



VIP Referee



Purpose

The AYSO volunteer position of VIP (Very Important Player) Referee is intended to manage soccer matches played between teams of VIP players or between VIP players and other opponents, according to the AYSO National Rules and Regulations, the FIFA Laws of the game and the training curriculum as specified in the AYSO VIP Referee Manual. The referee is expected to cooperate with coaches and other officials to develop a positive self-image in the players and to provide a good role model for all AYSO participants.

Specific Duties and Responsibilities

The VIP Referee is expected to:

1. Support the VIP Program and the National Referee Program in both specifics and in spirit;
2. Attend specific VIP and referee training courses to develop refereeing skills;
3. Attend referee refresher courses (continuing education training) as necessary to become familiar with changes to the AYSO Rules and Regs, FIFA Law knowledge, VIP specific rules;
4. Officiate VIP matches to which he/she is assigned according to the AYSO Rules and Regs, the FIFA Laws of the Game and prevailing VIP guidelines;
5. Work with VIP coaches and buddies at the games to secure fun, fair and safe play;
6. Promote the AYSO philosophies;
7. Support the VIP Administrator, Regional Commissioner and Region staff;
8. Attend Regional referee meetings before and during the season as required;
9. Cooperate with the Regional Referee Administrator and the referee staff on issues pertaining to refereeing;
10. Carry out any other refereeing tasks as necessary;
11. Have FUN!

Qualifications and Desired Skills

To be considered for the position of VIP referee, the applicant must:

1. Annually submit an AYSO Volunteer Application form;
2. Pass the AYSO screening and background check;
3. Be annually approved and duly appointed as VIP Referee by the Region;
4. Demonstrate good character and reliability;
5. Have an interest in promoting the benefits of sports, especially soccer, for VIP players and their families;

6. Have an interest in helping players with physical and mental disabilities; and
7. Have an understanding of players with physical and mental disabilities.

Supervision Protocols

While performing as the VIP Referee, 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 VIP Administrator or the Regional Referee Administrator, and supervised indirectly by the Regional Commissioner; and
3. To maintain the required adult to player supervision ratio of 1:1 or less; that is one adult for every VIP player 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 player and the volunteer, no volunteer should permit himself or herself to be alone with any player or group of players (except his or her own) during AYSO-sponsored activities.

Time Commitment

The anticipated time commitment for a VIP Referee is a full year. The estimated hours to fulfill duties are approximately two hours per week during the season.

Orientation, Training, Certification, and Continued Education Provided

To prepare a volunteer for the position of VIP Referee, AYSO will offer the following educational opportunities which volunteer referees are expected to take advantage of and participate in, as appropriate.

1. Orientation by the VIP Administrator, Regional Commissioner and/or Regional Referee Administrator;
2. VIP Volunteer Training;
3. AYSO's Safe Haven Certification;
4. Training classes and continuing education; and,
5. Annual Referee Update and Player Development and Special Programs Update.

Activity Locations

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

1. Assigned field locations;
2. Assigned classroom locations;
3. The annual Section Meetings; and
4. Tournaments and other secondary play opportunities.