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### ***1.1 How Do I Login to the Web Site and Sign Up for Games?***

Go to <http://ayso630.org>.

Go to the Quick Links section (right side - bottom).

Click on the Referee Game Signup link.

Follow the instructions on the Referee Game Signup page..

### **1.2 Where Can I Find a List of Upcoming Referee Training Classes?**

Referee training classes are available through both Region 630 and Area 11-L and other regions.

#### **1.2.1 U8 and Regional Referee Classes Hosted by Region 630 for Fall 2009**

Go to <http://ayso630.org>.

Click on the Fall 2009 Referee Training link on the center of the page.

#### **1.2.2 Referee Training Classes Hosted by Other Regions and Area 11-L**

Go to <http://ayso630.org>.

Go to the Quick Links section (right side - bottom).

Click on the Area 11-L link.

Click on the button “Referees”.

Click on the link “[Click this link for a detailed list of training courses](#)”

(The link above will take you directly there.)

### **1.3 When and Where Do You Hold Referee Meetings?**

Weekly Referee Meetings are held throughout the season at the Starbucks in the Lowes Shopping Center in RSM. Meetings typically are held on Wednesdays from 7 to 8 pm.

These meetings are a great way to meet other Referees and members of the Referee Staff. You can get your questions answered about game specific situations you may have encountered.

## **1.4 How Do I Obtain Replacement Clothing or Other Referee Equipment?**

There are several possible ways to obtain equipment.

### **1.4.1 Preferred Approach – Email Your Request to the Equipment Administrator**

Go to <http://ayso630.org>.

Go to the Programs section (right side - middle).

Click on the Referees Page link.

Click on the Referee Staff link.

Scroll down and locate the “Referee Uniform/Equipment Administrator”.

Click on the appropriate email link and email your request. Please be specific as to what you need (e.g. I am a Regional Referee and need a Large Referee Shirt). Also include your phone number in case the Equipment Administrator needs to contact you. The Equipment Administrator typically will email you back instructions on how to pick up your equipment.

PLEASE DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE NIGHT BEFORE YOUR MATCH TO REQUEST EQUIPMENT. You need to allow for a reasonable amount of time (e.g. a week) for the Equipment Administrator to respond to your request.

### **1.4.2 Alternative One – Go to the Weekly Referee Meeting and Pick up Equipment**

Weekly Referee Meetings are held throughout the season at the Starbucks in the Lowes Shopping Center in RSM. Meetings typically are held on Wednesdays from 7 to 8 pm.

You can come to the meeting and see if a member of the Referee Staff has the equipment you need. However, if you have not emailed your request to the Equipment Administrator prior to the meeting, it is possible that the piece of equipment you need will not be available since Referee Staff members only carry a limited amount of equipment with them.

### **1.4.3 Alternative Two – Find One of Referee Staff and See if They Have What You Need**

A number of the Referee Staff members carry limited amounts of Referee equipment in their cars. If you see one of the Referee Staff, you can ask them if they have what you need.

If you want to try and track down a Referee Staff member on the weekend, logon to the Referee Game Signup page and look for them by last name via the search feature. You can then try and hook up with them at the appropriate field.

### **1.5 How do I Locate Soccer Fields within Region 630?**

Go to <http://ayso630.org>.

Go to the Quick Links section (right side - bottom).

Click on the Region 630 Fields link.

The map that appears lists all of the fields within Region 630.

### **1.6 How do I Locate Soccer Fields within Area 11-L?**

Go to <http://www.aysol11.org/>.

Click the Area 11-L Fields button the left hand side.

Scroll down to find your field or use the alphabetic index at the top of the page.

### **1.7 How Do I Find Out if My Game was Canceled Due to Rain?**

Go to <http://ayso630.org>.

Go to the Quick Links section (right side - bottom).

Click on the Mudline Info Online link.

The page that appears lists all of the fields within Area 11-L and their status.

This information is normally updated by 7 am on days when soccer is being played. Please remember this is an all volunteer organization and sometimes the updates are not as timely as you might desire.

Once a field is closed, it is closed until at least the next day.

## **2 Questions You May Have While at the Field**

### **2.1 What are the Requirements for Coaches to Have Laminated ID Cards?**

There are slightly different requirements for Upper Division and Lower Division games as discussed below:

#### **2.1.1 Coaches for Upper Division and Plus Games (U16 to U19 and All Plus Games)**

These games are played under Area 11-L rules. The requirements are:

1. At least one coach must have a valid AYSO issued, laminated Coaches ID visibly displayed. The cards must be signed by the regional commissioner and be laminated or they are invalid.
2. Only coaches with a valid ID may coach. If a coach forgot their ID, they should not coach the game.
3. If neither coach has a valid ID, the game is NOT PLAYED. It will NOT be rescheduled. If you run into this case, cancel the game and fill in a match report at the Area 11-L website describing what happened.

#### **2.1.2 Coaches for Lower Division Games (U9 to U14)**

These games are played under Region 630 rules. The requirements are:

1. At least one coach must have a valid AYSO issued, laminated Coaches ID. The cards must be signed by the regional commissioner and be laminated or they are invalid.
2. Although it is preferred that the card be visibly displayed, having the card in their possession meets the Region 630 requirements. Please politely remind them that they should visibly display the card in the future.
3. If a coach forgot their ID, please politely remind them that they need to bring it to the next game.
4. If both coaches are missing a valid ID, the game may be played. However, you should neatly print a note on the back of the game card noting that both coaches did not have a valid ID. The Division Manager will use this information to decide whether the team will be penalized for this infraction of the rules.

### **2.2 Do Players Need Laminated ID Cards?**

Laminated ID cards are not required for players.

For Upper Division (U16 to U19) and Plus Games, you should use the game card to match players on the field against the names on the game cards.

For Lower Division (U9 to U14), there is no need to match players against game cards, just make sure that the number of active players shown on the game card matches how many players are on the field (i.e. make sure that players that are missing the game have their names crossed off of the game card).

### **2.3 When Do I Cancel a Game if it begins to Rain?**

There are two considerations to think about when it begins to rain: player safety and field conditions.

5. If you hear thunder or see lightning in the distance, immediately cancel the game.
6. If it begins to rain hard enough that the field is getting muddy, you need to cancel the game. We do NOT want to damage the fields.

For all Lower Division (U9 to U14) games, write on the back of the game cards what happened and put the card in the field job box.

For Upper Division (U16 to U19) or Plus Games, you will need to file a Match Report at the Area 11-L web site.

### **2.4 What Do I Do with the Game Cards After a Game?**

All AYSO fields have a tan or green job box near the field. Inside this box is red plastic box (about the size of small tool box).

For all Lower Division (U9 to U14) games, please put the signed game cards inside this red box. They will be picked up by the Division Manager.

For Upper Division (U16 to U19) and Plus Games, the coaches are responsible for putting the scores on the Area 11-L web site. The Referee should hold onto the cards for a week or so in case a question about the game occurs. After a week, the cards may be discarded.

### **2.5 I Goofed Up and Forgot to Put the Game Cards in the Job Box. What Should I Do?**

Go to <http://ayso630.org>.

Go to the About Us section (right side - top).

Click on the Board Directory link.

Scroll down to the Division Managers Section.

Locate the email link for the Division Manager for the game you refereed.

Email the Division Manager with an explanation of what happened. The Division Manager will contact you and tell you what to do.

## **2.6 The Game I am Refereeing is Going to Start Late Due to Earlier Games Being Behind Schedule. What Should I Do?**

Unless your game is the last game of the day, it is important to get the field back on schedule. Parents and referees depend on games starting and stopping on time.

Things you can do to get the field back on schedule:

1. Hold the coin toss on the sidelines prior to the start of the next game. This way you can start the next game immediately after the prior game concludes. You should inform both coaches that they need to be prepared to field their teams and start the game immediately after the prior game concludes.
2. Keep the halftime break to the 5 minute minimum. Whistle for the players to return to the field after 3 ½ minutes into the break. You should inform both coaches prior to the start of the 1<sup>st</sup> half that you will be doing this so that they will be prepared.
3. If the above two strategies aren't sufficient to get the fields back on time, then you need to reduce the length of the game. Remember that you need to reduce each half by the same amount of time. You should inform both coaches prior to the start of the 1<sup>st</sup> half that you will be doing this so that they will be prepared.

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