

Referee Mentor Guidelines

- Wear a **RED** jersey
- Show up 15 minutes before kick-off to introduce yourself to the entire ref crew
- Monitor the pre-game instructions and offer constructive advice
- Make small corrections to both assistant referees in real time during the match if necessary
- Make sure the AR's are filling out the line-up cards properly at the breaks
- Monitor the half-time discussion and give the center referee positive feedback and try to include one or two areas for improvement
- If necessary, aid the CR in sideline management.

Please help educate players, coaches and spectators in appropriate behavior. Be proactive – don't wait for a situation to escalate. Try to handle inappropriate sideline behavior before the CR has to stop the match. If necessary, encourage the CR to handle the situation appropriately. You are an extension of the ref crew, but the CR is ultimately in control of the match.

Make sure you highlight the strengths of the referees you mentor while you give them one or two things to build on. Encourage watching professional matches to improve their understanding of the game and how it is managed at different levels.

Be positive in your interactions with fellow referees, spectators, coaches, and players. As Mentors, it is our mission to help improve every aspect of the AYSO match experience.