



## FIVE STEPS TO BE A REFEREE

Thank you for becoming a referee for our kids in AYSO Region 13!

Please follow these five steps to ensure that you will provide a world-class experience for our children and help all of our games be safe, fair, and fun.

1. First, please let us know your preferences as a Referee (for team, division, and so on) by submitting this short **Volunteer Preferences Form**: <https://goo.gl/ioLsFb>
2. Submit a **National Volunteer Application for MY2017** starting at this link: <https://goo.gl/qQXNoG>  
Every volunteer (coach, referee, board member, team parent, etc.) submits one National Volunteer Application each year (annually). These applications are delivered to AYSO's national headquarters for an annual background check, which screens for volunteers' suitability to work with children for AYSO.
3. **Get Trained and Certified for Your Level.** You can take the following courses anywhere in the country -- but we recommend Region 13 because our training encompasses our region's unique culture:

**I'm new to being a referee and my kid (or sibling!) is playing 6U, 7U, or 8U**

Take the "U8 Official" Course, which is offered in our clubhouse on:

- \*Saturday August 26 at 8:00 AM till noon
- \*Thursday. August 31 at 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM
- \*Saturday Sept. 2 at 8:00 AM till noon  
(warning: Labor day weekend!)

**I'm new to being a referee and my kid (or sibling!) is playing 10U or older**

Take the "Basic Referee" Course, which is offered in our clubhouse on:

- \*Sat. August 26 at 8 AM -5:30 PM
- \*Sat. Sept. 2 at 8AM -5:30 PM  
(warning: Labor day weekend!)

**I've refereed at U8 or below, but now my kid (or whoever I am volunteering for) will be playing 10U or older**

Take the "U8-to-Basic Referee Upgrade" Course, which is offered in our clubhouse on:

- \*Saturday August 26 at 10:30 AM -5:30 PM
- \*Saturday Sept. 2 at 10:30 AM -5:30 PM  
(warning: Labor day weekend!)

**I'm already a Regional Referee, and I've done it for a couple of years or my kid is moving up to 12U**

We strongly encourage you to take the "Intermediate Referee" Course:

- \*Region 13 course in our clubhouse Aug 18-19

For all courses (in Region 13 or elsewhere), you must register at [AYSOU.org](http://AYSOU.org) (you must have your Blue Sombrero Volunteer application submitted before you can create your AYSOU.org account). To find the referee class you need on AYSOU.org, follow this path: My Courses -> Instructor Lead Courses -> Referee Instructor Lead Courses. Click on the "sessions" button to see all possible courses, and scroll until you find the one you want to attend.

4. Complete AYSO's **Concussion Awareness** class (online) unless you have taken it in a prior year: Concussions can happen at any age. As a referee, you are trusted to recognize a potential concussion, and this course will help.
  - a. First submit your National Volunteer Application before attempting to access the training.
  - b. Go to AYSO's online training center (AYSO U) with this link: <http://www.aysou.org>
  - c. Enter your login information (either your eAYSO login ID or your Blue Sombrero login ID, if different).
  - d. In AYSO, click on "My Courses" and choose "CDC Concussion Course".

- e. When you reach the “Heads Up” course, it will ask for your email address. If it does not accept your email address, please enter your eAYSO login ID or your Blue Sombrero login ID, if different.
5. Complete **AYSOs Safe Haven** training unless you have taken since 2013: Referees may take AYSOs Safe Haven either online or in person (coaches are required to take it in person). To take the course online, follow the same path as in step 4 above, but select the Safe Haven course. To take the course in person, follow the same path as in step 3, except select “Safe Haven Instructor led courses.”

**Note to longtime referees:** If you took Safe Haven before 2012, you will need to update your Safe Haven credentials by taking the new version of the class. Looking at your course transcript history (in eAYSO or AYSOU), you will satisfy this requirement if your transcript shows credit for the class entitled, “AYSOs Safe Haven”.

**With any questions:** Please contact Steve Hawkins, Director of Referee Instruction, at [refsteve@eyry.org](mailto:refsteve@eyry.org).

We look forward to having you as a Referee this Fall!