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Apricot Jam Tournament

Referee Plan

The following are guidelines that the AYSO Apricot Jam Tournament will apply for referees in the 2012 tournament:

Commitment Requirements	A. Each team participating in the Apricot Jam Tournament must provide at least 1 crew consisting of 3 qualified referees. B. The Apricot Jam Referee Information Form must be completed, approved by the Region Referee Administrator, and returned with the Team Application Form. C. Each referee team may be asked to officiate up to 3 matches during the tournament. These may be game assignments or standby assignments, which will be consider equal in terms of earning the referee deposit refund. 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	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 or two teams in the tournament. D. Players in the tournament will not be allowed to officiate. Coaches in this tournament are strongly discouraged from officiating so that scheduling of referees with the best experience and without conflicts can be accomplished. We try to schedule referee assignments immediately before or immediately after their team plays. E. 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.
Uniform Requirement	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 crew 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	A. Referees will be assigned to games as follows: U-10: Regional Badge or higher U-12: Intermediate Badge or higher U-14: Advanced Badge or higher Any exceptions must have the prior written approval of the Apricot Jam Referee Administrator. B. Every effort will be made to assign referees to neutral games at their level of competency or below. In rare cases, referee crews may be asked to split up in order to meet these goals.
Tournament Rules	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. C. Referees will be expected to fill out the game cards and to keep track of substitutions. D. 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. E. Referees will be expected to turn in all completed game cards and misconduct reports to the Field Monitor or Referee/Admin tent immediately after each game.
Referee Schedules	A. We will try to have the referee schedule, by team, posted on the tournament website 7-10 days before the tournament. Each team will be expected to ensure that their referee schedule and check-in instructions have been provided to their referee crew.
Use of Local Referees	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 referee crews to ensure an opportunity to earn their deposit refund.
Referee Check-In	A. All referees will be expected to check in at the Referee Station upon their arrival at the tournament, to register and to collect their Referee Instructions. B. At check-in, each referee team will be provided with a summarized set of tournament rules that they will be expected to administer. 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 crew being assigned to the field. Once a replacement crew has been assigned, they will have priority and the original crew must report to the Referee station for alternative assignment.
Referee Mementos	A. Referees will be provided with a meal ticket for food and drink at the concession stand for each day that they officiate. Chilled water and snacks will also be available at the Referee Station. B. Participating referees will also receive a few small tournament gifts as a thank you for their contribution.
Address:	Referee forms must be mailed with the Team Application to: Tournament Registrar Apricot Jam Tournament P.O.Box 241 Moorpark, California, 93020
Contact Information:	Questions regarding referee requirements should be directed to: Call Rob Stephens (805) 551-3919 E-mail Refstaff@moorparkayso.org Web site www.MoorparkAYSO.org

OPTIONAL GUIDELINES THAT YOU MAY WANT TO CONSIDER

Commitment Requirements	G. If a team submits less than a full 3-person referee crew, these referees will be assigned to games, however only a proportion of the referee deposit equal to the number of assignments these referees complete will be refunded to the team. H. Should a team's referees fail to appear for their assigned game and no replacement referees can be found, then the entire team's referee deposit may be forfeited regardless of how many other assignments the referee crew may have completed.
Qualification Requirements	G. Youth referees must be approved by their Regional Referee Administrator, by completing the Apricot Jam Youth Referee Authorization Letter. These referees must have their Youth Volunteer Letter with Youth Volunteer Application form attached with them at all times and present it to any Tournament official upon request. 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. I. FIFA referees who are qualified AYSO referees are allowed to wear their FIFA badge; however, they must be prepared to certify to the tournament staff that they are properly certified AYSO volunteer referees.
Uniform Requirements	D. In inclement weather, black rain pants or black warm-up pants will be permitted in addition to the official uniform.
Assessments	The Apricot Jam Tournament will provide referees for opportunities to be assessed for upgrades. These opportunities will be provided on medal-round matches only. Referee Assessors will be arranged through the local Area or Section staff. To take advantage of this opportunity, referees must register in advance with the Apricot Jam Tournament Referee Administrator (see contact section).