

AYSO Region 180 League Season Playoff and Volunteer Points

This year, Region 180 will have a season of regular league play for **U10 through U14** followed by playoffs. The playoff for each division will determine which teams represent our region at the Area League Tournament in December*. To qualify for admission to the Region 180 playoff, teams must earn a minimum of 100 volunteer points throughout the season.

*Other factors, including sportsmanship, will also be considered.

This playoff and the elimination of regular season standings as the determining criterion for advancement to Area play, will allow coaches to focus their attention and efforts on player development and experimentation instead of on winning every game. It should also serve to reduce touchline tensions and angst amongst parents and coaches, reduce pressure on players and referees, and promote the Kids Zone: the protective atmosphere we maintain at our fields where kids are free to play fair, fun and safe soccer. It will also demonstrate to players and parents the high value that we place on volunteerism and good sportsmanship.

Player participation in regular season play is not preconditioned on volunteer work. Participation in Region 180 post-season playoffs will be dependent upon whether a team earns enough volunteer points. **Each team must earn 100 points to qualify for participation in the playoff.** Points may be earned as follows:

Qualifying Activity	Points
Team Head Coach is age appropriate trained and certified.	25
Team Head Coach is Safe Haven certified.	3
Head Coach or representative attends Pre-Season Coaches' Meeting	3
Head Coach or representative attends end of season Coaches' Meeting & submits Player Evaluations	7
Team Assistant Coach is age appropriate trained and certified.	10
Team Assistant Coach is Safe Haven Certified	3
Team Parent is Safe Haven certified and attends orientation meeting.	5
Each game centered by trained and certified referee**	
- advance sign-up through web site	5
- no advance sign-up	4
Each game assistant refereed by trained and certified referee**	
- advance sign-up through web site	3
- no advance sign-up	2
Snack Bar Duty	10
Field Set Up Duty	10

** May not sign-up in advance to referee a game in which your own child or team is playing; games must be U10 or above to earn points [*exception – YOUTH referees may earn volunteer points on U7 and U8 games*]; maximum number of referee points per team per week is 12.

Special Notes

- a. **NO double dipping** – points earned may be applied once only to one team; no splitting of points between teams.
- b. **NO make-ups.** Example, if your team misses snack bar duty, you cannot reschedule.
- c. **Bonus Points Opportunities** arranged through Regional Commissioner
 - Photo Day
 - Field Maintenance
 - Field Clean Up
 - Division Coordinator
- d. **WIN** an End-of-Season Party for your team: the team in each age division with the highest number of volunteer points at the end of the playoffs wins a party (\$10 per player).
- e. Regular season standings will be used to determine seeding for the Region 180 End-of-Season Playoff Tournament