THE GAMES @ Area B

Referee Plan

The following are guidelines that the GAMES @ Area B will apply for referees in our 2026 tournament:

Commitment Requirements	A. Each team (U-10 Thru U-19) participating in THE GAMES @ Area B must provide a crew consisting of 3 Age Appropriate referees to be accepted, that are **CURRENT** AYSO Registered trained volunteers in AYSO Safe Haven Certified, CDC Concussion, SAFE SPORT, and Cardiac Arrest Certified. B. THE GAMES Referee Roster Form must be completed, approved by the Region Referee Administrator (and Area Referee Administrator in the case of referees for U-16/U-19 games), and returned with the Team Application. C. Each referee team will be asked to officiate a minimum of 3 matches during the tournament. These may be game assignments or standby assignments, which will be considered equal in terms of earning the referee deposit refund. D. If all assignments are completed, the entire referee deposit of $300 will be refunded within 14 days of the completion of the tournament. If only partial assignments are completed, then a partial refund will be provided equal to the proportion of assignments completed. E. The deposit refund check will be returned to the address shown on the Referee Roster form. F. Remember: the quality of officiating is largely dependent upon the experience and abilities of the referees you provide.
Qualification Requirements	A. Each referee must be a current AYSO registered volunteer, Safe Haven Certified and must have CDC Concussion Certification SAFE SPORT, Sudden Cardiac Arrest, and any other AYSO requirements. B. Each referee must be versed in the Laws of the Game, including current law changes and capable of applying the laws according to the spirit of the game. C. Each referee may only represent **one team** in the tournament. D. Players in the tournament **will not** be allowed to officiate. E. Coaches in this tournament are strongly discouraged from officiating so that scheduling of referees with the best experience and without conflicts can be accomplished. If an exception is warranted due to lack of other referee volunteers, this must be approved in advance by THE GAMES Referee Administrator. F. Youth referees will only be allowed if they are not a player in the tournament. Care must be taken when considering whether to allow a youth referee to officiate in the heated environment of a competitive tournament. These referees must have their Youth Volunteer Application form with them at all times and present it to any Tournament official upon request.
Uniform Requirement	A. All referees must be in full Uniform as defined by AYSO and USSF, including the AYSO Badge. B. The Gold uniform will be considered the primary color of referee uniform for this tournament. The referee crew will be expected to change to an alternate color in case of conflict with either of the teams' uniforms. C. Referees not in uniform will not be permitted to referee games, and their team's referee deposit may be subject to forfeiture.
Competency Requirements	A. Referees will be assigned to games as follows: (Experience = 1 Year in grade Minimum) U-10/U-12: Experienced Regional Badge or higher for Center Referee and AR U-14: Intermediate Badge or higher for Center Referee, experienced Regional for AR. U-16/U-19: Advanced Badge or higher for Center Referee, experienced Intermediate for AR Any exceptions must have the prior approval of THE GAMES Referee Administrator. B. In addition, referees for the U-16 and U-19 levels must have the written authorization from their Area Referee Administrator certifying that the referee is qualified and capable for this level of games. C. Every effort will be made to assign referees to neutral games at their level of competency or below. In rare cases, referee crews may be asked to split up in order to meet these goals.

Tournament Rules	A. Referees will be expected to familiarize themselves with and uphold the tournament rules, AYSO guidelines and FIFA laws. Any failure of the referee to uphold these rules may be cause for dismissal from the tournament, and will place a team's referee deposit refund in jeopardy. B. Only the diagonal system of control will be used. C. Referees will be expected to fill out the game cards and to keep track of substitutions 10U-14U, and collect time sheets from the coaches for Upper Division (16U-19U). D. Referees will be expected to note on the back of the game cards and to fill out misconduct reports immediately after the game in which a misconduct (caution and/or send-off) was issued to a player or coach, if there were spectator interference problems or any other action that merits a report. If a Referee does not fill out a misconduct report immediately following the match, it will count as an incomplete assignment, and credit may not be given for that match. E. Any referee that Disregards a match (Does not show up, or after check-in does not get to a match) will not only forfeit that portion of their referee deposit but will also lose 1 point in the standings for each assignment disregarded. (Max of 3 points per match, 1 for each referee) F. Referees will be expected to turn in all completed game cards, time sheets and misconduct reports to the Field Monitor Tent immediately after each game.
Referee Schedules	A. Referee schedules will be made available on the tournament website within 3 days of the tournament. Each team will be expected to ensure that the referee schedule and check-in instructions have been provided to their referee crew.
Use of Local Referees	A. Additional referees will be provided by the host region, including from the surrounding regions and Areas to ensure all games are covered by qualified referees. These referees will be provided assignments on a stand-by or fill-in basis. Priority will be given to referee crews to ensure an opportunity to earn their deposit refund.
Referee Check-In	A. All referees will be expected to check in at the Referee Station upon their arrival at the tournament, to register and to collect their Referee Card Stickers, and information. B. At check-in, each referee team will be provided with a summarized set of tournament rules that they will be expected to administer as well as a punch card. C. Referees are expected to check in at the Referee Station at least 30 minutes prior to their assigned game. Failure to appear on time may result in a replacement referee crew being assigned to the field. Once a replacement crew has been assigned, they will have priority and the original crew must report to the Referee station for alternative assignment. D. Upon completing each game assignment (or standby assignment), each referee will have their Card validated by the Tournament Referee Staff. When all of their game assignments have been completed, the referee crew must turn in their completed Referee Card at the Referee Station. This completed Card report will be the sole basis for determining the referee deposit refund amount for the tournament team.
Referee Mementos	A. Referees will be provided with a meal provided by the Tournament, for each day that they officiate. Chilled water and snacks will also be available at the Referee Station. B. Participating referees will receive a tournament t-shirt, flipping coin and pin as mementos to thank them for their contribution.
Address:	Referee forms must be mailed with the Team Application to: THE GAMES @ Area B Tournament Registrar 9821 Santa Anita Ave Montclair, California, 91763
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