

To: Referee Instructor Candidates

cc: Instructors in Referee Instructor Course

Subject: Student Preparation- Referee
Instructor Course



INTRODUCTION:

AYSO Instruction is only as good as the instructors involved in the program. By taking this course, you are taking the first step in becoming a vital resource to AYSO. Your participation will assist your Region, Area, and AYSO by training other individuals to becoming certified Regional and Intermediate Referees. This course will provide you with the knowledge and skills needed to lead the Basic and Intermediate Referee courses.

During this course, you will be expected to demonstrate to Instructor Mentors a range of knowledge, skills, and experience. You will also learn about instructional techniques for the classroom, thus you will not be learning about refereeing. It is expected that as an Intermediate referee, you should already have the necessary referee skills and knowledge. You will learn about teaching referee candidates to become a part of the AYSO team.

PRE-COURSE INFORMATION:

Pre-course materials are available on the Area 11K website. Please ensure that you download, review and bring these items with you to the class to receive the full benefits of this course. You need to become familiar with these materials as they will be referred to during the course. These materials will be an excellent start to maintaining an instructor reference file.

Introduction to Instruction
Referee Instructor Resource Handbook
Laws of the Game
AYSO National Rules & Regulations
AYSO Guidance for Referees and Coaches
Short-sided Game Guide for Referees
Referee Instructor & Evaluator Criteria

LESSON PREPARATION:

At the beginning of the class, you will be making a 3-5 minute presentation to the class in which you will introduce yourself, give your AYSO background and relate a personal soccer-related story. Possible topics include:

Why I choose AYSO

My best (or worse) refereeing experience

Why I want to be an Instructor

The best thing about refereeing

My experience with playing

You will also need to prepare a 10-minute presentation on one of the Laws of the Game. Your presentation can include overheads, hand-outs and other props as necessary. An overhead projector and a computer with power point, word and adobe reader and a LCD projector will be available for your use. If you choose to use the computer, please bring your presentation on a usb 2.0 memory stick (no macros, no executable programs). It is important to remember that as a Referee Instructor, you need to remain on time, therefore it is suggest that you select just a portion of one of the Laws for your presentation to maintain your 10-minute time line.

Look at all of the material in the Introduction to Instruction and Referee Instructor Resource Book. Make sure you review this information to help you prepare for your presentation.

BRIEF COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course will prepare you to present important teaching points about the AYSO National Referee Program and modular referee training, especially those modules that comprise the U-8 Official Course, the Assistant Referee Course, the Basic Referee Course and the Intermediate Referee Course. The combination of the pre-course and class work, particularly and including practical teaching exercises, will help you obtain the knowledge, skills, and techniques to become an AYSO instructor.

SUMMARY:

Referee Instructors are valuable resources and role models for other AYSO volunteers. We look forward to preparing you to be a certified AYSO Referee Instructor and thank you for volunteering your time.

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