



## 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual North Valley Classic Tournament Referee Plan



The following are guidelines that the North Valley Classic Tournament will apply for referees in our 2026 tournament:

Commitment Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Each team participating in the 2026 North Valley Classic Tournament must provide at least 1 crew consisting of 3 qualified referees including at least 1 referee who can CR.</li><li>B. The North Valley Classic Referee Information Form must be completed and approved by the Region Referee Administrator and returned with the Team Application. <b>Names submitted on the approved form must match the names of the referees checking in. IDs will be checked. Referees checking in who are not on an approved form will only be allowed to participate at the discretion of the Tournament Director or designee.</b></li><li>C. Each referee team may be asked to officiate a minimum of 3 matches during the tournament. These may be game assignments or standby assignments, which will be considered equal in terms of earning the referee deposit refund.</li><li>D. If all assignments are completed, the entire referee deposit of \$350 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.</li><li>E. The deposit refund check will be returned to the address shown on the Team Application form.</li><li>F. Remember: the quality of officiating is largely dependent upon the experience and abilities of the referees you provide.</li><li>G. If a team submits less than a full 3-person referee crew, these referees will be assigned to games, however only a proportion of the referee deposit equal to the number of assignments these referees complete will be refunded to the team.</li><li>H. Should a team's referees fail to appear for their assigned game and no replacement referees can be found, then the entire team's referee deposit may be forfeited regardless of how many other assignments the referee crew may have completed.</li></ul>
Qualification Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Each referee must be a current AYSO registered volunteer and Safe Haven, CDC Concussion, Sudden Cardiac Arrest, and Safe Sport certified as well as completed the live scan.</li><li>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.</li><li>C. Each referee may only represent one (1) team in the tournament.</li><li>D. Players in the tournament will not be allowed to officiate.</li><li>E. Coaches in this tournament are strongly discouraged from officiating so that 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 Tournament Referee Administrator.</li><li>F. Youth referees will only be allowed if they are not a player in the tournament. 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.</li></ul>
Uniform Requirement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. All referees must be in full Uniform as defined by AYSO and USSF, including the AYSO Badge. Short black socks are permitted.</li><li>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.</li><li>C. Referees not in uniform will not be permitted to referee games, and their team's referee deposit may be subject to forfeiture.</li><li>D. In inclement weather, black rain pants or black warm-up pants will be permitted in addition to the official uniform.</li></ul>

Competency Requirements	<p>The Referee Administrator will attempt to assigned games as follows:</p> <p>10U: Regional Badge or higher  12U: Intermediate Badge or higher  14U: Advanced Badge or higher</p> <p>Any exceptions must have the prior written approval of the North Valley Classic Referee Administrator.</p> <p>A. 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> <p>B. Referees will be expected to referee at the level commensurate with the age group for the team they represent. Any referee determined to be ineligible under these circumstances, and thus not given any referee assignments, will not qualify the team for any portion of the referee deposit refund.</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.</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 immediately after each game.</p>
Referee Schedules	<p>A. Referee schedules will be emailed out to each team and also made available on the tournament website as soon as possible. Each team will be expected to ensure that the referee schedule and check-in instructions have been provided to their referee crew.</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. All referees will be expected to check in at the Referee Station upon their arrival at the tournament.</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. Participating referees will receive a tournament t-shirt, flipping coin and pin as mementos to thank them for their contribution.</p>
Address:	<p>Referee forms must be mailed with the Team Application to:</p> <p>Tournament Registrar  North Valley Classic Tournament  9176 Independence Ave  Chatsworth, California, 91311</p>
Contact Information:	<p>Questions regarding referee requirements should be directed to:</p> <p>Call Robert Arshagouni (818) 363-9101  E-mail: <a href="mailto:nvclassic174@gmail.com">nvclassic174@gmail.com</a>  Website <a href="http://www.AYSO174.org">www.AYSO174.org</a></p>

### OPTIONAL GUIDELINES THAT YOU MAY WANT TO CONSIDER

Commitment Requirements	<p>G. If a team submits less than a full 3-person referee crew, these referees will be assigned to games, however only a proportion of the referee deposit equal to the number of assignments these referees complete will be refunded to the team.</p> <p>H. Should a team's referees fail to appear for their assigned game and no replacement referees can be found, then the entire team's referee deposit may be forfeited regardless of how many other assignments the referee crew may have completed.</p>
Qualification Requirements	<p>G. Youth referees must be approved by their Regional Referee Administrator, by completing the All American Youth Referee Authorization Letter. These referees must have their Youth Volunteer Letter with Youth Volunteer Application form attached with them at all times and present it to any Tournament official upon request.</p> <p>H. Youth referees will only be assigned to games where they are qualified and at least 2 years older than the age group they are officiating.</p> <p>I. FIFA referees who are qualified AYSO referees are allowed to wear their FIFA badge; however, they must be prepared to certify to the tournament staff that they are properly certified AYSO volunteer referees.</p>
Uniform Requirements	<p>D. In inclement weather, black rain pants or black warm-up pants will be permitted in addition to the official uniform.</p> <p>E. For Open Invitational and International tournaments, if a particular game involves two non-AYSO teams, it is acceptable for the referees to wear their USSF badges.</p>
Referee Check-In	<p>D. Upon completing each game assignment (or standby assignment), each referee will have their Voucher punched by the Field Monitor. When all of their game assignments have been completed, the referee crew must turn in their completed Voucher at the Referee Station. This completed Voucher will be the basis for determining the referee deposit refund amount for the tournament team.</p>
Assessments	<p>D. The North Valley Classic Tournament will provide referees for opportunities to be assessed for upgrades. These opportunities will be provided on medal-round matches only. Referee Assessors will be arranged through the local Area or Section staff. To take advantage of this opportunity, referees must register in advance with the North Valley Classic Tournament Referee Administrator (see contact section).</p>