



AYSO REGION 87 VOLUNTEER POINT POLICY

Fall 2018 Season

OBJECTIVES

AYSO Region 87 is an all-volunteer organization and parents of every player are expected to support the program. To that end, we will strive to:

- Develop and maintain a strong Region 87 referee team by encouraging new referee volunteers, training current referee volunteers, and providing quality guidance and mentoring.
- Have every team provide a minimum of TWO, preferably THREE, trained referees.
- Have a certified 3 man referee team with neutral center referee in every game at U9 and above.
- Have certified center referee at each 8U game. 8U referee can be from one of the playing teams.
- Develop youth referees (minimum age 12). The youth referee protection policy will be strictly enforced in all divisions; any kind of harassment to any referee will not be tolerated (Youths can referee games two years down from their own age – A 12 year old can do 10U games...)
- Create an environment of fun, camaraderie, support, and confidence for all referees as there is a chronic, significant shortage of certified and qualified referees and we want to reduce the load on those super referees each year.

REFEREE VOLUNTEER POINT SYSTEM

- This policy rewards teams by using points earned as the sole criteria for determining eligibility for 9U/10U/12U/14U teams to participate in a *bonus/Invitational* Region 87 Post Season Tournament.
- Each team will earn 2 points for providing an eligible Referee (the Center position). This is to encourage parents to step up and administer the games to be played.
- Teams will earn 1 point for providing an eligible Assistant Referee. In addition, for games at 14U and above, Assistant Referees will be awarded 1 bonus point per game due to the duration and general higher level of game.
- Mentors will earn 1 volunteer point (scheduled through system) for each game hour that they are mentoring. ALL MENTORS MUST BE APPROVED BY THE RRA PRIOR TO BEING SCHEDULED
- 2 points per year can be earned for attending the Area 11L referee assessor class or Referee upgrade class.
- **ONLY GAMES PLAYED AT 9U AND ABOVE QUALIFY FOR POINTS EARNED** (games at 8U have their own points program... and do not qualify for 9U and up as points earned).
- Teams **playing only Region 87 games (9U – 12U)** will need to earn a minimum of volunteer points to be eligible for the Bonus Region 87 Post Season Tournament

2018 Fall Season Point Requirement: 14 points required



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Teams involved with AREA PLAY (14U – 19U and EXTRA) will need to earn volunteer points to support Region 87 based on the number of Home games played (in Region 87). If a team does not support the region; Tournament applications will not be approved by the region.

6 home games = 14 points required

5 home games = 13 points required

(Remember – 14U and up games earn 2 points for the AR position)

- Final Points will be evaluated 1 week prior to season end. Games *scheduled* by referees for the final weekend of regular season play can be used to determine a team's eligibility for the *bonus* Region 87 Post Season Tournament.
- The Regional Referee Administrator (“RRA”) will administer this Volunteer Point System. Status of team points is available through the referee's page of the Region 87 website or by contacting the referee administrator.

ELIGIBLE REFEREES

Eligible referees are defined as follows:

- Referees MUST have at least a Regional badge, they MUST be a registered AYSO volunteer for 2017 season (via the Blue Sombrero Registration System) and **AT LEAST ONE TEAM REFEREE MUST** be related to a player on his/her designated team.
- Referees may represent more than 1 team; however, the referee must be associated with a team no later than the 5th week of the season (October 6th, 2017) and no Referee can provide any more than 5 points in a season to any other team beyond a team where their child/family is playing (unless they have no children in the program)
- Referees must be in full uniform to earn points (scheduled or fill-in) and the game must be played in Region 87. **No out of region games will be credited.**
- Referees must be scheduled through the self-schedule (MatchTrak) program to earn points for a game. If the referee is a last minute fill-in referee for a game, the referee must be in full uniform and must contact referee staff to earn volunteer points. Staff will ensure points are entered into the system.
- Region 87 desires to always provide neutral referees. No 9U or above referee representing a team is to Referee or Assistant Referee his/her own team by signing up in advance. That said, if within 24 hours before game time a referee is needed, **a referee may sign up for his/her child's game or fill in for missing referees (points only if in uniform, referee must claim points).**
- Coaches or spouses of coaches who are referees are not allowed to Center referee standings games in the same division as their respective team.
- Referees who officiate 5 or more games in the Fall season **AND** participate in the *bonus* Region 87 Post Season Tournament will have their child receive priority



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registration for a team in the Spring Season. There is no guarantee of a Spring Season or placement on a Spring team.

- Mentors must be in full uniform, scheduled through the scheduling system, and be pre-approved to be a mentor by the RRA.

For our 8U Program:

THIS YEAR WE ARE INTRODUCING POINTS FOR OUR 8U DIVISION.

Each team will have to secure 4 referee points so that they can participate in the End of Season 'Friday Night Lights' game night. Also, the boys and girls team with the most points will get a Pizza party that night at the event.

For the 8U division: 1 referee slot filled = 1 point. No Referee can earn points for any games above 8U if they referee an 8U game. Referees cannot assign points to 8U teams if they do not complete the match. 8U referees can assign their points to other teams, but the goal is to ensure coverage at the 8U games.

Our Friday Night Lights program is one of the highlights of the 8U season, so please help us ensure that all teams make the night.

BONUS REGION 87 POST SEASON TOURNAMENT

- The *bonus* Region 87 Post Season Tournament requires that team referees continue to referee games. In order to stage a tournament, neutral referees are needed for these games.
- Team referees are expected to participate at least 1 level of tournament play past team elimination (once a team has been eliminated in playoffs, we still need NEUTRAL referee's for the next round of playoffs).
- **Each Year there are teams that do not earn their way into the year end tournament. This is a very tough call, but without referee coverage, we cannot play games. Please help ensure that all teams can make it to the year end tournament.**

WE ALL NEED TO REMEMBER THAT THIS IS A GAME FOR THE KIDS AND THAT THE GAMES NEED TO BE FAIR, SAFE AND FUN.

Thank you for all you do!