

# **AYSO National Referee Council**

## **Mission Statement**

The mission of the National Referee Council is to work collectively and cooperatively with AYSO Office professionals and Volunteer professionals to produce high quality products that support the AYSO referee community in their efforts to provide world class youth soccer programs that enrich children's lives.

## **Membership**

The Council is comprised of all AYSO Section Referee Administrators or Section Representative, the National Referee Program Administrator (NRPA), a member of the National Board of Directors (NBOD) who is the liaison between the Council and the NBOD, and a representative of the AYSO Office. See Appendix A.

## **Responsibility of the Council Chair**

The Council Chair is responsible for planning the agenda, leading and distributing the minutes of the Council meetings. The Chair is also responsible as the project manager of the Council events. As project manager, the Chair at a minimum publishes an annual summary of the Council activities, maintains the Council Charter, maintains the list of SRAs, maintains and reports progress on the annual update of the referee work products and maintains the Council Google Drive. The Chair is also responsible for interfacing with the National Coach Chair, National Management Chair and National Safety Chair as needed.

## **Responsibilities of Section members**

Work collectively and cooperatively with Council members under the guidance of the NRC Chair to maintain an outstanding referee program that serves the entire AYSO referee community and achieves the Council's mission. Recruit other volunteers from their Section to support the annual updates of the Council workproducts.

## **Responsibilities of the NRPA member**

The NRPA member, under the guidance of the NRC Chair, is a voting member of the NRC and is responsible for supporting the AYSO National Referee Program in response to the overall needs of AYSO referees and communicating strategies and direction of US Soccer that have potential impact on the AYSO referee community. Work with the AYSO Office on any system issues that affect the Referee program. As part of Quality Control, review to ensure that releases of the referee materials are consistent and only single configurations of any material is active. With input from the NRC, act as the final authority on matters of interpretation regarding the Laws of the Game as they pertain to AYSO in alignment with our policies and guidelines. The NRPA will represent the NRC at the NAGM and provide the interface to Sponsors in support of the NRC.

**Responsibilities of the NBOD member**

The NBOD member is responsible to communicate modifications needed to ensure the National Rules & Regulations (NRR) is aligned with the National Referee Program (NRP), the current IFAB Laws of the Game (LOTG), and US Soccer mandates.

**Responsibilities of the AYSO Office Representative**

The AYSO Office representative shall be responsible for the following:

1. Publish annually-updated referee materials received from the Council by July 15th each year. Publish referee materials at other times as needed.
2. Provide to Council task leads, no later than March 1st each year, templates and any branding material that the AYSO Office wishes the Council to use.
3. Coordinate and work with the Council to update online Referee Training courses.
4. Responsible for working on the Spanish translations of Referee Material per the Council's request
5. Ensure the Council is included in the review of any documentation that contains referee information (e.g., National Rules & Regulations) prior to publication.

## **Annual Work Plan and Goals**

A two-phase plan will be used to ensure checks and balances in all areas related to referees. See Appendix B for the calendar of events, and Appendix C for the work products.

### **PHASE I**

Ensure lesson plans, training materials (e.g., PowerPoints, handouts) and exam questions are aligned to the current LOTG, AYSO coaching manuals, NRR, and AYSO National Referee Program (NRP). Make necessary modifications to course lesson plans and training materials. Review certification application forms and modify as needed.

### **PHASE II**

Integrate and update common documents: Exams, National Referee Program (including certification application forms), Referee Guideline Manual, National Rules & Regulations. Provide the revised documents to the AYSO Office to publish.

### **Decision making**

Members should work toward consensus. Contentious issues will need to be worked out as a team before coming to a vote.

## **APPENDIX A – Membership Roster**

Daniel Haak, Council Chair  
Rick Roberts, Section 1 Referee Administrator  
Avery Lyford, Section 2 Referee Administrator  
Peter Goldberger, Section 3 Referee Administrator  
Scott Klocko, Section 5 Referee Administrator  
Alan Tribble, Section 6 Referee Administrator  
Ronald Sakamoto, Section 7 Referee Administrator  
Larry Barnes, Section 8 Referee Administrator  
Darrell Wamhoff, Section 9 Referee Administrator  
Chris Doucette, Section 10 Referee Administrator, Vice Chair  
Ben Murray, Section 11 Referee Administrator  
Thomas Perez, Acting Section 12 Referee Administrator  
Harry Champion, Section 13 Referee Administrator  
Paul Picard, Section 14 Referee Administrator  
Linda Kovar, National Referee Program Administrator (NRPA)  
Rich Pagliarli, NBOD Liaison  
Karen Mihara, Alex Diaz, AYSO Office representatives

## **APPENDIX B – Annual Council Calendar**

### February

- EXPOs begin
- Identify leads for training material updates
- NRC NRPA nomination

### March/April

- Quarterly Council Meeting
- IFAB LOTG update
- Start changes to Referee Training Materials
- EXPOs
- National President selection of NRPA

### May

- Update supporting Referee Manuals/Documents
- NAGM

### June/July

- Quarterly Council Meeting
- Release updated training materials/manuals/documents
- Review EXPO Workshop descriptions

### September/October

- Quarterly Council Meeting
- Review/update/release EXPO workshops (10/31)
- Council Chair nominations


### December

- Quarterly Council Meeting
- Elect Council Chair
- Year-in-review document
- Review/update Charter
- Review/update Calendar

# APPENDIX C – Work Products

Course/Exam Updates	Complete
8U - Instructor Led	
8U - Online	
8U - Online (Spanish)	
Regional Referee - Instructor Led	
Regional Referee - Online	
Regional Referee - Online (Spanish)	
Companion Course	
Intermediate Referee	
Advanced Referee	
National Referee	
Referee Assessor	
National Referee Assessor	
Referee Instructor	
Advanced Referee Instructor	
Referee Instructor Evaluator	
Regional Referee Administrator - Full In-Person Course	
Regional Referee Administrator - Online Version	
Area Referee Administrator - Full In-Person Course	
AYSO Referee Mentor	
AYSO Summary of the Laws of the Game	
Regional Referee (Spanish)	
Intermediate Referee (Spanish)	
Advanced Referee (Spanish)	
Documentation	Complete
AYSO Referee Guideline	
AYSO Referee Guideline (Spanish)	
National Referee Program Manual	
National Referee Program Manual (Spanish)	
Referee Instructor Resource Book	
Referee Mentor Handbook	
Regional Referee Administrator Manual	
Recruiting and Retaining Referees	
Youth Referee Manual	
Developing and Maintaining a Youth Referee Program	
EPIC Referee Manual	
AYSOVolunteers.org	Complete
Summary of Law Changes	
Referee Forms	
IFAB link to current LOTG	
FIFA Considerations	
AYSOWiki.org	Complete
Clipboard	
FAQs	

## APPENDIX C – EXPO Work Products

Workshops	Complete 
Advantage - When and Where	
Annual Referee Update	
Avoiding Trouble	
Be a Great Mentor	
Establishing a Mentoring Program	
Fouls and Misconduct Review for 14U Games & Above	
Fouls and Misconduct Review for 12U Games & Below	
Free Kicks & Restarts	
Foundations of Officiating Futsal	
Game Reports	
How to Be a Lead Referee Instructor	
Newer Ideas in Referee Positioning	
Nuturing and Retaining Youth Referees	
Officiating as a Team	
Offside Review	
Proactive Refereeing - Reading the Game and Taking Action	
Recruiting and Retaining Referees	
Refereeing is Thinking	
Refereeing with Fewer Than Three	
Stopping Referee Abuse	
Why Can't We be Friends - Cooperation Between Coach/Ref	
Women's Referee and Coach Forum	
You Make the Call I	
You Make the Call II	
New Offside - Don't Blink, You'll Miss It!	
New Advanced Mechanics & Communication	
New Modern Substitution	
New PreGame - Ooops, What did we Forget?	
New Building Referee Confidence	