

AYSO Referee Instructor Course

Presentation Topics: Basic Referee Course

The Game of Soccer

- AYSO Tenets
- AYSO Team
- Brief History of the Game
- Spirit of the Game
- Brief Philosophy of Refereeing

Understanding Younger Players

- Managing Younger Players' Games

Pre-game and Post-game Duties

- The field (U-6/U-8/U-10)
- The ball (U-6/U-8/U-10)
- Administrative duties
- Teams and coaches
- Uniforms and safety
- Team hand shake

Starting the Game

- Proper kick off
- Keeping time
- Teams and number of players

Stopping the Game

- Ball in/out of play
- Goal
- Injury
- Substitutes and substitution

Fouls and Misconduct - Basic

- Fouls in the U-10 game
- Categories of fouls (DFK/IFK).
- Misconduct in the U-10 game
- Alternatives to the use of red and yellow cards.
- Dealing with coaches and spectators

Restarting the Game

- Throw-in (TI)
- Goal kick (GK)
- Corner kick (CK)
- Kick-off (KO)
- Free kicks (DFK & IFK)
- Penalty kick
- Dropped ball (DB)

Offside - Basic

- Offside position and offside infringement
- Exceptions to offside (throw-in, goal kick, corner kick)
- Application: judgment of involvement in active play
- Restart after offside infringement

Referee & Assistant Referee Mechanics

- Duties of the referee
- Use of whistle, hand, and voice
- Referee signals
- Referee positioning
- Assistant referee duties and signals

Fundamental Coaching Concepts

- Objectives of the Game
- Principles of Play
- Common soccer terminology

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Presentation Topics: Intermediate Referee Course

Understanding More Physically Demanding and Challenging Matches

- Importance of understanding characteristics of U-12 players
- The U-12 field, ball, and number of players
- Objectives of the Game/Principles of Play
- Common soccer terminology at the U-12 level

Fouls and Misconduct - Intermediate

- Recognizing and dealing with fouls
- Recognizing and dealing with misconduct
- The concept of advantage.

Offside – Intermediate

- Recognizing offside (as a review lesson)
- Making the offside call (scenarios)
- Referee and assistant referee positioning and signals

Interaction with Coaches and Spectators

- Importance of the referee modeling appropriate behavior
- How the referee can set the tone for the match
- Techniques for interaction with players and coaches
- Importance of the early intervention by referees
- Options for dealing with inappropriate behavior of spectators

The Referee Team and Diagonal System of Control

- Duties of the referee
- Duties of the assistant referee (emphasizing offside)
- Mechanics of the Diagonal System of Control (boxing play, restarts, etc.)
- Communication between referee and assistant referee (as a review)
- Pre-game, post-game, and half-time activities

AYSO National Referee Program

- AYSO national organizational structure
- Advisor, observer, and mentor
- AYSO Rules & Regulations
- Supporting programs: AYSO-USSF-FIFA