



Referee Certification Process

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Referee Certification Requirements

- AYSO Volunteer Requirements

- Register as a volunteer
- Background check
- Safe Scan fingerprinting
- SafeSport
- Safe Haven
- Concussion Training
- Sudden Cardiac Arrest

- Referee Certification

- Age appropriate
- 8u
- Regional – 10u – 12u
- Intermediate – 12u – 14u
- Advanced – 14u – 16u
- National – 16u – 19u

All certification requirements must be completed to be able to referee.



AYSO Volunteer Requirements

- Register as an AYSO Volunteer
 - Register as a volunteer on [AYSO85.org](https://www.ayso85.org)
 - Select Referee as the volunteer position. If you are volunteering for 8u or below select 8u age group. 10u+ you can select any age category 10u and above. You only need to select one age category; your level is based on your certification.
 - Youth referees (under 18) select the youth referee option.
 - Background Check
 - Registering as a volunteer will start the background check process.
 - You will receive an email from theadvocates@sterlingvolunteers.com. This email will ask you to create an account with Sterling Volunteers and authorize the background check. IF THIS STEP IS NOT COMPLETED, IT WILL HOLD UP THE COMPLETION. If you don't receive the email check your spam folder.



AYSO Volunteer Requirements

- Register as an AYSO Volunteer
 - Safe Scan Fingerprinting (Not required for youth referees)
 - Fingerprinting will be completed at a local store such as an UPS store.
 - Register and make an appointment using this link. [Safe Scan link](#) or www.applicantservices.com/AYSO
 - This is AYSO specific, other organizations Safe Scan is not acceptable.
 - There is a \$25 fee, reimbursable by Region 85.
 - SafeSport (Not required for youth referees)
 - Log-in to your AYSO account on AYSO85.org.
 - Go to your account, click Volunteer on the lefthand nav bar.
 - At the top of the page click on the dropdown titled "Important information from AYSO".
 - Click on the link to access free training.
 - Complete the SafeSport Trained Course.
 - Download the completion certificate.



AYSO Volunteer Requirements

- Register as an AYSO Volunteer
 - Safe Haven, Concussion & Sudden Cardiac Arrest Training
 - Log-in to your AYSO account on AYSO85.org.
 - Go to your account, click Volunteer, click the AYSOU button next to your name. This will take you to AYSOU training.
 - Click on the Safe Support box, here you'll find the links to the three courses. Click on each and complete.



AYSO Referee Certification

- 8u training
 - Complete the Zoom training provided by the Region 85 referee staff
- Regional Referee
 - Log-in to your AYSO account on AYSO85.org.
 - Go to your account, click Volunteer, click the AYSOU button next to your name. This will take you to AYSOU training.
 - Click on the Referee box, here you'll find the links to the New – Regional Referee – Online + In-Person Companion Course.
 - Complete the online portion of the training.
 - The region will schedule an in-person session



Questions

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