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Potomac Cup Tournament Referee Plan



The following are guidelines that the Potomac Cup Tournament will apply for referees in our 2008 tournament:

Commitment Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Each team participating in the 2008 Potomac Cup Tournament must provide at least 1 referee qualified at the division level for which the team is participating. B. The Potomac Cup Referee Information Form must be completed, approved by the Regional Referee Administrator and returned with the Team Application. C. Each referee will be asked to officiate a minimum of 3 matches during the tournament. D. If all assignments are completed, the entire referee deposit of \$150 will be refunded within 14 days of the completion of the tournament. If only partial assignments are completed, then a partial refund will be provided equal to the proportion of assignments completed. E. The deposit refund check will be returned to the address shown on the Team Application form. F. Remember: the quality of officiating is largely dependent upon the experience and abilities of the referees you provide.
Qualification Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Each referee must be an AYSO registered volunteer and Safe Haven certified. B. Each referee must be versed in the Laws of the Game, including current law changes and capable of applying the laws according to the spirit of the game. C. Each referee may only represent one team in the tournament. D. Players in the tournament will not be allowed to officiate. E. In order to provide the most flexibility for scheduling, coaches may not be the designated referee for their team. We welcome any coach who would like to help officiate games while at the tournament. Please indicate to the Referee Administrator if you are a coach willing to fill in as needed. Coaches who do referee will not be allowed to referee in the division in which their team is participating. If an exception is warranted due to lack of other referee volunteers, this must be approved in advance by the Potomac Cup Referee Administrator. F. Youth referees will only be allowed if they are not a player in the tournament. Care must be taken when considering whether to allow a youth referee to officiate in the heated environment of a competitive tournament. These referees must have their Youth Volunteer Application form with them at all times and present it to any Tournament official upon request. G. Youth referees must be approved by their Regional Referee Administrator, by completing the All American Youth Referee Authorization Letter. H. Youth referees will only be assigned to games where they are qualified and at least 2 years older than the age group they are officiating.
Uniform Requirement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. All referees must be in full Uniform as defined by AYSO and USSF, including the AYSO Badge. B. The Gold uniform will be considered the primary color of referee uniform for this tournament. The referee will be expected to change to an alternate color in case of conflict with either of the teams' uniforms. C. Referees not in uniform will not be permitted to referee games, and their team's referee deposit may be subject to forfeiture.
Competency Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Referees will be assigned to games as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> U-10: Regional Badge or higher U-12: Intermediate Badge or higher U-16/U-19: Advanced Badge/National Badge (preference given to National Badge) Any exceptions must have the prior written approval of the Potomac Cup Referee Administrator. B. Every effort will be made to assign referees to neutral games at their level of competency or below.
Tournament Rules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Referees will be expected to familiarize themselves with and uphold the tournament rules, AYSO guidelines and FIFA laws. Any failure of the referee to uphold these rules may be cause for dismissal from the tournament, and will place a team's referee deposit refund in jeopardy. B. Only the diagonal system of control will be used.

	<p>C. Referees will be expected to note on the back of the game cards and to fill out misconduct reports immediately after the game in which a misconduct (caution and/or send-off) was issued to a player or coach, or if there were spectator interference problems, or any other action that merits a report.</p> <p>D. Referees will be expected to turn in all completed game cards and misconduct reports to the Field Monitor immediately after each game.</p>
Referee Schedules	<p>A. Every effort will be made to post the referee schedules on the tournament web site and emailed to referees within 2 weeks of the tournament. Each team will be expected to ensure that the referee schedule and check-in instructions have been provided to their referee(s).</p>
Use of Local Referees	<p>A. Additional referees will be provided by the host region, including from the surrounding regions and Areas to ensure all games are covered by qualified referees. These referees will be provided assignments on a stand-by or fill-in basis. Priority will be given to tournament referees to ensure an opportunity to earn their deposit refund.</p>
Assessments	<p>A. Potomac Cup Tournament will provide referees opportunities to be assessed for upgrades for Advanced and National Referee badges. Referee Assessors will be arranged through the local Area staff. To take advantage of this opportunity, referees must register in advance with the Potomac Cup Referee Administrator (see contact section).</p>
Referee Check-In	<p>A. All referees will be expected to check in at the Referee Station upon their arrival at the tournament, to register and receive their tournament t-shirt.</p> <p>B. At check-in, each referee team will be provided with a summarized set of tournament rules that they will be expected to administer.</p> <p>C. Referees are expected to check in at the Referee Station at least 30 minutes prior to their assigned game. Failure to appear on time may result in a replacement referee being assigned to the field. Once a replacement referee has been assigned, they will have priority and the original referee must report to the Referee station for alternative assignment.</p> <p>D. Upon completing each game assignment, all referees must sign the game card and turn that in to the Field Monitor. The completed game cards will be collected by the field monitor and turned in to the tournament scorekeeper for recording. The completed game cards will be the basis for determining the referee deposit refund amount for the tournament team.</p>
Referee Dinner	<p>A. Please join us for our referee dinner on the fields on Friday, June 20. This is a great time to meet your fellow referees. The Referee Administrator will review the tournament rules, provide guidance on how to handle situations that may arise during the tournament and answer any questions you may have.</p>
Referee Mementos	<p>A. Food, chilled water and snacks will also be available at the Referee Station throughout the day.</p> <p>B. Participating referees will receive a tournament t-shirt as a thank you to them for their contribution.</p>
Address:	<p>Referee forms must be mailed with the Team Application to:</p> <p>Tournament Registrar Potomac Cup Tournament 61 Panorama Court Charles Town, WV 25414</p>
Contact Information:	<p>Questions regarding referee requirements should be directed to:</p> <p>Call Matt Byers (304) 261-4534 E-mail matt@mattcybyers.com Web site www.jcysl.org</p>