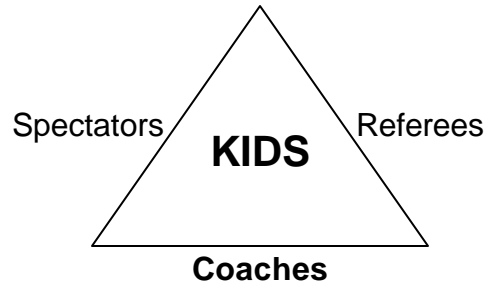


To All AYSO Region 2 Coaches,

From: AYSO Region 2 Referee Staffs

You can help our referee program.



1. Referee's decision is FINAL. He/she can only change the call before the game is restarted.
 - You all saw or heard what happened in the World Cup.
 - How many games your team lost were caused by referees? And how many games your team won were because of referees? These numbers shall sum up the same from all coaches. But they don't.
 - We are constantly improving referee trainings. Region 2 had MOST referee upgrades in Area C in the last 3 years.
2. It is your team's responsibility to provide certified and qualified referees for assigned games.
 - Your games are covered by referees from other teams.
3. Please ask your team volunteers to dress full referee uniform, i.e. Jersey, Shorts, Socks, and Badge, and carry required equipment (whistle, pen, red/yellow cards, flags, and watch).
 - Players have to wear full uniform to participate the match.
 - Region 2 does provide all necessary equipment to certified referees without any charge. It costs the Region US\$40 to dress up a referee and this money comes from players' registration fees.
 - You don't want the referees of your game coming without uniform/badge or equipment.
4. Please ask your team volunteers to arrive the field at least 20 minutes prior to the games.
 - Referees need to warm up.
 - Referees need to check the field and goals for the safety of players.
 - Referees need to check players' equipment for safety.
 - Referees need to have a pre-game meeting.
 - Referees need to start the game on time.
 - You don't want the referees of your game arriving late and cutting your game short.
5. Please ask your team (players, parents, and coaches) to respect and support referees.
 - AYSO Referees are all volunteers.
 - Most of referees, especially in U10 and U12 games, do not have enough experience. But they all try very hard to provide the service to your kids.
 - However, most spectators do not have full understanding of the Laws of the Game.
 - Please remember to thank the referees, and ask your players to do so too. Without them, there will be no game.
 - Don't you want your team volunteers to be treated nicely?
 - Your support is the primary factor to the referee retention rate.
6. All adults are the role models for youth players.
 - In most cases, players show dissent because they learned from coaches or spectators.
7. Please stay in the Technical Area and ask your team to stay on your side, 3 yards away from the touch line, and between 2 penalty areas.
 - We expect spectators to cheer for both teams and enjoy the game. We do not expect them to coach or officiate the game.
8. Protect Youth Referees (in the same way you protect your kids).
9. Basic (Regional) Referee Training Courses and Referee Clinics are listed on <http://www.ayso2.org/referee.php>