



# PROGRAM

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2019 AYSO EXPO



Dear AYSO Volunteers,

Welcome to AYSO EXPO 2019—where AYSO’s volunteer leaders come together!

Thank you for taking the time to enhance your skills this weekend, meet your fellow volunteers, share your best practices, reconnect with friends, and, of course, for being a part of our AYSO family. If this is your first time at an AYSO EXPO event—welcome! If you are a returning volunteer, please help our new volunteers find their way around! Whether you are a new attendee or a long-term volunteer, please take advantage all the AYSO resources available to you at this EXPO.

This year’s EXPOs include various workshops for coaches, referees, and management volunteers that have been updated by our new volunteer Councils and AYSO staff. Attendees will also have the opportunity to meet with AYSO National, Area, and Section leaders, take certification courses, and check out vendors to get a jump on Regional shopping and ordering for your next season. Lastly, I encourage you to find out more about our AYSO Playground and Schoolyard programs for three and four year-olds. Let’s get those kids playing!

Your National Board of Directors and Section Directors are working hard with your National staff to find ways to help make your volunteer experience easier, more successful, and, more importantly, fun. We thank you for your continued commitment. We are Many Teams but One AYSO!

Enjoy your weekend!

Best Regards,

**Matt Winegar**  
AYSO National President



Dear AYSO Volunteers,

Welcome to AYSO EXPO 2019!

Over the course of the last year, soccer has seen the sport profile grow, from the US Soccer presidential election to the World Cup and now the excitement of the US Women's National Team World Cup countdown to Paris (with AYSO alumnae Julie Ertz and Alex Morgan). AYSO is part of the dialogue at this level because of our commitment to the player and the child first.

AYSO continues to lead as the only youth sports organization that provides training to coaches, referees, administrators and managers. Our AYSO EXPOs are a valuable component in the entirety of the training offerings. Engaging with your peers from different areas to share your successes and challenges provides a development opportunity for each of us. The shared experiences provide us a virtuous cycle of improvement and evolution.

We thank you for your attendance and commitment to training. We also want to thank the volunteer support of curriculum development and updates of content in collaboration with the team members the National Office departments.

The work we all do to enrich the lives of children across our Organization is impactful and has a legacy beyond the moments on the grassroots' fields of play. We may come many walks of life and backgrounds but on the pitch, we are one and it takes everyone working together to create the AYSO experience. We are Many Teams, but One AYSO. Thank you.

Yours in Soccer,

**Michael Hoyer**  
National Executive Director

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# 2019 WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS

Not all workshops will be offered at all meetings. Please check your agenda for workshops offered at your specific EXPO. All courses are 1 hour and 15 minutes, unless otherwise noted.

\* Indicates updated for 2019

## REGION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (RMS)

### RMS: Registration by Blue Sombrero (324)

Learn how to open registration for volunteers, player programs, seasons and different age divisions. See how the Blue Sombrero features make registration simple for Region, Area and Section administrators.

### RMS: Scheduling by Blue Sombrero (325)

Blue Sombrero's Region Management features include game scheduling, referee scheduling and tournament management features which lighten the administrative burden for Region administrators. Learn how to use these features to help organize your Region's playing seasons and see how the tools can really help your team.

### RMS: Website Focus Group by Blue Sombrero (326)

Meet members of the Blue Sombrero development team and learn more about how to leverage the free AYSO websites, domain names and key AYSO features to market your Region and to communicate with your families.

## COACHING AND PLAYER PROGRAMS

### NEW! Annual Coach Update 2019

From updates to the 12U Coaching Course to continuous education opportunities, this workshop includes general updates from the AYSO coaching world (and beyond). A must for all AYSO coaches.

### Age-Appropriate Training: Environments and Expectations (101)

Children learn in ways that differ from adults, especially when learning involves both intellectual and physical activity. This session focuses on creating a healthy and stimulating learning and training environment to meet the needs of the children. Fun and excellence, responsibility and freedom, worth and recognition, giving and receiving are all addressed as we look at optimal environments for youth development.

### Attacking Technically and Tactically (102)

This session will expose any coach to the theory of possession, from the standpoint of clean first touch and what that means, receiving the ball away from pressure, and we will introduce them to the phases of play dependent on thirds of the field from goal to goal (build up from the back with using goalkeeper, moving through midfield looking for final pass through, and attacking the

goal) that will help them understand how to use first touch and receiving away from pressure to attack properly.

### \*Coach Administrator Training (106) - CERTIFICATION

Arguably one of AYSO's most important roles, this session is a necessity for all Regional Coach Administrators to learn and enjoy their duties and responsibilities. Topics include an overview of the AYSO National Coaching Program, the importance of our accreditation by the National Council for Accreditation for Coaching Education (NCACE), implementation of US Soccer Player Development Initiatives, how to manage coaching courses, managing your coaching budget, working with the Region Board to create an environment that supports coach and player development, the Stewards of the Game format, the importance of a coaching calendar, and much, much more! Experienced coach administrators are encouraged to attend and to add their experience to the discussions.

### Instructor Training for the AYSO Intermediate Curriculum (109)a

A more detailed look into teaching the new Intermediate Course including pre-course online content, classroom content, field content and grading. This is NOT a certification class.

### Tactical Formations and Systems of Play 11 v 11 (113)

To educate coaches on the different types of tactical formations and how to use them in a match. In this session, Systems of Play are broken down into tactical areas explaining, for example, when to defensively use a flat back four versus a diamond formation, and the best tactical formation to counter with based on what system your opponent is using. This would highlight why it might be time to switch formations in the middle of the match. This session will also explain the difference between a 3-line system and a 4-band formation.

### The ABCs of Coaching the Goalkeeper (114)

To better educate coaches on how to train the goalkeeper working with the three principle parts of the successful goalkeeper: positional play, collection and distribution. This workshop includes explanations of angle play, reading the attack, organizing the defense and controlling the "box."

### Effective Session Planning and Implementation (116)

Become a better coach now! Coaches will learn how to plan and conduct a successful practice. This includes efficient time management, what a complete training

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session should look like and how to develop and progress the session to fit the needs of both the individuals and the entire team.

### **Get to Know Their Mindset (119)**

To really develop the player, you must get to know the person. How well do you know your players? This workshop introduces growth and fixed mindsets, the traits and points for discussion as they relate to players reaching their potential. Based on the research by Stanford psychologist Carol Dweck.

### **Instructor Training for the 2018 Advanced Course (120)**

An overview of the new Advanced Course including pre-course online content, classroom content, field content, and grading. This is not a certification class.

### **11 v 11 Strategy: Coaching the Modern Defender (121)**

No other position has changed more in recent years than that of the defender. From playing out of the back to the role of the wingback, this workshop brings the demands of defenders in the modern game to the forefront.

**Attendees must have the Intermediate Coach Certification.**

### **Playground Soccer and Schoolyard Soccer Program Leader-CERTIFICATION (122)**

A certification class for AYSO Playground and Schoolyard Program Leaders. We will discuss what the AYSO Playground, AYSO Playtime Adventure and AYSO Schoolyard programs are; who should be the lead volunteer; how the programs are run; and why the programs are so important to AYSO.

**Special Note:** Instructor must have completed new Playground and Schoolyard Program Leader Certification (preferably in-person class).

### **AYSO Playground Soccer - Field Session (102)**

An EXPO favorite, the 'live' field demonstration of a typical AYSO Playground Soccer session. Complete with three-year olds\* and their moms, dads, or grandparents. We'll run you through best practices, learn exciting new games (what do you do with that parachute?), and even introduce some new fun & exciting themed sessions. You'll walk away pumped for the upcoming season, refocused on a very special fun family experience.

**\*Special Note:** This workshop requires field space (indoors or out); at least 6-8 three-year-olds with their guardian; a Playground equipment pack and a certified Playground Program Leader.

### **4v4 Training (6U & 8U)**

Program guidelines and coaching-related information for coaches playing in the 4v4 environment. Includes age-appropriate methodology and activities.

### **7v7 Training (10U)**

Program guidelines and coaching-related information for coaches playing in the 7v7 environment. Includes age-appropriate methodology and activities.

### **9v9 Training (12U)**

Program guidelines and coaching-related information for coaches playing in the 9v9 environment. Includes age-appropriate methodology and activities.

### **NEW! Foundations of Futsal-CERTIFICATION (part 1 of 2)**

Certification class providing a foundation and overview of Futsal, US Soccer's official indoor soccer format. Learn about origins, culture, rules, coaching methodology and how to start a futsal program in your region.

### **NEW! Implementing a Coach Mentoring Program**

This workshop is designed to help implement a structured mentoring program to help stimulate coach and player development from within.

### **AYSO's Adult Soccer (716)**

How can hosting an Adult Soccer program benefit your Region? Learn how easy it is to give your parents and volunteers the opportunity to play soccer in a safe, fair, fun and family-friendly environment. Currently hosting Friday friendlies? Protect the youth program and formalize an insured adult program.

### **AYSO United - Our National Club Program (703)**

This workshop will talk about our AYSO United Club Program, and how this level of programming supports the AYSO Player Pathway. In addition, this class will cover operations of the program, current national updates, expectations and requirement to play in external gaming circuits as well as operating models.

### **Grow with VIP (705)**

Attend this workshop to get answers on how to start a AYSO's VIP (Very Important Player) Program - the program for players with physical and mental disabilities. Starting a VIP Division is like adding any new Division, and is simple to implement by following our step-by-step plan. Ideas for how to grow your current VIP program will also be shared. Growth is important to all Regions and providing VIP is the right thing to do! Let us help you start or improve your VIP Division today!

### **More Opportunities for VIP Players (709)**

Ever wonder how to enhance your VIP program and bring more soccer to more VIP players? This workshop will share best practices of how to offer more opportunities to our VIP players through a variety of events.

### **\*VIP Volunteer Training (715)**

**2½ hours (for all VIP volunteers)**

This updated course based on recent research by UCLA, provides the training needed for all coaches, referees, administrators and buddies who volunteer with your VIP division.

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## DEVELOPMENT

### AYSO Playground Soccer 101 (202)

Playground Soccer, the newest program for introducing three-year-old children and their parents to the wonderful world of AYSO. Your Region has the manual, you understand the focus is motor skill development not competitive games, and you've even purchased the special 'Playground Equipment Box' from the AYSO Store. But how do you put it all together and deliver an amazing program that engages both child and parent for a lifetime of AYSO fun? We'll take you through it step-by-step!

### Regional Mergers, Partnerships and Sharing Resources (205)

Whether you're 2-3 smaller rural Regions or 5-10 larger Regions, we can all learn from each other. Learn how to market to families and communicate as a group. We'll discuss specific "how to steps" for successfully merging local boards, and increasing your player numbers.

Tired of getting pushed around by those big Club Programs? Get bigger, merge your AYSO travel programs with surrounding Regions and become a truly great AYSO family regional cooperative. Get team synergy all while reducing your workload!

## MANAGEMENT

### \*Auditor - Revised for NAP Online (301)

This workshop provides basic training for the Section, Area and Region Auditor to independently ensure fiscal management in all levels of AYSO and identify potential problems before they occur. Learn how to spot a "red flag" and what to do if improprieties are uncovered. Even if you have no financial background, this course will help you get started with the tools that you'll need for an independent review of your Section, Area or Region.

### Budgeting for the Regional Board (302)

Preparing the annual budget is not just the Treasurer's responsibility; the entire Regional Board should work on the process. Learn the responsibilities for each Board Member and how to involve all in the budgeting process. Get tips on how to be responsible and creative with the money that has been entrusted to you. The workshop will be especially helpful to Coach and Referee Administrators, Equipment Coordinators, Safety Directors, Registrars, CVPAs and all Treasurers and RCs. Everyone will learn what they need to do to complete their portion of the budgeting process. This budget information, when gathered from the entire Region Board, will prepare the Regional Commissioner and Treasurer to assemble a financially sound budget.

### \*Developing a Region Calendar (303)

You won't believe how clever and useful a Region calendar can be. This workshop will walk you through the steps of creating and personalizing your Region calendar. These techniques address how to create a Regional

calendar to help you plan and properly prepare for each event: registrations, opening day, picture day, etc. Included are various online tools to help automate your processes. It will be an indispensable tool in recruiting volunteers and succession planning.

### Dispute Resolution (304)

Reviews the many tools available to properly deal with difficult people and difficult situations which, left to smolder, can turn your "sunny Saturdays" into "manic Mondays." Some new tools for your management toolbox. Regional Board Members and Area/Section Staff learn to recognize potentially explosive situations and how to deal with them before they flare up.

### Division Coordinator (305)

The Division Coordinator is a vital member of the coaching support team in any Region. All the basics of the Division Coordinator position are covered including roles and responsibilities and the importance of functioning as an intermediary between the Region Board, Coaches, Referees and parents. See how a Division Coordinator can be effective in different scenarios and learn how to have a real impact on the success of your Region.

### Due Process (306)

Formerly part of the Dispute Resolution, this workshop provides more detail and information for all RCs, RCAs, RRAs, CVPAs, ADs and Area staff. Learn the process to use when limiting, suspending or removing/terminating a volunteer (Non-Executive Member) from their participation in AYSO. This workshop will review the many tools available to properly deal with serious personnel problems and examine the procedures when offering the volunteer their due process and appeal protection.

### NEW! Introduction to NAP Online (308)

NAP Online is a secure and easy-to-use web based bookkeeping system that allows you to track finances and easily share accounting reports. Learn the many benefits of adopting NAP Online for your Section, Area or Region. This workshop is designed specifically for SDs, ADs, RCs and Treasurers and will teach you how to use NAP Online, put you in control and make your job easier. We will cover entering payments and deposits, printing checks, creating categories and subaccounts, uploading images of invoices and receipts, reconciling bank accounts, searching and editing transactions and running the required monthly treasurer reports, including additional reports for Sections and Areas.

### Governance Made Easier: Standard Regional Policies and Protocols Intro (309)

Membership Year 2016 brought full transition to the Standard Regional Policies and Protocols. Detailed guidance for converting from Guidelines to the Policies and Protocols will cover the separation of the

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"must dos" from local Region policies. The course is designed for Regional Board Members to discuss the new, simpler process and for Section Directors, Area Directors and Management staff as reviewers of the Region governance documents.

### **\*Regional Board Member Training (310)**

Calling all volunteers in positions such as – but not limited to – Fundraiser, Division Coordinator, Newsletter Editor, Purchaser, Secretary, Field or Equipment Manager, Snack Bar Manager and Team Parent; this workshop is for you! Learn the common responsibilities all volunteers share in the areas of budgeting, time management, communications and recruitment necessary to make a Region successful.

### **Regional Management (311)**

**4½ hours** (for all RCs, Board and Staff Members)

Learn how a Board works together to make life easier by improving trust, communications and understanding. Discover the importance of running effective meetings and ensuring good communication and program planning by developing a budget and calendar together in class. This workshop includes active participation, exchange of ideas, testing your ability to delegate and give directions and a lot of interaction!

### **\*Registration Events -What Benefits the Region Most? (313)**

This workshop is not just for Registrars! Is your Region considering discontinuing in-person registration events because player registration and volunteer application can be done online? E-signature technology has simplified these processes and can save time for both the participants and the Region staff. But is there still value in having in-person, face-to-face events? What are the benefits of personal interaction with your potential volunteers and players? Come and explore the pros and cons with your fellow Registrars and other Board Members.

### **Safety Director (314)**

This position, more than any other, has the opportunity to create the "safe, fun, fair environment" that all AYSO parents expect. Learn what it takes to fulfill the role of the Safety Director including the responsibilities and duties necessary to ensure the safety and risk management of the Region's soccer program. What do Soccer Accident Insurance (SAI) and risk management mean to your Region? Find out what it means to AYSO and your program.

### **Treasurer (315)**

This workshop covers the policies and procedures a Regional Board is required to know to ensure financial responsibility within your Region, Area or Section boards. Learn about the procedures for opening a bank account, submitting required reports, important deadlines and

maintaining financial records including supplemental documentation and receipts.

### **Running an Effective Region Board Meeting (316)**

This session will focus on length of time, agenda creation, who should be there, and what should be reported on a monthly basis. You will be given 10 ideas to make Region Board Members look forward to each meeting.

### **30 Great Volunteer Recruiting Ideas (318)**

Is your Region always short on volunteers? Are they tired and overworked? Learn about the 30 most recommended ideas for recruiting new volunteers to help out in your Region. Any one of these ideas may change and revitalize your Region. These 30 great ideas came from volunteers just like you. These are real and tested ways to recruit volunteers successfully.

### **\*Registrar (323)**

Did you volunteer for this job but now feel overwhelmed? Are you confused or need help getting started, or worry about what to do next? Ever wonder why AYSO does things in certain ways? The answers are in this workshop. Learn about the entire registration process and the critical responsibilities of the Registrar and other Region Board Members. All Region Board Members will benefit from the fun activities.

### **The RAP and Your Region (327)**

What is the Regional Assessment Program (RAP), and what is it for? What does it mean for your Region? Why should you do this assessment? How should you fill it out? What parts are important? This module will answer these questions and more!

**Round Table Discussions** are an opportunity for all AYSO volunteers in every discipline a chance to be heard and to benefit from listening to other volunteers. These Round Table Discussions will utilize facilitators to guide discussions. We suggest that these topics be offered as Round Table Discussions.

#### **1. Managing Region Finance - Advice for sound financial management (328)**

#### **2. Starting New Player Programs (329)**

## **MARKETING**

### **Social Media 101 (405)**

Still confused about what a hashtag is? Need help setting up your Facebook page correctly? Not sure if you should be on Twitter or not? This class is for you. Join us as we discuss the basics of social media as well as the "dos" and "don'ts" that every AYSO Region should know.

### **Advanced Social Media (402)**

Understand the basics, but want to know how to implement multi-channel and multi-platform campaign

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strategy? In this session, we will teach you how to advertise on social media and strategize your content through the building of a campaign. We will also further explore how social media can play a pivotal role in your Region's branding.

#### **\*AYSO Best Practices for Sponsorship and Fundraising (404)**

Sponsorships and fundraising are two subjects that may evoke slight fear, but they are not as scary as you think. In this session, we will discuss how you can target local sponsors for your Region as well as access our National sponsors on a local level. We will also discuss fundraising best practices and build a campaign example together.

#### **\*Promoting the AYSO Player Pathway (409)**

Does your community know and understand your full AYSO Menu? This workshop will review the AYSO Player Pathway and go over how to promote Playground Soccer, AYSO Grassroots, EXTRA, AYSO United, AYSO Adult and the VIP Program to different audiences. Additional playing opportunities, i.e., skills nights, camps, tournaments, etc., will also be discussed. Learn how to leverage who we are and take pride in what we do in AYSO. You'll leave this workshop fortified with information, techniques, tips and tactics to help promote your AYSO program Menu in your community.

## **OFFICIATING**

#### **Advantage - When and Where? (502)**

Designed for the more experienced referee, this workshop reviews the proper use of advantage and how to signal it properly in different situations. Using scenario training, this workshop provides guidance to help the referee decide when to apply advantage based on the age and skills of the players, the location on the field, the nature of the match and other relevant factors.

#### **\*Annual Referee Update (503)**

Attendance is essential for all AYSO volunteers in the referee program including referees, instructors, assessors, mentors, schedulers/assignors and administrators. This workshop covers the latest changes in the Laws of the Game, review of program changes, points of emphasis for 2019.

#### **Be a Great Mentor (530)**

Learn, understand and effectively use the mentoring process. Interactive session to present, discuss and use the Elements of Mentoring which referee leaders can use to influence the referees' ability to learn, retain information and modify behavior.

#### **Establishing a Mentoring Program (505)**

The workshop is designed for Referee Administrators as well as Intermediate and above referees with at least two years of refereeing experience interested in developing and maintaining a successful mentoring program in the Region. The workshop helps the referee program

administrators understand the importance of mentoring and how to set up and run a Region Mentoring Program. It also defines the attributes of a quality mentor. The workshop describes ways that Areas and Sections can enhance the Region Mentoring Programs or help when Regions lack the staff to run such a program.

#### **Fouls and Misconduct Review for 14U & Older Games (506)**

This workshop will provide a review of Law 12; pictures and video clips to help the participants better understand basic fouls that are common in 14U games and above to facilitate a discussion based on the video clips presented. The correct decision for each video clip presented will be provided along with tips and recommendations on how to manage fouls and misconduct.

#### **Fouls and Misconduct Review for 12U & Below Games (507)**

This workshop will provide a review of Law 12 with an emphasis on the Direct and Indirect Free Kicks; pictures and video clips to help the participants better understand basic fouls that are common in 12U games and below to facilitate a discussion decisions based on the video clips presented.

#### **Free Kicks & Restarts (508)**

Restarts matter: statistics indicate that more than 60% of goals result from restarts in the attacking third of the field. This session focuses on how to manage free kicks and other restarts and provides recommended (and alternate) referee positioning. It also addresses the role of the referee team in directing restarts.

#### **Game Reports (509)**

This is a workshop to teach participants the components of a game report and how to prepare one. It will include an interactive exercise where every participant will complete a report with a focus on preparing correct game reports. Administrators have a consistent challenge with reports that are submitted before they are reviewed and correctly completed. 90% of referees around the world don't like to do paperwork so this workshop provides a creative, fun way to get participants to practice and learn how to develop good reports.

#### **How To Be a Lead Referee Instructor (510)**

This workshop shows why Lead Instructors are important in the AYSO Referee Instructor program and discusses the administrative and leadership roles that Lead Instructors play in AYSO courses and other instructional activities.

#### **Judge & Jury I (512)**

You make the call in this workshop that presents scenarios that may occur in 12U games and below. Newer and younger division referees will challenge themselves and each other to judiciously apply the finer points of the Laws, decide whether to whistle or not. You're the judge and jury on your game; be prepared for it by sharpening your courtroom skills in this dynamic workshop.

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### **Judge & Jury II (513)**

You make the call in this workshop that presents difficult scenarios that may occur in older players' games. Experienced referees will challenge themselves and each other to judiciously apply the finer points of the Laws, decide whether to whistle or apply advantage, determine how to handle gamesmanship and misconduct and more. You're the judge and jury on your game; be prepared for it by sharpening your courtroom skills in this dynamic workshop.

### **Nurturing and Retaining Youth Referees (514)**

With an emphasis on the development and retention of youth referees, this workshop explores techniques for establishing and running a successful youth referee program. Intended primarily for referee administrators, this workshop explores the **who, what, when, where, why and how** of a youth referee program. Participants share their experiences and ideas, learning best practices that are known to make such programs effective.

*This workshop will also provide the opportunity to share Region, Area and Section experiences in growing and retaining youth referees, thereby uncovering best practices and new ideas from which all participants may benefit. (This integrates the round table workshop to make this session more effective).*

### **Officiating as a Team (516)**

Refereeing as a team begins with the pregame conference and goes on to include clear delegation and execution of duties, proper positioning by the referee and assistant referees, eye contact between officials, and signaling per the USSF Guide to Procedures. More experienced referees will learn skills to enhance their performance and communication both as the referee and as an AR. The workshop emphasizes the communication subtlety required when refereeing older players. Attendees should bring assistant referee flags.

### **Offside Review (517)**

A review of Law 11: Offside basic components. This is a simple Law per the text content but very challenging because of the physical and mental requirements. In this session, we'll review the basic concepts; provide tips and advice to help the assistant referees and referees evaluate offside incidents; and review diagrams and video clips with simpler offside scenarios.

### **Proactive Refereeing - Reading the Game and Taking Action (520)**

This workshop focuses on techniques that help referees anticipate game-control challenges they will face when refereeing older players. Referees learn that anticipation comes from "reading the game" - that is, understanding specific keys to the players' objectives revealed in their actions and behaviors. Referees also learn techniques to adjust the balance of flow and control in response to their reading of the game, especially in high-risk situations.

### **Recruiting & Retaining Referees (521)**

This workshop focuses on methods/techniques for recruiting and retaining referees, an essential but challenging aspect of our soccer program. This workshop covers proven approaches to recruiting, developing and retaining referees across the country, and mentoring is emphasized as a retention and development technique. Attendees exchange ideas and effective methodologies and best practices in recruiting and retaining referees.

*This workshop will also provide the opportunity to share Region, Area and Section experiences in recruiting and retaining referees, thereby uncovering best practices and new ideas from which all participants may benefit. (This integrates the round table workshop to make this session more effective.)*

### **Refereeing is Thinking (523)**

Intended for experienced referees, this workshop emphasizes the importance of avoiding "book refereeing" in older players' games. It uses scenario training to explore real game situations in which rigid application of the Laws is not the best remedy. Referees learn practical techniques and specific referee behaviors - rooted in the Spirit of the Laws but mostly unwritten - to maximize player enjoyment through flexible game management.

### **Refereeing with Fewer Than Three (524)**

This workshop addresses the all-too-common problem of officiating a game with fewer than three trained referees. The mechanics of the diagonal system of control (DSC) are reviewed with an emphasis on the responsibilities of the three officials. The workshop focuses on how to redistribute those responsibilities when there are fewer than three trained officials. Compromises and variations are examined to deal with the loss of field coverage. The workshop emphasizes the application of these techniques in younger division matches, but it also addresses referee positioning for older players' matches when fewer than three officials are available.

### **Regional Referee Administrator (533)**

We will review the responsibilities of a Regional Referee Administrator focusing on the activities that are key to managing a Regional Referee Program. Topics include Referee: Budget, Recruitment & Retention. Resources, methods and recommendations will be shared with the students to help you be successful in carrying out the RRA duties.

### **Avoiding Trouble (531)**

Techniques, skills and processes needed to successfully manage younger players' games. Designed for the less experienced referee, this workshop presents key topics that every referee should know well in order to be a good referee.

### **Newer Ideas in Referee Positioning (532)**

Techniques, skills and processes needed to successfully manage older players' games. Designed for the more experienced referee; this workshop presents key topics

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### **Women's Referee and Coach Forum (528)**

Experienced women referees and coaches answer questions and lead discussions on the challenges and opportunities for women in this male-dominated arena. Attendees at this session learn their secrets of success by sharing questions, suggestions and ideas for dealing with difficult situations in order to feel more comfortable on the field. All are welcome.

### **NEW! Foundations of Officiating Futsal**

Introductory class providing a foundation and overview of Futsal officiating, US Soccer's official indoor soccer format.

## **SAFE HAVEN**

### **Child & Volunteer Protection Advocate (601)**

**2½ hours**

The Child and Volunteer Protection Advocate (CVPA) is a required board position put in place to help protect our two vital resources: the players and volunteers. It takes a special individual to fulfill this important role. Come find out if you are the right person for the job! This training class leads you through an understanding of the position description, AYSO's Criminal History Background Check Policy, volunteer screening protocols and volunteer application processing. This workshop is also open to others who wish to learn more about the volunteer eligibility and what AYSO is doing to protect players and volunteers.

### **Concussions: Keeping the Kids Safe (602)**

This workshop is designed to facilitate coaches, referees and board members in working together as a team for the safety of our players.

### **\*Safe Haven Addendum 2019 (603)**

Designed for Region, Area and Section board members, this workshop covers new challenges in providing a safe haven and additional protocols needed for dealing with these challenges. Workshop facilitates discussions about common issues and concerns.

### **Stewards of the Game (604)**

Learn about the role of coaches, referees, and administrators in managing a safe, fair, fun, family-friendly experience on game days. Discussion of on-field collaboration and on-field confrontation may be managed.

## **INSTRUCTOR COURSES**

**Introduction to Instruction (901)** - 3 hours

**Coach Instructor (902)** - 8 hours

**Advanced Coach Instructor (903)** - 8 hours

**Referee Instructor (904)** - 7.5 hours

**Advanced Referee Instructor (905)** - 6.5 hours

**Referee Instructor Evaluator (906)** - 5.5 hours

**Management Instructor (907)** - 6 hours

**Advanced Management Instructor (908)** - 6 hours

**VIP Instructor (909)** - 3 hours



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