

AYSO Referee Training Matrix

Course	Description	Length	Prerequisites	Minimum Lead Instructor Requirements	Minimum Authorization Required
Safe Haven Referee.	This certification includes module 1 and certifies volunteers in child and volunteer protection issues for referees. <i>This is the certification course for all AYSO Referees (not coaches).</i>	1 hour	None	Referee Instructor	Regional Referee Administrator
U-8 Official	This training includes modules 1 through 7 and trains volunteers to officiate in U-8 matches.	4 hours	None	Referee Instructor	Regional Referee Administrator
Assistant Referee	This training includes modules 1 through 7 plus 10, 11, and 12 and trains volunteers in the basics of being an Assistant Referee for AYSO matches under FIFA Laws and AYSO National Rules and Regulations.	6.25 hours	None	Referee Instructor	Regional Referee Administrator
Basic Referee	This training includes modules 1 through 13 and trains referees in the basic aspects of refereeing needed to do AYSO matches under FIFA Laws and AYSO National Rules and Regulations.	8.25 hours	None	Referee Instructor	Regional Referee Administrator
Intermediate Referee	This training includes modules 14 through 19 and trains referees to do more physically demanding and challenging matches under FIFA Laws and AYSO National Rules and Regulations.	7.5 hours	Completion of the Basic Referee Course is recommended	Referee Instructor	Area Referee Administrator or Director of Referee Instruction
Advanced Referee	This training includes modules 20 through 24 and trains referees to do most matches under FIFA Laws and AYSO National Rules and Regulations.	7.25 hours	Completion of the Intermediate Referee Course is recommended	Advanced Referee Instructor	Area Referee Administrator or Director of Referee Instruction

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National Referee	This training is not modularized. The course trains referees to referee all AYSO matches under FIFA Laws and AYSO National Rules and Regulations.	15.25 hours	Completion of the Advanced Referee Course is recommended	National Referee Instructor	National Referee Administrator or Director of Referee Instruction
Referee Assessor	This training is designed to train assessors to assess officiating skills at the Advanced level.	4.5 hours	Intermediate Referee and completion of the Advanced Referee course and test	Advanced Referee Instructor and either an Assessor or National Referee Assessor	Section Referee Administrator or Director of Referee Assessment
National Referee Assessor	This training is designed to train Assessors to assess refereeing skills at the National level.	5 hours	Referee Assessor	Advanced Referee Instructor and National Referee Assessor	National Referee Administrator or Director of Referee Assessment
Annual Referee Update	This training provides continuing education for referees. Program overview, Law changes, and points of emphasis will be reviewed.	1.25 hours	None	Referee Instructor	Regional Referee Administrator
Annual Update For Referee Administrators, Instructors, and Assessors	This training provides continuing education for referee Administrators, Instructors and Assessors. Program updates and program requirements are reviewed.	1.25 hours	None	Advanced Referee Instructor	Section Referee Administrator or Director of Referee Instruction
Referee Administrator Training	This training is designed to teach potential Referee Administrators the essential activities needed to manage a referee program.	2.5 hours	None	Referee Instructor	Area Referee Administrator or Director of Instruction
Introduction to Instruction	This training is designed to teach potential instructors their role as instructors and general aspects of presenting AYSO courses using AYSO directed teaching plans.	3 hours	None	Advanced Instructor in any discipline	Area staff in any discipline

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Referee Instructor	This training is designed to teach Instructor candidates how to conduct introductory and intermediate referee training courses using AYSO directed teaching plans.	7.5 hours	Intermediate Referee & Completion of Introduction to Instruction	Advanced Referee Instructor	Area Referee Administrator or Director of Referee Instruction
Advanced Referee Instructor	This training is designed to teach Referee Instructors how to conduct advanced referee training courses using AYSO directed teaching plans.	6.5 hours	Referee Instructor and Advanced Referee	Advanced Referee Instructor	Section Referee Administrator or Director of Referee Instruction
National Referee Instructor	This training (not a course) is accomplished through mentoring while assisting with national referee training courses.	Variable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Advanced Referee Instructor - Referee Instructor Evaluator - National Referee Instructor Exam - Assist as instructor at the National Referee Course - Be evaluated and recommended for approval by a National Referee Instructor - Approved by the National Director of Referee Instruction or National Referee Administrator 	National Referee Administrator or National Director of Referee Instruction assigns mentor	National Referee Administrator or Director of Referee Instruction
Referee Instructor Evaluator	This training is designed to teach Referee Instructors to evaluate other instructors and to provide positive constructive feedback.	5.5 hours	Referee Instructor	Advanced Referee Instructor and Referee Instructor Evaluator	Section Referee Administrator or Director of Referee Instruction