# AYSO REGION 11/L/87 VOLUNTEER POINT POLICY (Fall season 2012) mod. 7/28/12

## **OBJECTIVES**

- AYSO Region 87 is an all volunteer organization. Parents of every player are expected to volunteer to support AYSO Region 87. Without parent volunteers, the kids will not be able to play soccer.
- Develop and maintain a strong Region 87 referee team by encouraging new referee volunteers
- Every team must have TWO, preferably three team referees
- Have certified 3 man referee team with neutral center referee in every game at U9 and above.
- Have certified center referee at each U8 game. U8 referee can be from one of the playing teams.
- Develop youth referees (minimum age 12). The youth referee protection policy will be strictly enforced in all divisions, along with strong measures being taken for any kind of harassment to any referee.
- Address the chronic, significant shortage of certified and qualified referees.

# REFEREE VOLUNTEER POINT SYSTEM

- This policy rewards teams by using points earned as the sole criteria for determining eligibility for U9/U10/U12/U14 teams to participate in a *bonus/Invitational* Region 87 Post Season Tournament.
- Each team will earn 2 points for providing an Eligible Center Referee. This is to encourage parents to step up and administer the games to be played.
- Teams will earn 1 point for providing an eligible Assistant Referee. In addition, for games at U14 and above, Assistant Referees will be awarded a bonus point due to the duration and general higher level of game.
- Mentors will earn 1 volunteer point (scheduled through system). ALL MENTORS MUST BE APPROVED BY THE RRA PRIOR TO SCHEDULING
- 2 points per year can be earned for attending the Area 11L referee assessor class or Referee upgrade class.
- ONLY GAMES PLAYED AT U-9 AND ABOVE QUALIFY FOR POINTS EARNED (games at U-8 and below do not qualify as points earned).
- Teams playing only Region 87 games (U9 U12) will need to earn a minimum of volunteer points to be eligible for the Bonus Region 87 Post Season Tournament

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10 game season = 14 points required
9 game season = 13 points required
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Teams involved with AREA PLAY (U14-U19 and EXTRA) will need to earn volunteer points to support Region 87 based on the number of Home games played (in Region 87). If a team does not support the region; Tournament applications will not be approved by the region.

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6 home games = 14 points required
5 game games = 13 points required
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- Points will be evaluated 1 week prior to season end. Games *scheduled* by referees for the final weekend of regular season play can be used to determine a team's eligibility for the *bonus* Region 87 Post Season Tournament.
- The Regional Referee Administrator ("RRA") will administer this Volunteer Point System. Status of team points is available through the referee's page of the Region 87 website or by contacting the referee administrator.

#### ELIGIBLE REFEREES

- Referees MUST have at least a Basic/Regional badge, MUST be a registered AYSO volunteer for 2012 season (via EAYSO.org) and AT LEAST ONE TEAM REFEREE MUST be related to a player on his/her designated team.
- Referees may represent more than 1 team, however, the referee must be associated with a team no later than the 5<sup>th</sup> week of the season (October 6, 2012).
- Referees must be in full uniform to earn points (schedule or fill-in) and the game must be played in Region 87. No out of region games will be credited.
- Referees must be scheduled through the self schedule program to earn points for a game. If the referee is a last minute fill-in referee for a game, the referee must be in full uniform and must contact referee staff to earn volunteer points (1 bonus point). This is a limitation of the on-line system and can only be input as a bonus point.
- Region 87 desires to provide neutral referees. No U9 or above referee representing a team is to Referee or Assistant Referee his/her own team by signing up in advance. That said, if within 24 hours before game time a referee is needed, a referee may sign up for his/her child's game or fill in for missing referees (points only if in uniform, referee must claim points).
- Coaches or spouses of coaches who are referees are not allowed to Center referee, standings games in the same division as their respective team.
- Referees who officiate 5 or more games in the Fall season **AND** participate in the *bonus* Region 87 Post Season Tournament will have their child receive priority registration for a team in the Spring Season. There is no guarantee of a Spring Season or placement on a Spring team.
- Mentors must be in full uniform, scheduled through the scheduling system and pre-approved to be a mentor by the RRA.

## **BONUS REGION 87 POST SEASON TOURNAMENT**

- The *bonus* Region 87 Post Season Tournament requires that team referees continue to referee games. In order to stage a tournament, neutral referees are needed for these games.
- Team referees are expected to participate at least 1 level of tournament play past team elimination (once a team has been eliminated in playoffs, we still need NEUTRAL referee's for the next round of playoffs).

WE ALL NEED TO REMEMBER THAT THIS IS A GAME FOR THE KIDS AND THAT THE GAMES NEED TO BE FAIR, SAFE AND FUN.