referee may request Assistant Referee assignments until he/she feels ready to take the Center Referee position.

Referee Notes:

1. If a referee signs up for a game and does not complete the game due to injury, the referee points will still be awarded to the team. However, if the referee cancels out on a game or does not show up for a game the points will not be awarded to his or her team.
2. If a referee is not scheduled for games in a certain week, he or she may receive one-half point for signing up as a stand-by and being present at that game, if stand-by positions are available.
3. Referees officiating Area games in the 16U and 19U divisions are eligible to receive points toward their Regional teams.
4. **Total win/loss, sportsmanship points and referee points will determine the regular season standings.**
5. For playoff eligible teams, seeding will be based on **game** and **sportsmanship** points **ONLY**.
6. If a volunteer so wishes, they may be a referee for more than one team.
7. All referees must declare their point allocation(s) before the 4th gameday ("before week 4") of the regular season via email or text to the Regional Referee Administrator (RRA)(Referee@aysoregion4.com).

Team Guidelines for Recruiting Volunteers:

- A Team may recruit volunteers for their team from parents, guardians, siblings or anyone capable of fulfilling the requirements.
- Teams shall have at least one certified referee as outlined in this policy. A second referee is advised, but no more than three referees may gain points for any one team.
- Team Managers or Coaches will inform their volunteers of the dates and locations for clinics and Safe Haven-related courses.
- Team Managers or Coaches will fill out the online team volunteer information form after the team meeting and before the start of the season. This form includes contact information for Referee(s), Assistant Coach, etc.

Responsibilities of the Regional Board:

- Division Directors will do their best to divide experienced referees and potential new referees amongst all teams.
- If requested, the Regional Referee Administrator (RRA) and staff will assist any team in referee recruitment if necessary before the start of the season.
- The RRA will have posted on the Region 4 AYSO website, as well as other methods of distribution, the dates and times of all clinics, sign-up nights and other pertinent information needed to fulfill the necessary referee requirements. **It is the responsibility of the teams and the individual volunteers to fulfill these requirements.**

Regular Season League Winners, Playoff Qualification, Playoff Seeding and Tiebreaks:

- The league or division winner of the regular season is based on a combination of win/loss/tie, referee and sportsmanship points. The team with the most Team Points will finish first, the team with the second most points will finish second, and so on. Trophies, if awarded, will be based on total Team Points and associated tie-breaks, as shown below. In divisions where there is more than one league within the division, each league will have a regular season champion and playoff seeding will include all eligible teams in the division regardless of their league.
- Teams who have met the minimum requirement of 9 referee points will be seeded for Region Post-Season Playoffs based on game and sportsmanship points. Points are awarded as noted above.
- **If** teams are tied in the standings or for playoff seeding (same number of Team Points), tie breaking procedure will be as follows:
 1. Team that won in head-to-head competition
 2. Team with the greater number of sportsmanship points
 3. Team with the greater number of wins
 4. Team with the greater number of games officiated
 5. Determined by lot or coin toss

Special Notes:

- All teams must provide at least one referee who must referee at least one playoff game on the first weekend of playoffs in order for their team to be eligible to continue through playoffs. If the team does not provide the referee or the referee fails to referee their scheduled games, the team may be eliminated from further playoff games and may be replaced by a team decided upon by Regional Commissioner, Assistant Commissioner and appropriate Division Director.
- The minimum games officiated requirement for Playoff eligibility may be waived only under extreme circumstances as determined by RRA and approved by the Regional Commissioner.
- An Executive Committee will determine the criteria for selecting which Region 4 post-season playoff team(s) from each division will be invited to advance to the Area 10E League playoff tournament. Usually this will be a post-season eligible regular season champion and in some cases wild-card teams such as a playoff winner may also be invited depending on the number of teams and available invites from Area 10E. Division Directors should communicate the selection criteria prior to the start of the season.
- One or more wildcard teams may be invited by an Executive Committee to advance to Area 10E League playoffs from those qualifying for the Regional playoff tournament.