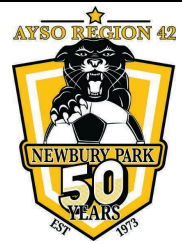




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27th Annual AYSO Panther Shootout Tournament Referee Plan



The following are guidelines that the AYSO Panther Shootout Tournament will apply for referees in our 2023 tournament:

Commitment Requirements	A. Each team participating in the Panther Shootout will provide at least 1 crew consisting of 3 qualified referees. There is a \$225 refundable referee fee, which will be refunded to teams who submit three qualified referees and fulfill all 9 assigned games. B. The Panther Shootout Referee Nomination Form must be completed, approved by the Regional Referee Administrator, and returned with the Team Application. C. The crew submitted by the team may be split up and asked to officiate different matches. The number of matches assigned to each referee will vary. These may be game assignments or standby assignments. Some referees may have NO MATCHES assigned to them. D. If no referee names are submitted on the form, the teams registration packet will be considered incomplete. E. Remember that the quality of officiating is largely dependent upon the experience and abilities of the referees we are able to provide.
Qualification Requirements	A. Each referee must be a currently registered AYSO registered volunteer and all certifications must be up-to-date for the current core season. B. Each referee must be versed in the Laws of the Game, including current law changes, and capable of applying the laws according to the spirit of the game. C. Each referee may only represent one team in the tournament. D. Players in this tournament will not be allowed to officiate. E. Coaches in this tournament will not be allowed to officiate. F. Youth referees will only be allowed if they are not a player in the tournament. Care must be taken when considering whether to allow a youth referee to officiate in the heated environment of a competitive tournament. These referees must have their Youth Volunteer Application form with them at all times and present it to any Tournament official upon request.
Uniform Requirement	A. All referees must be in full uniform as defined by AYSO and USSF, including the AYSO Badge. B. The Gold uniform will be considered the primary color of referee uniform for this tournament. The referee crew will be expected to change to an alternate color in case of conflict with either of the teams' uniforms. C. Referees not in uniform will not be permitted to referee games. D. In inclement weather, black rain pants or black warm-up pants will be permitted in addition to the official uniform.
Competency Requirements	A. Referees will be assigned to games as follows: 10U: Regional Badge or higher 12U: Intermediate Badge or higher 14U: Advanced Badge or higher Any exceptions must have the prior written approval of the Panther Shootout Referee Administrator. B. Every effort will be made to assign referees to neutral games at their level of competency or below.
Tournament Rules	A. Referees will be expected to familiarize themselves with and uphold the tournament rules, AYSO guidelines, and FIFA laws. Any failure of the referee to uphold these rules may be cause for dismissal from the tournament, and will place a team's referee deposit refund in jeopardy. B. Only the diagonal system of control will be used.

	C. Referees will be expected to fill out the game cards and to keep track of substitutions. D. Referees will be expected to note on the back of the game cards and to fill out misconduct reports immediately after the game in which a misconduct (caution and/or send-off) was issued to a player or coach, or if there were spectator interference problems, or any other action that merits a report. E. Referees will be expected to turn in all completed game cards and misconduct reports to the Field Monitor immediately after each game.
Referee Schedules	A. Referee schedules will be emailed out to each individual referee and also made available on the tournament website within one week of the tournament. Each team will be expected to ensure that the referee schedule and check-in instructions have been provided to their referee crew.
Use of Local Referees	A. Most referees will be provided by the host Region, including from the surrounding Regions and Areas to ensure all games are covered by qualified referees. B. Team provided referees will be used if the Region is unable to find enough referees
Referee Check-In	A. All referees will be expected to check in at the Referee Station upon their arrival at the tournament in order to register and to collect their Referee Voucher. B. At check-in, each referee team will be provided with a summarized set of tournament rules that they will be expected to administer. C. Referees are expected to check in at the Referee Station at least 30 minutes prior to their assigned game. Failure to appear on time may result in a replacement referee crew being assigned to the field. Once a replacement crew has been assigned, they will have priority and the original crew must report to the Referee station for alternative assignment.
Referee Mementos	A. Referees will be provided with a meal ticket for food and drink at the concession stand for each day that they officiate. Chilled water and snacks will also be available at the Referee Station. B. Participating referees will receive a flipping coin and pin as mementos to thank them for their contribution.
Address:	Referee forms must be mailed with the Team Application to: Panther Shootout Tournament PO Box 709 Newbury Park, CA 91319-0709
Contact Information:	Questions regarding referee requirements should be directed to: Tournament Director: Alex.timen E-mail: tournament.director@aysoregion42.org Website: panthershootout.aysoregion42.org