



AYSO Region 177 Referee Policy and Point System

GOAL: To ensure that Region 177 provides the following levels of referee participation:

- 1) Trained referee for each U6-U8 game; and
- 2) 3 trained referees for every U10-U14 game in the region.

SPECIFICS: To improve the recruitment and participation in the referee program, we will do the following:

- 1) Provide enhanced training opportunities as follows:
 - a) We will schedule referee training to accommodate the need to train our new volunteers. We will schedule two referee classes during the month of August to accommodate teams who need to have their referees trained.
 - b) Continue to encourage the youth referee program to include the young referees who can actually serve as referees for their own teams.
- 2) Publicize the new referee policy and provide weekly updates so teams can track their progress throughout the season.

U6 – U8 POLICY:

- 1) Home team provides Region 177 trained U8 official.
- 2) Club/Parent “Linesmen” can be used at discretion of referee.
- 3) U8 Coaches are strongly encouraged to become certificated referees.

U10 – U12 POLICY:

- 1) Institute a Referee Point System for use in Belmont Cup Competition.
- 2) Teams earn up to 11 points for pool play round of Belmont Cup based on their participation in the referee program & field lining day during the season as follows:
 - a) Each team who has a volunteer at the field lining day in August to help with the initial lining/prepping of fields, will be given one point. This is the only day this point may be earned. The team volunteer must check in with the Divisional Commissioner.
 - b) Each referee volunteer who referee’s or assistant referee’s a game for U10’s and up will be given approximately 62% of a referee point towards the team that they indicate on the back of the game card. Each team will be able to earn up to 8 referee points during the season; this will be accomplished by refereeing 13 games. In order to balance the coverage over the course of the season, teams can earn a maximum of 4 points (6 or 7 games) in each half of the season, for a maximum of 8 points (13 games). See point matrix below for further explanation.
 - c) Referees will also be able to earn points during the Round Robin portion of the Belmont Cup. Teams can get credit for a maximum of 3 games, but cannot exceed 15 games total for the season and Belmont Cup games

combined. If a team has 13 games from the season, then it only needs to do 2 games during Belmont Cup to earn the max credit of 10 points. However, a team that was only able to do 10 games during the season can do 3 games in the Belmont Cup, for a total of 13 and earn 8 points. See point matrix below for further explanation.

- d) All teams will start the Belmont Cup with their referee points earned during the season, and then have the additional points earned during the Belmont Cup pool play added in, and these points will be included in the final point standings used to determine which teams advance out of pool play into the semi-final bracket.
- e) Belmont Cup will be seeded in a “competitive” format to allow the greatest opportunity for any team to advance out of pool play.

As this is a new policy this year, there will also be a detailed explanation with examples on the main referee schedule page.

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Belmont Cup Referee Points

	Games Done	Points Earned	61.6%
Belmont Cup Round Robin	15	10	10.00
	14	9	9.00
	13	8	8.00
Season 2nd Half	12	7	7.38
	11	7	6.77
	10	6	6.15
	9	5	5.54
	8	5	4.92
	7	4	4.31
	6	4	3.69
Season 1st Half	5	3	3.08
	4	2	2.46
	3	2	1.85
	2	1	1.23
	1	1	0.62

ADMINISTRATIVE NEEDS:

- 1) We will need volunteers to assist in keeping track of referee points. This should be overseen, but not done by the Referee Administrator. These points need to be tallied weekly and posted on the website so each team may track their participation. Referee points will also be credited for those volunteers administering the referee point system: 1 point per week.