



# Region Cup Policy

## **Purpose of the Region Cup Policy**

To provide an incentive for each team to support a share of the Region's referee needs for the season. This policy applies to all teams in the 10U through 18U divisions.

## **What is the Region Cup?**

The Region Cup is an end-of-season tournament that determines the Region Champions in the 10U through 18U divisions. These teams will advance to the Area tournament at the conclusion of the season.

## **How does the Region Cup Work?**

The Fall season will be divided into two phases. First, we will play a season of "Friendlies", focusing on player development. Standings for these matches will not be kept.

Second, we will play the annual Region Cup Tournament. Only teams that have provided the required referee support (by earning the required number of Referee Credits) will qualify to play in the tournament. The tournament outcome will determine the Region Champions in each division.

## **Friendlies Phase – Referee Credit Requirements (per team)**

Division	Referee Credits Needed
10U	12 Credits
12U	14 Credits
14U	16 Credits
16-18U	18 Credits

Teams that earn the required number of referee credits will be included in the Region Cup Tournament.

Teams that earn less than the required number of referee credits will have their Fall Season end at the conclusion of the Friendlies (week 8).

To facilitate scheduling, the Region 112 Executive Board may allow additional team(s) to participate in the tournament. Teams will be notified if they are selected.

## **Tournament phase – Additional Referee Credit Requirements (per team)**

Division	Referee Credits Needed
10U	3 Credits
12U	3 Credits
14U	4 Credits
16-18U	6 Credits

Teams that earn the required number of referee credits during the Pool Play phase of the tournament will be eligible to advance to the Semi-finals.

Teams that earn less than the required number of referee credits will have their Fall Season end at the conclusion of the Pool Play.

Each team will be obligated to share the referee load during the Semi-finals and the Finals of the tournament at the request of the Regional Referee Administrator and designated Referee Schedulers.

### **How can my team earn Referee Credits?**

Referee Credits can be earned in two ways: refereeing games or completing volunteer hours.

For each game worked by a certified referee, either as an Assistant Referee (AR) or as a Center Referee (CR), a referee credit will be awarded to the team they represent. **Referees may only represent a MAXIMUM of three (3) teams throughout the season.** Any exceptions to this policy must be pre-approved by the Region 112 Executive Board.

Referee credits can also be earned with volunteer hours. Each team may earn a maximum of 3 referee credit points for 5 hours of volunteer services to the region by volunteering time at Picture Day, Soccer Fest, Coach Orientation Day, or by providing field support.

### **How many Referee Credits do referees earn for each game?**

The following referee credits will be earned each time a referee officiates a match in 8U thru U14.

Level	Referee Position	Referee Credits
8U	CR	1 (Youth Referee) .5 (Adult Referee)
10U	CR	1
	AR	1
12U	CR	1.5
	AR	1
14U	CR	2
	AR	1.5
16U	AR	2.5
	CR	3
18U	AR	2.5
	CR	3

Maximum number of credits allowed in one day:

Division	Referee Credits Needed
10U	3 Credits
12U	4.5 Credits
14U	6 Credits
16-18U	7.5 Credits

### **ADDITIONAL IMPORTANT NOTES**

Referees will not be allowed to sign up to referee their own team's game. In the event that no referee shows up for a game, certified referees on each team will be allowed to referee their own team's game for no referee credit.

Coaches should periodically check the [www.AYSO112.org](http://www.AYSO112.org) website (Referees Resources Tab) to assure they've received the appropriate number of referee credits as the season progresses. The file is posted weekly, usually by Tuesday evening.

The referee credits requirement may be adjusted accordingly as needed for regular season and regional tournament games canceled and not rescheduled due to inclement weather, unhealthful air, or any other reason.

6U and 8U divisions do not participate in the Region Cup playoffs.