



AYSO **safe haven**



Area Director of Referee Instruction

Purpose

The AYSO volunteer position of area director of referee instruction is intended to implement, monitor, and maintain the Referee Training Program component of the AYSO National Referee Program at the area level.

Specific Duties and Responsibilities

The area director of referee instruction is expected to:

1. Support the AYSO National Referee Program in both specifics and spirit;
2. Administer the AYSO Referee Instructor Program within the area;
3. Develop a staff of instructors strategically distributed throughout the area and available to assist with instruction;
4. Disseminate information to the regional directors of referee instruction within the area, the area referee administrator, and the section director of referee instruction;
5. Ensure all training within the area is in compliance with the AYSO National Referee Program curriculum and procedures;
6. Recruit and arrange for the certification of additional qualified instructors and instructor evaluators;
7. Facilitate the activities of the referee instructors and referee instructor evaluators within the area;
8. Provide feedback to section and national staff regarding curriculum, course content, and materials for referee instruction; and
9. Provide training opportunities for referee instructors.

Qualifications and Desired Skills

To be considered for the position of area director of referee instruction, the applicant must:

1. Successfully pass a screening, including a background check;
2. Annually submit a Volunteer Application Form and be approved as a volunteer in an AYSO region;
3. Be an AYSO referee instructor or higher;
4. Be an AYSO referee instructor evaluator;
5. Be familiar with the current curriculum and instructional components of the AYSO National Referee Program;
6. Have experience as a regional director of instruction;
7. Have good organizational skills;
8. Have the ability to work with a large group of volunteers;
9. Have deep knowledge of the FIFA Laws of the Game, the AYSO Rules and Regulations; and
10. Have an unswerving commitment to the AYSO philosophies.

Supervision Protocols

While performing as the area director of referee instruction, the volunteer is:

1. Subject to the bylaws, rules, regulations, policies, procedures, and guidelines of AYSO;
2. Under the overall authority of and directly supervised by the area referee administrator, and supervised indirectly by the section director of referee instruction; and
3. To maintain the recommended adult to child supervision ratio of 1:8 or less; that is one adult for every eight or fewer children and two adults (one of whom may be the coach and one of whom should be of the same gender as the group) present at all times. For the protection of both the children and the volunteer, no volunteer should permit himself or herself to be alone with any child or group of children (except his or her own) during AYSO-sponsored activities.

Time Commitment

The anticipated time commitment for an area director of referee instruction is a full year. The estimated hours to fulfill duties by month shall be filled in by the area referee administrator:

Jan:	hrs.	Feb:	hrs.	Mar:	hrs.	Apr:	hrs.	May:	hrs.	Jun:	hrs.
Jul:	hrs.	Aug:	hrs.	Sep:	hrs.	Oct:	hrs.	Nov:	hrs.	Dec:	hrs.

Orientation, Training, Certification, and Continued Education Provided

To prepare a volunteer for the position of area director of referee instruction, AYSO will offer the following referee educational opportunities that area directors of referee instruction are expected to take advantage of and participate in, as appropriate.

1. Orientation by the regional referee administrator;
2. Referee Instructor Update;
3. Referee Instructor Evaluator Update;
4. Annual Update for Referee Administrators, Instructors and Assessors; and
5. Various referee track workshops at the annual Section Conferences.

Activity Locations

While performing the duties of area director of referee instruction, the volunteer is limited to the following locations, unless expressly authorized in writing by the area director to hold activities in another location.

1. Assigned classrooms, clinics, camps, and field training locations;
2. The annual Section Conferences;
3. Tournaments and special area events; and
4. Independent work at home alone, in committees of adults, or in a properly supervised situation with children.