

## 2008 REGION 58 REFEREE POINTS POLICY

This season there will be about 100 teams in our Competitive Divisions (U10 and above). Every Saturday there are 50 games for which we must provide three certified referees per game. That's 150 referee/games per week!

As an all volunteer organization, we need the help of all members of the AYSO community (coaches, parents, players, friends, relatives, etc.) to achieve our goal of providing enough referees to cover these games every week. Our young athletes count on us to provide referees for each game whether it is early in the morning, late in the afternoon, or somewhere in between, and we can't let them down.

Therefore, in order to better accomplish our goal, Region 58 has instituted the following Referee Points Policy:

1. Each U10, U12 and U14 team is responsible for obtaining a minimum of 15 total referee points no later than by the end of games played on Saturday November 22, 2008.

2. Referee points may only be earned as follows:

- a) One referee point shall be earned by a certified referee for each game actually worked as an Assistant Referee (line ref);
- b) One referee point shall be earned by a certified referee for each game actually worked as a Center Referee;
- c) Referee points shall only be allocated to a specific team if the referee donating the point legibly prints his/her name and clearly designates the team to which the point is to be assigned, on the back of the game card at the conclusion of the game he/she referees; and
- d) Two points shall also be conditionally earned by any person not previously certified who completes the Referee Basic Certification Course immediately prior to or during the fall 2008 Season and completes and submits an on-line volunteer form. However, those two points shall not finally be earned by the referee or credited to any team unless and until the newly certified referee also earns at least 4 referee points by actually refereeing in games no later than by the end of games played on Saturday November 22, 2008.

3. In the event that any team fails to obtain at least 15 referee points by the end of games played on Saturday November 22, 2008, that team's season will end with the conclusion of its game on November 22. That team:

- a) Shall not be eligible to compete for the Region 58 Championship in its division;
- b) Shall not be eligible to compete in the Area or Section playoffs outside of Region 58; and
- c) Shall not be allowed to play in the Regional playoffs commencing on December 6 or the Friendly matches being played that day.

4. Any ambiguity or omission in this Policy shall be resolved by the Region 58 Commissioner or his designee.

Note: The regular season will conclude at the end of play on November 22, 2008. The next week of Region 58 play (after the Thanksgiving break) will be December 6. That week will be a bonus week, during which all Instructional Division teams (U8 and below) will play, as will all Competitive Division teams (U10 – U14) that have met their referee points commitments. Depending upon the playoff structure of each Competitive Division, the teams that have met their referee point commitments will either be playing a playoff match or a "friendly." The only teams competing on the final week of the season (December 13) will be Competitive Division teams that are in the semi-final and final playoff matches of their respective divisions.