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# AYSO Apricot Jam Tournament

## Referee Plan

Boys and Girls

April 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> 2026



Commitment Requirements	<p>A. Each team participating in the Apricot Jam Tournament must provide a <b>“Qualified” referee team</b> which consist of <b>3 experienced “Eligible” Referees</b>.</p> <p>B. The Apricot Jam Referee Information Form must be completed, approved by the Region Referee Administrator and returned with the Team Application.</p> <p>C. Each referee team is expected to complete 9 assignments during the tournament (ie 3 complete games – Referee and both Assistants, or any combination that totals 9 assignments). These may be game assignments or standby assignments, which will be considered equal in terms of earning the referee deposit refund.</p> <p>D. Failure to meet the requirements will result in forfeiture of referee deposit. If all assignments are completed, the entire referee deposit of \$350 will be refunded within 21 days of the completion of the tournament.</p> <p>E. 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 check will be returned to the Region address shown on Referee Information 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. <b>Eligible Referees</b> must have volunteered for the 2025 membership year, hold an AYSO referee certification, and have an up-to-date risk management background check (GREEN status). They also need to be Safe Haven certified, trained in Sudden Cardiac Arrest response, and have completed CDC Concussion Awareness training. All referees are required to undergo fingerprinting (Live Scan) and stay current with the US Soccer mandated “SafeSport” training.</p> <p>B. <b>Regional Referee Administrators (RRA)</b> must verify and certify referee eligibility by signing the Referee Information Form. They are responsible for confirming referees meet all current AYSO volunteer registration and required certification standards, as stated in “A”.</p> <p>C. A <b>“Qualified” referee team</b> is expected to have 3 experienced “Eligible” referees. Each 3-member referee team is expected to have <u>at least</u> one comfortable centering in the division of the team they represent.</p> <p>D. 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>E. Each referee may only represent one team in the tournament.</p> <p>F. Players in the tournament will not be allowed to officiate.</p> <p>G. <b>Coaches in this tournament are strongly discouraged from officiating because we do try to assign referee crews immediately before and immediately after their teams’ games and</b> so that the scheduling of referees with the best experience and without conflicts can be accomplished. If an exception is warranted due to lack of other referee volunteers, this must be approved in advance by the Apricot Jam Referee Administrator.</p> <p>H. Youth referees will only be allowed if they are not a player in the tournament and must be at least 2 years older than the age group they are refereeing. 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. It is also highly recommended that a team representative is present when Youth Referees fill an assignment, so they can get the Tournament Staff if the Youth Referee has an issue with sideline behavior.</p> <p>I. Not providing at least one qualified center referee may constitute grounds for forfeiture of your referee deposit.</p> <p>J. . If we become aware of any Referees not meeting the above requirements, there will be NO reimbursement for the game assigned to or officiated by that referee.</p> <p>K. Any changes to the referees submitted with your original application must be submitted no later than 14 days prior to the tournament. Any changes or substitutions to the referee crew requires</p>

	<p>the submission of a new form signed by your Regional Commissioner or Regional Referee Administrator.</p> <p>L. <u>Emergency</u> replacement referees must get approval from the Tournament Referee Administrator and must submit an updated signed Referee Information Form no later than 5pm on the Thursday before the Tournament.</p>
Uniform Requirement	<p><b>A. All referees must be in full Uniform as defined by AYSO and USSF, including the AYSO Badge.</b></p> <p>B. The Gold 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 assign themselves to games using the tournament's on-line scheduling application. Available assignments will be limited to approved comfort levels.</p> <p>B. If a team submits a crew that includes any Non-Eligible Referees, <b>ONLY</b> the "Eligible" referees will be permitted to assign themselves to games.</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. Assistant Referees will be expected to legibly complete substitutions, goalscorers and any additional injury and team/coach/fan behavior notes on the game cards.</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 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 or the Admin. Tent immediately after each game.</p>
Referee Schedules	<p>A. When the referee scheduling application is ready an email will be sent to approved referees, the team coaches and referee coordinators (if different from the coach) letting them know that the referee schedule is available for self assignment (this will be at least 2 weeks before the tournament week-end). In addition, referee crews should check the referee scheduling website for possible changes up until the Friday before the tournament. Each team will be expected to ensure that the referee schedule and check-in instructions have been provided to their referee crew.</p> <p>B. Referee Assignments may be adjusted by the Tournament Referee Staff to prevent perceived conflict of interest such as preventing Referee crews from the same region as Referees for games that their regional teams are playing. This will be done at the discretion of the Tournament Referee Staff.</p>
Use of Local Referees	<p>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.</p>
Referee Check-In	<p>A. 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.</p>
Referee Mementos	<p>A. Snacks and drinks will be available to all referees for the day(s) that they referee.</p> <p>B. Referee Parking is limited and will be prioritized to Area 10E Referees, and Referees with a high number of games – typically more than 4 assignments. Referee Parking <b><u>will not</u></b> be available to every Referee. Every Referee should plan for the traffic into the fields.</p> <p>C. Participating referees will receive a gift and a flipping coin as mementos to thank them for their contribution.</p>

Address:	<p>Referee forms must be mailed with the Team Application to:</p> <p>Apricot Jam 12954 View Mesa Moorpark, California, 93021</p>
Contact Information:	<p>Questions regarding referee requirements should be directed to:</p> <p>John Charrett and Tournament Scheduler</p> <p>Call: 805-506-1381</p> <p>E-mail: <a href="mailto:refadmin@moorparkayso.org">refadmin@moorparkayso.org</a> and <a href="mailto:scheduler@moorparkayso.org">scheduler@moorparkayso.org</a></p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.moorparkayso.org">www.moorparkayso.org</a></p> <p><b>Please use both email addresses</b> for redundancy when sending correspondence regarding Referee questions.</p>