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31st Annual California Strawberry Cup Referee Plan – Self-Scheduling Referee Assignments



The following are guidelines that the California Strawberry Cup will apply for referees in our 2026 tournament:

<p>Commitment Requirements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Each team participating in the 31st Annual California Strawberry Cup complete 9 referee assignments. In addition, all 14U teams must have at least one referee with an intermediate badge or higher (AR's must have more than one full year of experience) and all 16U and 19U teams must have all three referees with at least an intermediate badge and at least one of the three must have an advanced badge or higher. B. The California Strawberry Cup Referee Information Form must be completed, approved by the team's Region Referee Administrator or team's Area Referee Administrator for 16U/19U games, and returned with the Team Application. C. Any changes to the assigned games by a Region must be approved in advance of the tournament by the California Strawberry Cup Referee Administrator. D. If a Regional Referee Administrator chooses, he/she can submit a full list of all of their certified referees to the California Strawberry Cup Referee Administrator. With such a roster on file with the Referee Administrator any referee on that roster will be allowed to referee even if they are not on a team roster. However, if a referee is not on that roster or a team roster they will not be allowed to referee in the tournament. E. Team referees self-sign up for referee assignments on our CGI system. Each team is expected to sign up for a minimum of 9 referee assignments on their weekend. A referee assignment is either one position on any game or a standby position. Teams are expected to referee at least three assignments in the center or a center standby. F. If all assignments are completed, the entire referee deposit of \$400 will be refunded within 30 days of the completion of the entire two weekend tournament. If only partial assignments are completed, then a partial refund will be provided equal to the proportion of assignments completed. G. The deposit refund check will be returned to the address shown on the Team Application form. H. Remember: the quality of officiating is largely dependent upon the experience and abilities of the referees you provide.
<p>Qualification Requirements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Each referee must be an AYSO registered volunteer and Safe Haven & CDC Concussion certified. 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. C. Each referee may only represent one team per weekend. D. Players in the tournament will not be allowed to officiate. E. Coaches are discouraged to referee. Coaches or Referees must understand that arriving late to a referee assignment due to their own team's game running late is not an excuse and may result in losing part of their referee deposit. Because this is self-sign up, referees need to plan around your games and except delays in your games. F. If an exception is warranted due to lack of other referee volunteers, this <u>must be approved in advance by the California Strawberry Cup Referee Administrator.</u> Coaches that need to referee for their team should be prepared to referee just prior to their own matches or immediately after their matches. This means they will need to have adequate support staff to handle pregame and post-game coach's responsibilities. G. 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.
<p>Uniform Requirement</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. All referees must be in full Uniform as defined by AYSO and USSF, including the AYSO Badge. 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 or will be asked to wear a contrasting colored bib.

Competency Requirements	<p>A. Center Referees will be assigned to games as follows: 10U: Experienced Regional Badge or higher 12U: Intermediate Badge or highly experienced Regional Badge as a minimum 14U: Advanced Badge or highly experienced Intermediate Badge as a minimum 16U/19U: National Badge (or National Badge candidate) or highly experienced Advanced Badge as a minimum Any exceptions must have the prior written approval of the California Strawberry Cup Referee Administrator, this includes referees being assessed for upgrade (Badge candidates).</p> <p>B. In addition, referees for the 16U and 19U levels must have the written authorization from their Area Referee Administrator certifying that the referee is qualified and capable for this level of games.</p> <p>C. 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 standard or left-hand 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. Substitutions will be allowed approximately midway through each half, at halftime, and injury.</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, substitute, or coach, or if there were spectator interference problems, or any other action that merits a report.</p> <p>E. If a misconduct was issued, the referees will be expected to take the game cards to the Referee Tent and when they complete the misconduct report turn in the game cards with the misconduct report to the California Strawberry Cup Referee Administrator or his designee.</p>
Referee Schedules	<p>A. Referees shall sign up through our CGI self-scheduling software. When the referee schedule is posted, each referee will need to select their own referee assignments.</p>
Assessments	<p>A. B19U and B14U games on May 2-3 will be available for referee upgrade assessments. Referee Assessors will be arranged through the local Area or Section staff. To take advantage of this opportunity, referees must register by April 20th with the Strawberry Cup Referee Administrator (see contact section).</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. Game Assignments: Referees taking game assignments must check in the day of the game at the referee tent at least 30 minutes before the game, and are encouraged to check in sooner and be at the field 15 minutes before the start of the game.</p> <p>B. Standby Assignments: Referees taking standby assignments must come to the referee tent at the time of their assignment. Referees will be expected to be able for 30 minutes after the start to be sent out to a game assignment and complete that game assignment. Referee who sign up in the Standby Center (CR) are expected to referee at least a 10U game. Standby referees can be assigned to a game assignment prior to the tournament by the Tournament Referee Administrator.</p>
Post – game Requirements	<p>A. AR's must have each Coach sign his/her game card after the match at center of field following congratulatory handshakes.</p> <p>B. Make certain you have filled in Referee information on back of card, including your representing team number.</p> <p>C. All game cards are to be returned to the Referee Tent by the Center Referee immediately following each match.</p>
Referee Mementos	<p>A. Referees will be provided with a meal at the Referee Hospitality Tent, The Red Card Café, for each day that they officiate. Chilled water and snacks will also be available at the Red Card Café.</p>

Address:	Referee forms must be mailed with the Team Application to: Camarillo AYSO Region 68 799-B Camarillo Springs Rd Camarillo CA 93012
Contact Information:	Questions regarding referee requirements should be directed to: E-mail ayso68ra@gmail.com Web site www.camarilloaysosoccer.org