



**Spring 2024**

## **Simple Guide to AYSO Referee Rules & Expectations**

### **What Teams Need to Do:**

**Volunteer Referees:** Each team is required to provide volunteer referee(s) for games played in La Habra (home games).

**Referee Points:** Teams earn points by refereeing games. Accumulating the minimum required points is essential for qualifying for playoffs or tournaments. Teams failing to gather enough points by season's end will not advance to playoffs or tournaments.

### **How to Earn Points:**

**Weekly Points:** Points can be earned weekly. A minimum of 2 points per home game is mandatory, with a cap of 4 points per game, per weekend. Away games in La Habra do not require points.

*Example: Playing 4 home games means a team needs at least 8 points but can earn up to 16, aiding their qualification for playoffs and tournaments.*

Assistant Referee: 1 point per game.

Center Referee: 2 points per game.

### **Who Can Be a Referee?**

Individuals over 12 can become referees after completing the necessary training (insert training info here). Certified referees should sign up on their team's volunteer form and schedule themselves for games through match track. Points are credited by signing the team's game card post-game.

### **Playoff Qualification:**

**Additional Points:** Teams need 2 additional points per game in the Spring Tournament.

**Game Cards:** Referee points are verified through game cards. Insufficient points lead to forfeiting the game.

### **Can Points Be Lost?**

Yes, referees can deduct points for poor sportsmanship. This includes negative behavior by coaches, assistant coaches, parents, or players not adhering to the code of conduct. Point deductions are coordinated with the designated authority (Commissioner, Tom, Eloy) and communicated to the affected teams.



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**Additional Information:**

**Awards:** Trophies and medals are reserved for the 1st and 2nd place teams in the tournament.

**Volunteer Participation:** AYSO operates entirely on volunteer support. The season's success depends on adequate volunteer referees. We deeply appreciate your support and dedication to AYSO and our children!