Section Director of Referee Instruction

Purpose

The AYSO volunteer position of section director of referee instruction is intended to implement, monitor, and maintain the referee training program component of the AYSO National Referee Program at the section level.

Specific Duties and Responsibilities

The section director of referee instruction is expected to:

1. Support the AYSO National Referee Program in both specifics and spirit;
2. Administer the AYSO National Referee Instructor Program within the section;
3. Develop a staff of instructors strategically distributed throughout the section and available to assist with instruction;
4. Disseminate information to the area directors of referee instruction within the section;
5. Ensure all training within the section is in compliance with the AYSO National Referee Program curriculum and procedures;
6. Recruit and arrange for the certification of additional qualified instructors and instructor evaluators;
7. Facilitate the activities of the referee instructors and referee instructor evaluators within the section;
8. Provide feedback to national staff regarding curriculum, course content, and materials for referee instruction; and
9. Gather and maintain a library of AYSO-approved instructional material, classroom aids, audio visuals, and training packets for use in the referee and referee instructor courses;
10. Conduct National referee courses;
11. Conduct Referee Instructor Training;
12. Communicate to all referee instructors in the section on matters pertaining to interpretation and changes in the FIFA Laws of the Game and AYSO Rules and Regulations; and

13. Serve as an official interpreter of the Laws of the Game at all section-sponsored activities.

**Qualifications and Desired Skills**

To be considered for the position of section director of referee instruction, the applicant must:

1. Successfully pass a screening, including a background check;

2. Annually submit a Volunteer Application Form and be approved as a volunteer in an AYSO region;

3. Be an AYSO referee instructor or higher;

4. Be an AYSO referee instructor evaluator;

5. Be familiar with the current curriculum and instructional components of the AYSO National Referee Program;

6. Have experience as an area director of instruction;

7. Have good organizational skills;

8. Have the ability to work with a large group of volunteers;

9. Have profound knowledge of the FIFA Laws of the Game, the AYSO Rules and Regulations; and

10. Have an unswerving commitment to the AYSO philosophies.

**Supervision Protocols**

While performing as the section director of referee instruction, the volunteer is:

1. Subject to the bylaws, rules, regulations, policies, procedures, and guidelines of AYSO;

2. Under the overall authority of and directly supervised by the section referee administrator, and supervised indirectly by the section director; and

3. To maintain the recommended adult to child supervision ratio of 1:8 or less; that is one adult for every eight or fewer children and two adults (one of whom may be the coach and one of whom should be of the same gender as the group) present at all times. For the protection of both the children and the volunteer, no volunteer should permit himself or herself to be
alone with any child or group of children (except his or her own) during AYSO-sponsored activities.

**Time Commitment**

The anticipated time commitment for a section director of referee instruction is a full year. The estimated hours to fulfill duties by month shall be filled in by the section referee administrator:

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**Orientation, Training, Certification, and Continued Education Provided**

To prepare a volunteer for the position of section director of referee instruction, AYSO will offer the following referee educational opportunities that section directors of referee instruction are expected to take advantage of and participate in, as appropriate.

1. Orientation by the section referee administrator;
2. Referee Instructor Update;
3. Referee Instructor Evaluator Update;
4. Annual Update for Referee Administrators, Instructors and Assessors; and
5. Various referee track workshops at the annual Section Conferences.

**Activity Locations**

While performing the duties of section director of referee instruction, the volunteer is limited to the following locations, unless expressly authorized in writing by the section director to hold activities in another location.

1. Section staff meeting;
2. The annual Section Conferences;
3. Assigned field locations;
4. Assigned classroom locations; and
5. Independent work at home alone, in committees of adults, or in a properly supervised situation with children.