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TO: ALL COACHES, TEAMS, REFEREES and PARENTS
FROM: REGIONAL BOARD

TEAM: REFEREE RESPONSIBILITIES, DUTIES & PROCEDURES

As referees, our goal is to ensure that the games are safe, fair and fun. Just like the coaches and everyone else involved in the Region, our referees are volunteers. That person out there on the field with the whistle is a parent just like the rest of us.

Please help the Region by reminding your parents that without their help as referees, our kids will NOT be able to play their scheduled games.

Each year we have a shortage of referees and we continue to see the few and the same volunteers working extremely hard to make it possible for the games to be played. We are extending an invitation to you, come join the Rowland Referee Club. Training in AYSO is a continuing process. Only with continued education and recruitment of new volunteers to our Referee Club will guarantee the continued success of our soccer program. Referees are encouraged to continue their education by annually attending additional training and update sessions.

Every team in this region needs to provide a referee team (at least 3 people) to officiate their assigned games. In order to become a referee, you will need to be certified by a qualified instructor. You don't need any experience to become a referee- just the desire to see that the kids have a safe, fair and fun match! We have a number of beginning referee clinics which will provide you with all the information you need. In addition, we will provide you with a uniform (shirt, shorts, socks) and a whistle.

Any team/parents NOT fulfilling their duties to the kids and to the region will be sanctioned and may not be allowed to play in the year end Regional Tournament.

Rationale for AYSO Referee Certification Levels

U-8 Official

Trained in the fundamental skills needed to officiate short-sided games for players under 8 years of age

Regional Referee

Trained in the basic skills to referee AYSO matches under AYSO (FIFA) Laws and AYSO National Rules and Regulations.

Intermediate Referee

Trained in the skills needed beyond the basic level to referee soccer matches that are more physically demanding and challenging under the AYSO (FIFA) Laws and AYSO National Rules and Regulations.

Advance Referee

Trained in the skills needed to referee most upper level AYSO soccer matches under the AYSO (FIFA) Laws and AYSO National Rules and Regulations.

National Referee

Trained in the professional aspects of refereeing needed to referee the most challenging upper level matches under the AYSO (FIFA) Laws and AYSO National Rules and Regulations.

U 5 Rowland Referee Plan

ALL games, ALL levels, must use the 3 referee "Diagonal System of Control"

Only ONE (1) center referee (CR) is on the field. The Center Referee is the only person who will be using a whistle. The two Assistant referee (ARs) use flags to assist the center referee.

- The referees shall be checking in the teams at least 10 minutes before kick-off. Please start the game on time.
- Teams for the First game of the day sets up goals and paints the lines on the fields.
- Teams for the last game, takes down goals and put them away in the room.

U5 Teams 5 vs 5 (Min. 3 v 3) Always play equal amount of player per each team, if possible

- Shall provide two certified volunteers from each team to be trained and certified on how to referee the U5 games. (minimum U8 level certification).
- For the games, **you will referee your own games**. Home team shall provide the center referee.
- One person will be the Center referee, **MUST** be minimum U 8 level certification... Try to get your parents involved by asking them to be your assistant referees. If they do not want to, go ahead and start the game.
- Game cards **MUST** be given to the referee by both teams, **BEFORE**, the game starts and need to be signed and turned in to the referee room after the game.
- Coaches and/or Parents are **NOT** allowed on the playing field during the games (unless invited to do so by the Center Referee to attend to an injured player). They are to remain in the coach's area and /or on the sidelines.
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- **ALL free kicks are Direct free kicks.**
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- **NO Penalty Kicks, All restarts are Direct free kicks and in the penalty area are taken from the spot of the infraction/foul. Unless the foul is in the Goal area, then the kick is taken from the top line of the Goals Area.**
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- NO Goalkeepers & NO offside will be called.
- Nobody should be yelling at the referees.,
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- Any Problems, please notify the referee table.

U6 Rowland Referee Plan

ALL games, ALL levels, must use the 3 referee "Diagonal System of Control"

Only ONE (1) center referee (CR) is on the field. The Center Referee is the only person who will be using a whistle. The two Assistant referee (ARs) use flags to assist the center referee.

- The referees shall be checking in the teams at least 10 minutes before kick-off. Please start the game on time.
- Teams for the First game of the day sets up goals and paints the lines on the fields.
- Teams for the last game, takes down goals and put them away in the room.

U6 Teams 5 vs 5 (Min. 3 v 3) Always play equal amount of player per each team, if possible

- Shall provide three (3) volunteers from each team to be trained and certified on how to referee (minimum U8 level certification).
- For the games: **You will referee your own games.** The Home team shall provide the center referee. Visitors will provide the two (2) assistant referees.
- The game MUST start on time and end on time. The clock only stops at half time. Half time is ten minutes ONLY. If your game starts late, then your game time will be cut short. We really need to stay on schedule.
- One person will be the Center referee minimum (U 8 level certification).. If you are still missing referees, then try to get volunteers to be your assistant referees. If you cannot find a volunteer, DO NOT start the game, however, do start your watch on time. The parents need to realize that we need their help in order for our program to be a success.
- Coaches stay on the sidelines.
- Only ONE (1) center referee (CR) is on the field. The Center Referee is the only person who will be using a whistle.
- The two (2) Assistant referees (ARs) use flags to assist the center referee.
- Game cards MUST be given to the referee BEFORE the game starts and needs to be signed and turned in to the referee room after the game.
- ALL players are required to play at least 3/4 of the game.
- Coaches and/or Parents are NOT allowed on the playing field during the games (unless invited to do so by the Center Referee to attend to an injured player). They are to remain in the coach's area and /or on the sidelines.
- **ALL free kicks are Direct free kicks.**
- **NO Penalty Kicks, All restarts are Direct free kicks and in the penalty area are taken from the spot of the infraction/foul. Unless the foul is in the Goal area, then the kick is taken from the top line of the Goals Area.**
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- NO Goalkeepers & NO offside shall be called.
- Parents MUST be only on their team's sideline of the field.
- Spectators are NOT allowed behind the goals.
- Nobody should be yelling at the referees., Any Problems, please notify the referee table.

U8 Rowland Referee Plan

ALL games, ALL levels, must use the 3 referee "Diagonal System of Control"

This means the following for all games in all divisions:

- Only ONE (1) center referee (CR) is on the field. The Center Referee is the only person who will be using a whistle.
- The two Assistant referee (ARs) use flags to assist the center referee.
- The referees shall be checking in the teams at least 10 minutes before kick-off. Please start the game on time.
- Teams for the First game of the day sets up goals and paints the lines on the fields.
- Teams for the last game, takes down goals and puts them away in the room.
- Coaches and/or Parents are NOT allowed on the playing field during the games (unless invited to do so by the Center Referee to attend to an injured player). They are to remain in the coach's area and /or on the sidelines.

U8 Teams, 7vs7 (Min. 5 vs 5) Always play equal amount of player per each team, if possible

- Shall provide three (3) volunteers from each team to be trained and certified as a U08 OFFICIAL. WE would like to suggest them to take the regional referee class, they will learn about offside.
- For the games: **YOU will referee your own games.** EACH team will provide **TWO (2) U8 CERTIFIED** referees for YOUR OWN game. The Home team shall provide the center referee. Visitors will provide the two (2) assistant referees. One referee shall be on stand by in case he/she is needed.
- The game MUST start on time and end on time. The clock only stops at half time. Half time is ten minutes ONLY. If your game starts late, then your game time will be cut short. We really need to stay on schedule.
- One person will be the Center referee. If you are still missing referees, then try to get volunteers to be your assistant referees. If you cannot find a volunteer, DO NOT start the game, however, do start your watch on time. The parents need to realize that we need their help in order for our program to be a success.
- Coaches stay on the sidelines.
- Only ONE (1) center referee (CR) is on the field and is the only person who will be using a whistle.
- The two (2) Assistant referees (ARs) use flags to assist the center referee.
- Game cards MUST be given to the referee BEFORE the game starts and need to be signed and turned in to the referee room after the game.
- ALL players are **required** to (MUST) play at least 3/4 of the game.
- No Goalkeepers until the 6th week of the season.
- **Every Player shall play at least 1/2 of the game as a field player. (No player should play goalkeeper the complete game)**
- Coaches and/or Parents are NOT allowed on the playing field during the games (unless invited to do so by the Center Referee to attend to an injured player). They are to remain in the coach's area and /or on the sidelines.
- Parents MUST be only on their team's sideline of the field. Nobody is allowed behind the goals.
- **ALL free kicks are Direct free kicks.**
- **NO Penalty Kicks, All restarts are Direct free kicks and in the penalty area are taken from the spot of the infraction/foul. Unless the foul is in the Goal area, then the kick is taken from the top line of the Goals Area.**
- NO offside shall be called for the entire season.
- Nobody should be yelling at the referees. Any Problems, please notify the referee table.
- **Any team/parents NOT fulfilling their duties to the kids and to the region will be sanctioned and may not be allowed to play in the year end Regional Tournament**

U10 Rowland Referee Plan

ALL games, ALL levels, must use the 3 referee "Diagonal System of Control"

This means the following for all games in all divisions:

- Only ONE (1) center referee (CR) is on the field. The Center Referee is the only person who will be using a whistle.
- The two Assistant referee (ARs) use flags to assist the center referee.
- The referees shall be checking in the teams at least 10 minutes before kick-off. Please start the game on time.
- Teams for the First game of the day sets up goals and paints the lines on the fields.
- Teams for the last game, takes down goals and puts them away.
- Coaches and/or Parents are NOT allowed on the playing field during the games (unless invited to do so by the Center Referee to attend to an injured player). They are to remain in the coach's area and /or on the sidelines.

U10 Teams, 7 vs 7 (Min. 5 vs 5) It is polite to play equal amount of player per each team, if possible, but not required.

- Shall provide three (3) volunteers from each team to be trained and certified as a REGIONAL REFEREE or Higher.
- **HOME TEAM** will provide all three referees for the game immediately following your game, on your field. Coaches, Please try to approach the home team playing before your game to verify/remind them that they are responsible to provide referees for your game.
- **Visitor team of the second game of the day will referee the first game of the day** on their field. They will provide all three referees for the first game of the day on their field that they will be playing on. Coaches, please talk to each other to remind everyone of their referee duties.
- The game MUST start on time and end on time. The clock only stops at half time. Half time is ten minutes ONLY. If your game starts late, then your game time will be cut short. We really need to stay on schedule.
- One person will be the Center referee. And MUST be min. Regional Certification. If you are still missing referees, then try to get volunteers to be your assistant referees. If you cannot find a volunteer, DO NOT start the game, however do start your watch on time. The parents need to realize that we need their help in order for our program to be a success.
- Coaches stay on the sidelines.
- Only ONE (1) center referee (CR) is on the field. The Center Referee is the only person who will be using a whistle.
- The two (2) Assistant referees (ARs) use flags to assist the center referee.
- Game cards MUST be given to the referee BEFORE the game starts and need to be signed and turned in to the referee room after the game.
- ALL players are **required** to (MUST) play at least 3/4 of the game.
- **Every Players should play at least 1/2 of the game as a field player. (No player should play goalkeeper the complete game)**
- Coaches and/or Parents are NOT allowed on the playing field during the games (unless invited to do so by the Center Referee to attend to an injured player). They are to remain in the coach's area and /or on the sidelines.
- Parents MUST be only on their team's sideline of the field. Spectators are NOT allowed behind the goals.
- Offside shall be called.
- Nobody should be yelling at the referees. Any Problems, please notify the referee table.
- **Any team/parents NOT fulfilling their duties to the kids and to the region will be sanctioned and may not be allowed to play in the year end Regional Tournament**

U12 Rowland Referee Plan

ALL games, ALL levels, must use the 3 referee "Diagonal System of Control"

- Only ONE (1) center referee (CR) is on the field. The Center Referee is the only person who will be using a whistle.
- The two Assistant referee (ARs) use flags to assist the center referee.
- The referees shall be checking in the teams at least 10 minutes before kick-off. Please start the game on time.
- Teams for the First game of the day sets up goals and paints the lines on the fields.
- Teams for the last game, takes down goals and puts them away.
- Coaches and/or Parents are NOT allowed on the playing field during the games (unless invited to do so by the Center Referee to attend to an injured player). They are to remain in the coach's area and /or on the sidelines.

U12 Teams, 9 vs 9 (Min. 7 vs 7) It is polite to play equal amount of player per each team, if possible, but not required.

- Shall provide three (3) volunteers from each team to be trained and certified as a REGIONAL REFEREE.
- **HOME TEAM** will provide all three referees for the game immediately following your game, on your field. Coaches, Please try to approach the home team playing before your game to verify/remind them that they are responsible to provide referees for your game.
- **Visitor team of the second game of the day will referee the first game of the day** on their field. Yes, they will need to come early. They will provide all three referees for the first game of the day on their field that they will be playing on. Coaches, please talk to each other to remind everyone of their referee duties.
- One person will be the Center referee. If you are still missing referees, then try to get volunteers to be your assistant referees. If you cannot find a volunteer, DO NOT start the game, however, do start your watch on time.
- Coaches stay on the sidelines.
- Only ONE (1) center referee (CR) is on the field. The Center Referee is the only person who will be using a whistle.
- The two (2) Assistant referees (ARs) use flags to assist the center referee.
- Game cards MUST be given to the referee BEFORE the game starts and need to be signed and turned in to the referee room after the game.
- ALL players are **required** to (MUST) play at least 3/4 of the game.
- Coaches and/or Parents are NOT allowed on the playing field during the games (unless invited to do so by the Center Referee to attend to an injured player). They are to remain in the coach's area and /or on the sidelines.
- Parents MUST be only on their team's sideline of the field. Spectators are NOT allowed behind the goals.
- Offside shall be called.
- Nobody should be yelling at the referees. Any Problems, please notify the referee table.
- **Any team/parents NOT fulfilling their duties to the kids and to the region will be sanctioned and may not be allowed to play in the year end Regional Tournament**

U14 Rowland Referee Plan

ALL games, ALL levels, must use the 3 referee “Diagonal System of Control”

- Only ONE (1) center referee (CR) is on the field. The Center Referee is the only person who will be using a whistle.
- The two Assistant referee (ARs) use flags to assist the center referee.
- The referees shall be checking in the teams at least 10 minutes before kick-off. Please start the game on time.
- Coaches and/or Parents are NOT allowed on the playing field during the games (unless invited to do so by the Center Referee to attend to an injured player). They are to remain in the coach's area and /or on the sidelines.

U14 Teams, 11vs 11 (Min. 7 vs 7) It is polite to play equal amount of player per each team, if possible, but not required

- Shall provide three (3) volunteers from each team that have been trained and certified as Regional Referees and encouraged to become an Intermediate Referee.
- Referee schedule will be made available.
- Your team referees shall be ready at all games to help and also for the lower level games.
- One person will be the Center referee. If you are missing referees, then try to get volunteers to be your assistant referees. If you cannot find a volunteer, DO NOT start the game, however, do start your watch on time. The parents need to realize that we need their help in order for our program to be a success.
- Coaches stay on the sidelines.
- Only ONE (1) center referee (CR) is on the field. The Center Referee is the only person who will be using a whistle.
- The two (2) Assistant referees (ARs) use flags to assist the center referee.
- Game cards MUST be given to the referee BEFORE the game starts and need to be signed and turned in to the referee room after the game.
- ALL players are **required** to (MUST) play at least 1/2 of the game.
- Coaches and/or Parents are NOT allowed on the playing field during the games (unless invited to do so by the Center Referee to attend to an injured player). They are to remain in the coach's area and /or on the sidelines.
- Parents MUST be only on their team's sideline of the field. Spectators are NOT allowed behind the goals.
- Offside shall be called.
- Nobody should be yelling at the referees.
- Any Problems, please notify the referee table.
- **Any team/parents NOT fulfilling their duties to the kids and to the region will be sanctioned and may not be allowed to play in the year end Regional Tournament**

U16 & U19 Rowland Referee Plan

ALL games, ALL levels, must use the 3 referee “Diagonal System of Control”

Only ONE (1) center referee (CR) is on the field. The Center Referee is the only person who will be using a whistle.

- The two Assistant referee (ARs) use flags to assist the center referee.
- Coaches and/or Parents are NOT allowed on the playing field during the games (unless invited to do so by the Center Referee to attend to an injured player). They are to remain in the coach's area and /or on the sidelines.

U16 & U19 Teams 11vs 11 (Min. 7 vs 7) It is polite to play equal amount of player per each team, if possible, but not required

- Shall provide three people from each team to be trained and certified as a Regional Referee & an Intermediate Referee or above.
- Referee schedule will be made available.
- Your referee team shall be available to referee our regions game assignments.
- One person will be the Center referee. If you are missing referees, then try to get volunteers to be your assistant referees. If you cannot find a volunteer, DO NOT start the game, however, do start your watch on time. The parents need to realize that we need their help in order for our program to be a success.
- Coaches stay on the sidelines.
- Only ONE (1) center referee (CR) is on the field. The Center Referee is the only person who will be using a whistle.
- The two (2) Assistant referees (ARs) use flags to assist the center referee.
- Game cards MUST be given to the referee BEFORE the game starts and need to be turned in to the referee room after the game with both team time sheets.
- ALL players are **required** to (MUST) play at least 1/2 of the game.
- Coaches and/or Parents are NOT allowed on the playing field during the games (unless invited to do so by the Center Referee to attend to an injured player). They are to remain in the coach's area and /or on the sidelines.
- Parents MUST be only on their team's sideline of the field. Spectators are NOT allowed behind the goals.
- Offside shall be called.
- Nobody should be yelling at the referees.
- **Any team/parents NOT fulfilling their duties to the kids and to the region will be sanctioned and may not be allowed to play in the year end Regional Tournament**