

AYSO 177 REFEREE POLICY

Approved by: AYSO 177 Regional Board

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GOAL: To ensure that Region 177 provides the following levels of referee participation:

- Trained referee for each U6-U8 game; and
- 3 trained referees for every U10-U14 game in the region.

BACKGROUND: Region 177 had tried for years to come up with a referee policy to ensure that our region has the requisite number of referees. In preparation for the 2005 season, the AYSO Board formed a committee that met on 3 separate occasions to develop a proposal that would:

1. Build upon our very successful referee program;
2. Create a well-run and enjoyable program to recruit and retain referees;
3. Provide incentives to encourage and reward participation; and
4. Hold teams accountable for not participating in our referee program.

The Board discussed a wide range of options and voted on April 26, 2005 to implement a policy that would be effective and to strike the correct balance between incentives and accountability measures while protecting our core values of competition and participation. There were three minor modifications approved by the Board on October 2, 2005. (INSERT) Given the success of the Policy, the Board voted to implement the following policy for the 2006 season.

SPECIFICS: To improve the recruitment and participation in the referee program, we will do the following:

- Provide enhanced training opportunities as follows:
 - We will schedule referee training to accommodate the need to train our new volunteers. We will also schedule an additional class a few weeks into the season to accommodate teams who need to have their referees trained.
 - Have an Assistant Referee class and provide an upgrade class half way through the season for those who would like to upgrade to be a Referee.
 - Continue to encourage the PRO referee program to include the young referees who can actually serve as referees for their own teams.
- Publicize the new referee policy and provide weekly updates so teams can track their progress throughout the season;
- Create an award program for referees and teams who participate in the referee program as follows:
 - Monthly, we will award a prize to the referee who has ref'ed the most games in that time period (with a daily cap of 3 games per referee). This referee will receive some type of gift valued at approximately \$50.00. This award can only be earned once per season.
 - Monthly, we will award a prize to the team whose referees have ref'ed the most games in that time period. This team will receive a team pizza party, up to \$100.00. This award can only be earned once per season.
 - Monthly, we will have a drawing where each referee's name and team number will be included for each game they have ref'ed in that month. Two names/teams will be drawn each month, with each receiving the following:
 - \$100.00 towards a team pizza party
 - \$50.00 towards a gift for the referee
 - Weeks included for most games and drawing:
 - September 9, 16 & 23 awarded on September 26th
 - September 30, October 7, 14 & 21 awarded on October 24th
 - October 28, November 4, 11 & 18 awarded on November 28th

Because the needs of each age group are different, there are separate policies for the age groups as outlined below.

U6 – U8 POLICY

- Home team provides Region 177 trained U8 official.
- Club/Parent “Linesmen” can be used at discretion of referee.
- U8 Coaches are strongly encouraged to become certificated referees.

U10 – U14 POLICY

- Institute a Referee Point System for use in Belmont Cup Competition.
- Teams earn up to 10 points for pool play round of Belmont Cup based on their participation in the referee program during the season as follows:
 - Each referee volunteer who referee’s or assistant referee’s a game for U10’s and up will be given .75% of a referee point towards the team that they indicate on the back of the game card. Each team will be able to earn up to 10 referee points during the season; this will be accomplished by refereeing 13 games, see point matrix below.
 - All teams will start the Belmont Cup with their referee points earned during the season and these points will be included in the final point standings used to determine which teams advance out of pool play into the semi-final bracket. i.e.: a team who referee’d 13 games in the season will start the Belmont Cup with 10 points, one who referee’d 9 games will start with 7 points.
 - Belmont Cup will be seeded in a “competitive” format to allow the greatest opportunity for any team to advance out of pool play.

Administrative Needs

- We will need volunteers to assist in keeping track of referee points. This should be overseen, but not done by the Referee Administrator. These points need to be tallied weekly and posted on the website so each team may track their participation. These volunteers can also keep track of the names and teams for the monthly drawing. If we continue to use Schedules.etc. we won’t be trying to keep track of scores since the coaches will be reporting scores so that will be something we don’t have to do. Referee points will also be credited for those volunteers administering the referee point system: 1 point per week.

Budget Considerations

- This proposal would cost the region approximately 1,300.00 per year.

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Belmont Cup Referee Points		
Games Refereed	Belmont Points	3/4
13	10	9.75
12	9	9.00
11	8	8.25
10	8	7.50
9	7	6.75
8	6	6.00
7	5	5.25
6	5	4.50
5	4	3.75
4	3	3.00
3	2	2.25
2	2	1.50
1	1	0.75