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27th Annual Michael Karlin AYSO Beverly Hills Sportsmanship Cup Referee Plan



The following are guidelines that the Michael Karlin AYSO Beverly Hills Sportsmanship Cup will apply for referees in our December 13 -14, 2025 tournament:

Commitment Requirements	A. Each team participating in the 2025 Michael Karlin AYSO Beverly Hills Sportsmanship Cup is encouraged to provide at least ONE (1) referee crew consisting of THREE (3) qualified referees. All must be comfortable, educated, and capable of officiating games at the age level of your team and are expected to be available for the entire tournament. B. At least ONE (1) member of the referee team must be capable of Centering at the age level of your team. C. Beverly Hills Sportsmanship Cup Referee Information should be submitted with the online application at the tournament website. The Beverly Hills Sportsmanship Cup Referee Information Form may also be completed, approved by the Region Referee Administrator and returned with the Team Application. D. 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. E. If all assignments are completed, the entire referee deposit of \$400.00 will be refunded within 14 days of the completion of the tournament. If six, seven or eight assignments are completed, then a partial refund will be provided equal to the proportion of assignments completed. The deposit refund check will be returned to the address for the team's region. F. Remember: the quality of officiating is largely dependent upon the experience and abilities of the referees you provide G. If a team submits less than a full 3-person referee crew, these referees will be assigned to games, however only a proportion of the referee deposit equal to the number of assignments these referees complete will be refunded to the team. H. Should a team's referees fail to appear for their assigned game and no replacement referees can be found, then the entire team's referee deposit may be forfeited regardless of how many other assignments the referee crew may have completed.
Qualification Requirements	A. Each referee must be an AYSO registered volunteer and properly certified. All AYSO volunteer requirements must be met (Safe Haven, Sudden Cardiac Arrest, and Concussion Awareness). 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 be allowed to officiate as long as they meet all other referee requirements. 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 Beverly Hills Sportsmanship Cup Referee Administrator. F. Youth referees will be allowed to officiate. Care must be taken when considering whether to allow a youth referee to officiate in a tournament environment. These referees must have their Youth Volunteer Application form with them at all times and present it to any Tournament official upon request. G. 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. H. FIFA referees who are qualified AYSO referees are allowed to wear their FIFA badge; however, they must be prepared to certify to the tournament staff that they are properly certified AYSO volunteer referees.

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 to the extent possible: U-10: Regional Badge or higher for Center and AR U-12: Intermediate Badge or higher for Center, Regional Badge or higher for AR U-14: Intermediate Badge or higher for Center and AR Any exceptions must have the prior written approval of the Beverly Hills Sportsmanship Cup Referee Administrator. B. Every effort will be made to assign referees to neutral games at their level of competency or below. In some 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. 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, or if there were spectator interference problems, or any other action that merits a report. E. Referees will be expected to turn in all completed game cards and misconduct reports to the Field Monitor immediately after each game. F. Each referee team will submit a single score for each team to the Field Director after each game. The referees' scoring is final and not subject to protest. Individual teams will be evaluated using a point system. Each team can earn a maximum of 100 points per game. The factors to be evaluated at each game are found in the following table: A more detailed description of the factors will be provided to coaches and referees <table><tr><th>Players</th><th>Coaches</th><th>Spectators</th></tr><tr><td>Total of 50 points</td><td>Total of 25 points</td><td>Total of 25 points</td></tr><tr><td>Courtesy to opponents and to teammates</td><td>Cooperation with officials</td><td>Cooperation with officials</td></tr><tr><td>Cooperation with officials</td><td>Positive coaching and encouragement</td><td>Remaining 2 yards off the line</td></tr><tr><td>Appearance</td><td>Line-up cards properly completed</td><td>Encouragement without coaching</td></tr></table> G. Deductions and Cards. (1) Ten (10) points will be deducted for each yellow card infraction and fifty (50) points will be deducted for a red card infraction. (2) Red Card or Send-Off: Player must leave the field (under supervision of their parent or safe haven adult) and is suspended for the next game. (3) Yellow Card or Caution: if player receives two yellow cards in different games, player is suspended for the following game. (4) In addition, field directors have 5 discretionary points that they may deduct based on conduct at check-in and at other times before and after games	Players	Coaches	Spectators	Total of 50 points	Total of 25 points	Total of 25 points	Courtesy to opponents and to teammates	Cooperation with officials	Cooperation with officials	Cooperation with officials	Positive coaching and encouragement	Remaining 2 yards off the line	Appearance	Line-up cards properly completed	Encouragement without coaching
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	H. In accordance with the Laws of the Game, coaches and spectators are not subject to receiving cards. However, the referee may note coach and spectator conduct in awarding sportsmanship points, and may eject and send off from the area of a field a coach or assistant coach or spectator who, in the referee's opinion, is disruptive or interfering with the control of the game. The referee may suspend play until the person leaves, and can terminate the game for willful noncompliance. A written referee's report will be filed with the Tournament Director in the case of all red cards or send-offs, and a copy will be forwarded to the offending team member's Regional Commissioner and Area Director.
Referee Schedules	A. Referee schedules will be available on the tournament website during the week leading up to the tournament start date. 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 sign-in so they receive credit. B. At check-in, each referee team will be provided with a summarized set of tournament rules that they will be expected to administer. 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 and/or loss of credit toward the team's referee refund for that assignment. Once a replacement crew has been assigned, they will have priority and the original crew must report to the Referee station for alternative assignment.
Referee Mementos	A. Referees will be provided with a meal ticket for food and drink at the concession stand for each day that they officiate. Water will 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 information should be submitted with the online application at the tournament website. OR may be mailed to: Tournament Registrar AYSO 76 P.O. Box 1761 Beverly Hills, CA 90213
Contact Information:	Questions regarding referee requirements should be directed to: Jeff Wolfe at cupref@ayso76.org Web site www.ayso76.org