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AYSO Old Pueblo Invitational Tournament

Tucson, Arizona

Referee Plan



The following are guidelines that the AYSO Old Pueblo Invitational will apply for referees in our 2017 tournament:

Commitment Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Each team participating in the 2017 Old Pueblo Invitational must provide at least 1 crew consisting of 3 qualified referees. B. The Referee Information Form must be completed, approved by the Region Referee Administrator and returned with the Team Application. C. Each referee team will be asked to officiate a minimum of 3 matches during the tournament. These may be game assignments or standby assignments. D. Remember: the quality of officiating is largely dependent upon the experience and abilities of the referees you provide.
Qualification Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Each referee must be an AYSO registered volunteer and Safe Haven certified. All referees must take CDC Online Concussion Awareness training or equivalent certification. USSF Referees that are Safe Haven certified are acceptable. 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. Coaches in this tournament are strongly discouraged from officiating so that scheduling of referees with the best experience and without conflicts can be accomplished. If an exception is warranted due to lack of other referee volunteers, the coach must officiate a division other than that being coached. This must be approved in advance by the OPI Director of Officiating. D. Youth referees will only be allowed if they are not a player in the tournament. If an exception is warranted due to lack of other referee volunteers, the player must officiate a division other than that being participated. This must be approved in advance by the OPI Director of Officiating. As 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. E. Youth referees will only be assigned to games where they are qualified and at least 2 years older than the age group they are officiating. F. FIFA referees who are qualified AYSO referees are allowed to wear their FIFA badge; however, they must be prepared to certify to the tournament staff that they are properly certified AYSO volunteer referees.
Uniform Requirement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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.
Competency Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Referees will be assigned to games as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> U-08: Regional Badge/USSF Grade 9 or higher U-10: Regional Badge/USSF Grade 8 or higher U-12: Intermediate Badge/USSF Grade 8 or higher U-14: Advanced Badge/USSF Grade 7 or higher U-16: National Badge/USSF Grade 7 or higher Any exceptions must have the prior written approval of the OPI Director of Officiating. B. Every effort will be made to assign referees to neutral games at their level of competency or below. In rare cases, referee crews may be asked to split up in order to meet these goals.
Tournament Rules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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.

	<p>B. Only the diagonal system of control will be used.</p> <p>C. Referees will be expected to fill out the game cards and to keep track of substitutions. If it is determined by the Tournament Director that a coach has violated this time played requirement, a deduction of ½ point for each player that does not play ½ of a game will be assessed.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>E. Referees will be expected to turn in all completed game cards and misconduct reports to the Field Marshal immediately after each game.</p> <p>G. Old Pueblo Invitational Tournament conducts a Sportsmanship competition in addition to its games competition. Referees will be asked to grade each team by indicating sportsmanship levels on the back of the game cards. More details will be provided to each referee upon check-in at the tournament.</p> <p>H. Old Pueblo Invitational Tournament conducts a goal keeper competition (Payne Keeper Award). Referees will grade each keeper on the back of the game cards. (Not applicable to U-08 or U-10 division).</p>
Referee Schedules	A. Referee schedules will be emailed out to each team and also made available on the tournament website within 2 weeks 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. Additional referees will be provided by the host area, including from the surrounding regions and Areas to ensure all games are covered by qualified referees. These referees will be provided assignments on a stand-by or fill-in basis. Priority will be given to referee crews traveling with a team to the tournament.
Referee Check-In	<p>A. All referees will be expected to check in at the Referee Station upon their arrival at the tournament, to register and to collect their Referee Gifts.</p> <p>B. At check-in, each referee team will be provided with a summarized set of tournament rules that they will be expected to administer.</p> <p>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.</p>
Referee Mementos	<p>A. Referees will be provided with a meal ticket for food and drink at the referee station for each day that they officiate. Chilled water and snacks will also be available at the Referee Station.</p> <p>B. Participating referees will receive tournament mementos to thank them for their contribution.</p>
Assessments	A. The OPI will provide referees opportunities to be assessed or observed. Referee Assessors will be arranged through the local Area or Section staff. To take advantage of this opportunity, referees must register in advance with the OPI Director of Officiating (see contact section).
Address:	<p>Referee forms can be downloaded from the tournament web site and emailed to the Director of Officiating (see contact info below) or the Referee forms may be mailed to:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Tournament Registrar Old Pueblo Invitational Tournament P O Box 86891 Tucson, AZ 85754</p>
Contact Information:	<p>Questions regarding referee requirements should be directed to: Call Vickey Smith (520) 240-9558 E-mail registrar@ayso350.org Web site www.opisoccer.net/</p>