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AYSO
Mid-America Soccer Tournament
 formerly Tri State Games
Referee Plan



The following are guidelines that the AYSO Mid-America Soccer Tournament will apply for referees in our 2011 tournament:

<p>Commitment Requirements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. 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. B. If all assignments are completed, the entire referee deposit of \$150.00 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. C. The deposit refund check will be returned to the address shown on the Team Application form. D. Remember: the quality of officiating is largely dependent upon the experience and abilities of the referees you provide. E. If a team submits less than a full 3-person referee crew, these referees will be assigned to games. However, only a portion of the referee deposit equal to the number of referee assignments these referees complete will be refunded to the team. F. Should a team's referees fail to appear for their assigned game and no replacement referees can be found, then an equivalent portion of the team's referee deposit may be forfeited depending upon how many other assignments the referee crew may have completed.
<p>Qualification Requirements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Each referee must be an AYSO registered volunteer, with a current volunteer form on file with the NSTC, and Safe Haven certified. 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. 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 Mid-America Soccer Tournament Referee Administrator and/or Mid-America Soccer Tournament Director. E. Youth referees must be approved by their Regional Referee Administrator, by completing the Tournament Referee Authorization Letter. These referees must have their Youth Volunteer Letter with Youth Volunteer Application form attached with them at all times and present it to any Tournament official upon request. F. Youth referees will only be assigned to games where they are qualified and at least 2 years older than the age group they are officiating.
<p>Uniform Requirement</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. All referees must be in full Uniform as defined by AYSO and/or USSF, including the AYSO Badge representing the level at which you are certified. 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, unless otherwise approved by the Tournament Committee. C. Referees not in referee uniform will not be permitted to referee games, and their team's referee deposit may be subject to forfeiture.
<p>Competency Requirements & Assessments</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Three Referees, provided by each team, will be assigned to all games. B. All referees MUST have taken the AYSO Referee Safe Haven Course, either in a classroom setting or online at www.aysotraining.org. C. All referees should have taken Basic Refereeing and working toward either Intermediate and/ or Advanced Referee certifications. This tournament should be utilized by regional referees to assist in being observed and by Intermediate Referees to assist in being assessed. Every effort will be made to assign referees to neutral games at their level of competency. However, referee crews may be asked to split up in order to meet these goals.

Tournament Rules	<p>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.</p> <p>A. Only the diagonal system of control will be used.</p> <p>B. Referees will be expected to fill out the game cards and to keep track of substitutions.</p> <p>U10 and U12 players can only substitute at the following stoppages;</p> <p>A. At the end of the first quarter.</p> <p>B. At half time.</p> <p>C. At the end of the third quarter.</p> <p>D. After an injury when the referee has stopped play.</p> <p>With the referee(s) permission, a team may substitute any number of legal players at the following stoppages for U14 and U16/19:</p> <p>A. Monitored substitution will be used in U16/U19 only.</p> <p>B. Substitutions may be made at any time there is a natural stoppage of time and at the referee's discretion.</p> <p>C. Playing time for each player will be recorded on a special time monitoring form by a tournament official to ensure that every player will play half of the game.</p> <p>C. 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, or if there were spectator interference problems, or any other action that merits a report.</p> <p>D. Referees will be expected to turn in all completed game cards and misconduct reports to the Field Monitor immediately after each game.</p>
Referee Schedules	<p>A. Referee schedules will be emailed out to each team and also made available on the tournament website within 2 weeks 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.</p>
Referee Check-In	<p>A. All referees will be expected to check in at the Referee Station upon their arrival at the tournament to register and collect schedules.</p> <p>B. At check-in, each referee team will be provided with a summarized set of tournament rules that they will be expected to administer.</p> <p>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.</p>
Referee Mementos	<p>A. Referees will be provided with drinks, snacks at the Referee Station on Saturday & Sunday.</p> <p>B. Participating referees will receive a tournament memento to thank them for their contribution.</p>
Address:	<p>Referee forms must be mailed with the Team Application to:</p> <p>Tournament Registrar AYSO Mid-America Soccer Tournament C/O Elizabeth Kelley 1440 Buchfinck Ave. Alliance, Nebraska 69301</p>
Contact Information:	<p>Questions regarding referee requirements should be directed to:</p> <p>Call : Terry Kelley (308)760-3222 E-mail meter_man_2000@yahoo.com</p>