



# AYSO REGION 5

## Referee Incentive Plan 2021

In the interest of retaining both adult and youth referees, the following tier program has been initiated to provide our referees an incentive for signing up for more games during the season. While AYSO still provides for the necessary ingredient of volunteerism of our board members, coaches, and other valued positions within the organization, we feel that the referee is still the absolute core of every successful game and region. Most coaches receive some sort of reward from their parents at the end of a season and we thought it fitting to extend our gratitude to our referees. Thank you for your volunteerism.

Game counts for each referee are provided by Matchtrak. If you are a walk-on, you have 24 hours from the game time to add yourself into the system and verification by that match card is required. Gift cards or incentives will be picked up at the referee tent once a month and will be announced their readiness by email.

### **New Referee Program: First 10 matches are incentives only.**

1. All first-season referees with less than 10 matches will be issued a Region 5 referee t-shirt and black shorts.
  - a. 5 matches earns a Region 5 flip coin.
  - b. 7th match earns your gold referee jersey and socks.
  
2. After 10th match can choose between Incentive Program or Gift Card Program
  - a. Incentive program online at [ayso5.org](http://ayso5.org) under "Referee" tab
  - b. Gift card program starts with 2nd match of the day (see below for more information)

### **Returning Referee Program: Incentive Program**

- a. Based on matches refereed during regular season and Region 5 playoffs.
  
- b. Incentives awarded are based on refereed matches entered into Matchtrak. It is the referee's responsibility to be properly logged on Matchtrak.
  
- c. Incentives listed on Region 5 website [ayso5.org](http://ayso5.org) under "Referee" tab

**Note:** *Points will NOT be assigned for past games (there is a 1-week grace period to adjust/correct). Teams that are not affiliated with a referee will not earn points and will not be eligible for post season play (tournaments). After Week 1, teams will not be able to affiliate with referees for Post-Season Points.*



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## Program in Detail

1. Referees must be an AYSO certified referee with current:
  - a. Season Volunteer Status
  - b. Safe Haven©
  - c. Concussion Awareness Certification

## Referee Incentive Program Awards

Choice is either ONE reward or incentive (not both)

| Games | Reward   | Incentive      |
|-------|--|----------------|
| 5     | Fox 40 Whistle and Lanyard   | None           |
| 10    | Region 5 Cap or Air Pump   | \$10 Gift Card |
| 20*   | Alternate Color Referee Jersey or Referee Gear Bag                   | \$10 Gift Card |
| 30*   | Referee Gear Bag, Referee Watch, Alternate Color Referee Jersey      | \$25 Gift Card |
| 40*   | Alternate Color Referee Jersey, Referee Watch, Region 5 Water Bottle | \$50 Gift Card |

\*Invitation to the Referee “Thank You” dinner for all referees completing 15 games or more.

## Additional Incentives

In addition. Filling out and properly returning your match card (with your name on the correct field) earns you **entries** into end of the year raffle as follows:

| Division | Center Referee (C) | Assistant Referee (AR) |
|----------|--------------------|------------------------|
| 14U-18U  | 5 entries          | 3 entries              |
| 12U      | 3 entries          | 2 entries              |
| 10U      | 2 entries          | 1 entry                |

## Raffle items are as follows.

- \$50 Gift Card
- \$25 Gift Card
- \$10 Gift Card (3 available)
- Referee Jersey, your choice of color
- Referee Gear
- ... AND MORE (prizes will be accumulated throughout the season)