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31st Annual Region 47 Locomotion Tournament Referee Plan

The following are guidelines that the AYSO Locomotion Tournament will apply for referees in our 2026 Tournament:

Commitment Requirements	<p>A. Each team participating in the 31st Annual Region 47 Locomotion Tournament <u>must</u> provide at least <u>1 crew consisting of 3 qualified referees</u>.</p> <p>B. The Locomotion Tournament Referee Information Form must be completed, approved by the team's Regional Referee Administrator (and Area Referee Administrator in the case of referees for 16U-19U games), and returned with the Team Application.</p> <p>C. Each referee team will be asked to officiate a minimum of 4 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.</p> <p>Teams advancing to Monday's semifinals and finals are asked to provide referees for Monday's games, as referee coverage is challenging on Monday. Parents that are trained referees should bring their referee gear to the field on Monday and be prepared to be Assistant Referees for their team's game(s). Any referee assignments completed on Monday will be counted in determining the refund of the team's referee deposit.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>E. The deposit refund check will be returned to the address shown on the Team Application form.</p> <p>F. Remember: the quality of officiating is largely dependent upon the experience and abilities of the referees you and other participating teams provide.</p> <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. The Section 1 Tournament Director and team's Regional Commissioner will be contacted for any teams that have referees crews that fail to appear.</p>
Qualification Requirements	<p>A. Each referee must be a current AYSO registered volunteer with current risk management and certified per AYSO National Guidelines including SafeSport Training, Safe Haven, LiveScan, Cardiac Arrest, Concussion Awareness, and AYSO's Sterling Volunteers background check.</p> <p>B. Each referee must be well-versed in the Laws of the Game, AYSO National Rules & Regulations and Section 1 policies, including current law changes and capable of applying the laws according to the spirit of the game.</p> <p>C. Each referee may only represent one team in the Tournament.</p> <p>D. Players in the Tournament will not be allowed to officiate.</p> <p>E. Coaches are strongly discouraged from officiating so that scheduling conflicts are eliminated or minimized. If an exception is warranted due to lack of other referee volunteers, this must be approved in advance by the Locomotion Tournament Referee Administrator.</p> <p>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 potentially 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>A. All referees must be in full uniform as defined by AYSO and USSF, including the AYSO badge.</p> <p>B. The gold/yellow referee 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>

	C. Referees not in uniform will not be permitted to referee games, and their team's referee deposit may be subject to forfeiture.
Competency Requirements	<p>A. Referees may be assigned to games as follows: 10U: Regional badge or higher 12U: Regional/Intermediate badge or higher 14U: Intermediate/Advanced badge or higher 16U/19U: Advanced/National badge Any exceptions must have the prior written approval of the Locomotion Tournament Referee Administrator.</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.</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 Locomotion Tournament Rules, Referee Plan and local field rules. 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, except in 16U and 19U games where free substitutions are used (and teams will be expected to have and complete a timekeeping form during each game). Extra 16U and 19U timekeeping forms are available from the Tournament Staff. Timekeeping forms must be turned in to the referee at the end of the match.</p> <p>D. Referees will be expected to note on the back of the game cards <u>and to fill out misconduct reports immediately after the game</u> 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 situation that merits a report.</p> <p>E. Referees will be expected to turn in all completed game cards, misconduct reports, and if applicable, timekeeping forms for 16U and 19U teams, to the Referee Station immediately after each game.</p>
Referee Schedules	A. Referee schedules will be posted on the Tournament website within 1 week of the Tournament. Each team will be expected to ensure that the referee schedule and check-in instructions have been provided to their referee crew.
Use of Local Referees	A. Additional referees will be provided by the host regions, 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 Tournament teams' referee crews to ensure an opportunity to earn their referee deposit refund.
Referee Check-In	<p>A. All referees will be expected to check in at the Referee Station upon their arrival at the Tournament, to register and to collect their Referee Voucher.</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 an alternative assignment.</p> <p>D. Upon completing each game assignment (or standby assignment), each referee will have their Referee Voucher punched by a referee staff member. When all of their game assignments have been completed, the referee crew must turn in their completed Referee Voucher at the Referee Station. This completed Referee Vouchers will be the basis for determining the referee deposit refund amount for the tournament team.</p>
Referee Mementos	<p>A. Referees will be provided with a meal ticket for food and drink at a 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 and a flipping coin as mementos to thank them for their contribution.</p> <p>C. Referees that participate in Monday's playoff games will receive a special Thank You gift.</p>

Address:	Referee forms must be mailed with the Team Application to: AYSO Region 47 Riverside Locomotion PO Box 2308 Riverside, CA 92516
Contact Information:	Questions regarding referee requirements should be directed to: <div> Jay Kelly (Rules and Guidelines) E-mail: locorefadmin@asyo47.org Web site www.ayso47.org </div> <div> Phil Schmidt (Scheduler) Email: locorefadmin2@ayso47.org </div>