



AMERICAN YOUTH SOCCER ORGANIZATION
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REGION 83
FIVE CITIES

LEAGUE SEASON PLAYOFF & PLAYOFF POINTS

This year, AYSO Region 83 will again hold an after regular (league) season playoff, the **Ken Claassen Memorial Playoff**. Each team in divisions U10 through U14 will have the opportunity to participate after their regular season games have concluded. The playoff will be used to determine which regular season teams represent our region at the Area League Playoff in December**. The regular season win/loss/tie record, i.e., standings WILL NOT be used to determine which regular season teams represent our region at the Area League Playoffs.

This playoff and the elimination of regular season standings as a determining criterion for participation in the Area League Playoff allow coaches to concentrate their attention and efforts during our ten game regular season on player development and experimentation, instead of on winning every game. This should also serve to deescalate sideline intensity, reduce player and referee pressure, and increase the Kids Zone, i.e., the protective zone we maintain in which our kids are free to play fun, fair, safe and positive soccer.

Participation in regular season games shall not be preconditioned on volunteer work done by their parent or guardian. Participation in the post-season league playoff will be preconditioned on teams qualifying, based on playoff points earned (or lost) during the season by their team. **Each team will need to earn 75 points to qualify for participation in the playoff.**

Points are earned (and lost) as follows:

Qualifying Activity	Points
Team head coach is certified and age appropriate trained	+25
Team assistant coach is certified and age appropriate trained	+10
Team parent is certified (BASIC) and attends orientation	+5
Each volunteer who is referee certified (if not previously) and completes regional referee training, or upgraded to higher grade <u>during current season</u> (10 points per team maximum)	+5
Each game center refereed by certified and trained referee (advance signup through web site as center referee)*	+5
Each game center refereed by certified and trained referee (no advance signup)*	+4
Each game assistant refereed by certified and trained referee (advance signup through website as assistant referee)*	+3
Each game assistant refereed by certified and trained referee (no advance signup)*	+2
Each no show of center referee for advance sign up on web site	-3
Each no show of assistant referee for advance sign up on web site	-2
Perform field monitor/marshal duties, as assigned by RC (per week)	+5
Perform field crew duties, as assigned by Fields Administrator (per week)	+5
Each red card or send off (player, coach or spectator)	-5
Each yellow card (player or coach)	-2
Each violation of the five goal rule	-5

* No points are awarded for referees who “dual” referee; referees should recruit a “club” referee if needed; referees may not sign up in advance to referee their own team’s game; **games must be at least U10 or above to earn points**; youth referees may earn points for their own team, but must be at least two divisions above the division they referee (thus, U14 players may earn points for their own team by refereeing U10 games)

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