



San Carlos AYSO Referee Program

A hearty welcome to those of you considering volunteering as a Referee. Every game needs 3 referees and, when counting parents with more than one kid, this requires 1 parent out of every 6 kids to help out every game. As a result, we need more referees than head coaches. Luckily, refereeing is easier to pick-up, less time consuming, and can be as rewarding. **We really need you!**

If you haven't refereed before, don't worry. You do not need previous experience -- just a willingness to come out, get involved, and have some fun. You don't even have to be an adult to volunteer. We have many siblings and former players that have joined our Youth Referee program. You only need to be 2 years older than the age group you wish to referee. We have referees of all different experience levels and a full roster of training and mentoring programs help new referees get started.

How to Get Started

1. Complete and Submit your eAYSO Volunteer Application form

Every volunteer (coach, referee, etc.) must create an eAYSO volunteer form, print it, sign it and turn it in. Go to <http://eAYSO.org/> and use the First time button to enter your complete volunteer form. If you have never used this system before, make sure to create a login account.

Hand your completed form to a course instructor, your Referee Administrator, or mail them to: San Carlos AYSO, P.O. Box 1462 San Carlos, CA 94070

This form is required every year to be covered by AYSO Accident and Liability Insurance and the US Volunteer Protection Act of 1997

2. Complete a Referee Training Course

New Referees: Take the Online Safe Haven course (see below) AND take either the U8 Official course to referee U8 players, OR take the Basic (U10) Referee course to referee U10/U12 players.

Returning Referees: Take the U8 to Basic (U10) Referee Upgrade AND Attend the Annual Update / Refresher meeting to learn about the upcoming season and any rule changes

Referee Courses

To register for classes on-line go to eAYSO or send email to the [Regional Director of Instruction](mailto:jimhopp@gmail.com) (Jim Hopp; jimhopp@gmail.com).

Safe Haven

Safe Haven™ is both a child and volunteer protection™ program. It was the first of its kind in youth sports. To ensure the safety of both children and volunteers, each volunteer is required to take a short online training session called Safe Haven™. It focuses on safety and appropriate behavior with children as well as first aid and other on-field issues. You only have to take Safe Haven certification once. But you must take it to become a referee or coach volunteer. This one hour module is simple and easy

To take the online safe haven course, you need to be a **REGISTERED** volunteer in eAYSO and have your AYSO ID in hand. To become registered, submit your eAYSO Volunteer Form listed in Step 1 above. Once your signed volunteer form is accepted, you will be registered in the eAYSO system. Doing so will allow you to see your AYSO ID when you log back in to eAYSO.org. You need to be registered AND have your AYSO ID in hand to utilize the online training site - <http://www.aysotraining.org/>

U8 Official:

This is the entry-level course to start helping out on the U8 fields. This short course of only a few hours covers all the fundamentals needed to make the field a safe, fair and fun experience for these new players of soccer. It provides an introductory taste to refereeing before taking the more comprehensive Basic (U-10) Referee. The course is one evening or half-day program. Note that you must also complete Safe Haven before you can take the field.

| Dates | Time | Course | Location |
|--------------|------------------|--------------|-------------------------|
| August 27 | 8:30am – 12 noon | U-8 Official | San Carlos Youth Center |
| August 30 | 6:30pm – 9:30pm | U-8 Official | San Carlos Youth Center |
| September 6 | 6:30pm – 9:30pm | U-8 Official | San Carlos Youth Center |
| September 11 | 8:30am – 12 noon | U-8 Official | San Carlos Youth Center |
| September 14 | 6:30pm – 9:30pm | U-8 Official | San Carlos Youth Center |

See also Area 2N for other course times and locations. If you take the course there, make sure to let us know so we get your records transferred to our region.

Basic (U-10) Referee Training:

This is the entry-level course to start working on U10 fields. This course covers all the fundamentals needed to make the field a safe, fair and fun experience for U-10 payers of soccer. The course is three evenings, or a one day class. There is also an online course option that is coupled with a shorter classroom course; contact [Jim Hopp](#) if you wish to do the online course option. Note that you must also complete Safe Haven before you can take the field.

| Dates | Time | Course | Location |
|---------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| August 27 | 8:30am – 6pm | Basic Official | San Carlos Youth Center |
| September 6-8 | 6:30pm – 9:30pm | Basic Official | San Carlos Youth Center |
| September 11 | 12:30pm – 4pm | Online companion course ¹ | San Carlos Youth Center |

See also Area 2N for other course times and locations. If you take the course there, make sure to let us know so we get your records transferred to our region.

U-8 to Basic (U-10) Referee Upgrade Training:

This is for trained U8 Officials who are looking to UPGRADE to Basic (U-10) Referee Certification. To upgrade, you only need to attend Modules 8 through 13 of the Basic (U-10) Referee course. This is generally the last half of an all day course or starts the second night of a 3-consecutive night course.

The class begins with a brief review of the U-8 material as the Basic (U-10) Referee exam is comprehensive (as are all referee exams). Or you can simply sit through the U8 Official course as a refresher.

| Dates | Time | Course | Location |
|---------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| August 27 | 12 noon – 6pm | Basic Official | San Carlos Youth Center |
| September 7-8 | 6:30pm – 9:30pm | Basic Official | San Carlos Youth Center |
| September 11 | 12 noon – 6pm | Basic Official | San Carlos Youth Center |

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¹ Online companion course requires completion of “Basic Referee Online Training” at www.aysotraining.org.