

**La Mesa AYSO Region 89
10U thru 19U Core Volunteer Referee Points Program**

Overview

All coaches, levels 10U and above, must produce volunteer referees who accrue a total of **40 points** for their team. Failure to accrue 40 points may result in teams not being eligible for participation in Area V Invitational Tournaments.

Volunteer referees earn **points** by:

- (1) being trained, certified, uniformed, and associated with a team;
- (2) signing up for matches in the Area scheduler;
- (3) centering matches for 4 points each; assistant refereeing 10U or 12U matches for 2 points each; assistant refereeing 14U matches for 3 points each; assistant refereeing 16 or 19U matches for 4 points each;
- (4) participating in the Mount Helix Labor Day Classic in a mentoring session (either as mentee or mentor); three matches at any level or role = 7 points

New volunteer referees also can earn **Bonus points**. Up to 12 points may be Bonus points. Points are earned after a new Referee center referees his or her second match (6 points).

The following **Requirements** have been put in place to ensure the integrity of the point system.

- Referees should volunteer to officiate La Mesa matches in the proper division for their level of training. Referees should not center matches for teams on which they have family, or teams they are coaching.
- Referees should sign up for matches in the Area scheduler website in advance of matches. To receive points, Referees must be uniformed.
- Coaches and Team Parents are the main recruiters for the point system.
- The Regional Referee Administrator (RRA) is responsible for tracking and reporting points to all stakeholders and participants.
- Referees must be identified, assigned to teams, and actively accruing points by September 25. Referees may not be assigned to teams to accrue points after this date.
- La Mesa will offer no new trainings after September 25. All referees must be certified and approved by the RRA before signing up for matches.

Purpose of the Point Program

The AYSO program is entirely based on the participation of volunteers including parents, Coaches, and Referees. The Volunteer Referee Points program is designed to ensure matches are conducted in a Fair, Safe and Fun manner with increased participation of parent and youth volunteers. The goal of this program is to recruit volunteers and distribute officiating responsibilities to new and returning referees from all participating teams.

Key Elements

1. Each team, 10U to 19U, should supply volunteer referees to participate in the points program. Coaches and Team Parents are responsible for recruiting these volunteers. Referees must be identified, assigned to teams, and active by September 25.
2. Recruited volunteers, 10U to 19U, must fulfill the minimum number of points by end-of season.
3. If the team volunteers do not meet the minimum requirement for points, the team may not be allowed to participate in Area V Invitational Tournaments.

Participation Requirements

The following requirements apply:

- Teams must accrue **40 points** by the last match of regular Fall Season.
- It is the responsibility of the Coach to inform the RRA of Referees accruing points for his or her team. A points spreadsheet will be maintained by the RRA and shared bimonthly with coaches, referees, and Regional board members.
- Teams must identify their participating referee by September 25, and referees must be trained and actively accruing points by that date.
- Teams must earn a minimum of **4 points each month** of the regular season (September, October, November) so Referees are available throughout the entire regular season.
- A team may have multiple volunteers; however, a single volunteer cannot accrue points for multiple teams unless the volunteer has relatives on all teams.
- All Referees must be trained, AYSO-Certified (of any level), whose credentials have been vetted and approved by the Regional Referee Administrator (RRA).
- A referee must be in uniform for a match to count toward team points.

Note: The only exception to this rule is if there is not full coverage and the

Referee agrees to officiate at the last minute, so long as he or she is not related to a Coach or team member of either team.

- Volunteers must sign up for matches in the Area scheduler website. This will be the account of record for participation in the point system. If a referee signs up late for a match, **he or she will update the Area schedule the same day**, so points may be properly tracked.
- Unless specifically approved by the Referee Administrator, Referees shall not volunteer for or be assigned to officiate games involving any team they are coaching or for which children, siblings or other relatives play.
- It is not recommended for Coaches to be their team referee. If they do, they shall not Referee matches in their own Division (i.e. Boys U10, Girls U12, etc.)

Types of Points

Regular Points

Each Referee or Assistant Referee will earn points for each 10U or above match as described in the following table. A referee who misses a game assignment will not receive any points for that game. A referee who signs up at the last minute (not in the Area schedule) may still receives point for that match, provided he or she is in uniform and updates the Area scheduler the same day as the match.

Position	Points
Referee (Center)	4
Assistant Referee 10U-12U	2
Assistant Referee 14U	3
Assistant Referee 16U-19U	4
Mentoring	2
Participate in 3 matches at the Labor Day tournament (including as mentor or mentee)	7

Bonus Points

As an added incentive for recruiting, teams may earn bonus points for new adult and youth referees following the guidelines discussed below. No team may earn more than 12 initial bonus points in any one season. The remainder of the points earned must be Regular Points from refereeing.

A team whose referee list includes one new Referee will earn bonus points (6) for each Referee that completes Regional Referee Training and Certification and referees (in the center position) at least two matches.

A team whose referee list includes two new Referees will earn another (6) points immediately following the second game refereed by that team's second new Referee.

Communication of Point System

The Regional Commissioner, RRA, or their designees shall communicate and support the Referee Point System to all coaches at the general coaches meeting. The Regional Coach Administrator and Regional Coach Instructors will also communicate the Referee Point System to all coaches during each Coach course. This point document will be distributed to coaches and available upon request.

10U Assigned Match System (Core season, weeks 3+)

A provisional assigned match system will be put in place for 10U matches starting September 15. 10U teams will be assigned primary responsibility for coverage of other 10U matches, with coaches assigned to weekends. It is the assigned team's responsibility to provide one certified Referee for an assigned match. Referees will accrue points for assigned matches per the point system. Assignments will be evenly distributed so all 10U teams are contributing equally.

The RA will maintain the assigned match schedule and distribute it to all 10U coaches and Referees.

Failing to provide one referee for an assigned match can result in the removal of referee points from a team's total (at the discretion of the RA). If the team has a conflict with an assigned weekend, the team can:

- Switch assignments with another 10U team
- Contact the RA by **Wednesday** prior to the match to see if another volunteer can be found

Team Volunteer Form

The Coaches will be required to sign and turn in to the Division Representatives, no later than September 15, the volunteer referee form containing the name(s) **and signatures** of any persons who are willing to volunteer as referees or assistant referees on behalf of that team. Coaches can submit those forms as early as August 1st.

The RA in conjunction with the CPVA will assist the volunteers in completing AYSO Volunteer Registration forms, training, and other certification prior to refereeing.

If no parents volunteer, the form is still to be returned signed by the Coach.

Roles and Responsibilities

Coaches and Team Parents

Coaches and team parents must:

1. Recruit parent volunteers to be team referees;
2. Submit the Team Referee Volunteer Form to the Division Representatives on time;
3. Contact his/her referee(s) during the season to get season to date updates on points accumulated or track points earned by viewing the regional web site for current referee point's information; and
4. Two weeks prior to the end of the season, contact the Referee Administrator to confirm accumulated points.

Regional Referee Administrator (RRA)

The RRA and his/her staff will collect team volunteer names, provide training and uniforms, and record the points earned during the season. Whether a Referee is qualified to Referee in divisions U12 and above will be subject to the discretion of the RRA and/or Director of Referee Instruction and/or Director of Referee Assessment, and persons who believe that they are qualified to referee games in those older divisions may request that their qualifications to do so be assessed by the above-referenced regional board members

Training

Referee training classes will be held before the commencement of the season. Dates, times and locations will be announced as they become available. Interested persons may also seek permission from other regions to attend their training classes.

Reporting

Each team referee will be responsible for reporting his or her weekly assignments to the referee coordinator. The preferred method is by registering for the match prior to the match date; however, exceptions always occur. If a referee participates "last minute," they must either update the Area website or contact the RRA the same day to receive proper and timely point allocation.

The RRA will send a spreadsheet via email to all coaches and referees subject to the point system to provide bimonthly reporting on participation and report accrual.

Scheduling

The RRA, Director of Referee Instruction, and Director of Referee Assessment have the discretion to alter assignments if they determine it is necessary to do so. In addition, they will monitor whether any referee is qualified to referee a particular match and may alter assignments based on that monitoring (for example, if the volunteer does not have the proper training, has a child on the team, or is a coach in that division).

For 10U, provisional weekend assignments will be pre-scheduled by the RRA.

Regional Commissioner and Board Members

This program does not change the rule that the eligibility of a team to participate in post-season play is subject to the discretion of the Regional Commissioner and the Board Members whether or not that team has earned the minimum number of referee points.

For example, if the highest placed team in a division that has earned the minimum number of referee points has lost more games than it won, the Regional Commissioner and Board Members will determine if that team is eligible for post season play. The program does mean that if no team in a particular division earns the minimum number of referee points, then Region 89 will not be sending any team from that division to participate in post season play.