

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Standing Point System and Tie-Breakers</b> <b>AYSO Region 678 - 2008 Season (Updated 8/12/08)</b></p>
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**Standing Points** for all Competitive Divisions shall be determined based on a combination of Win/Loss/Tie Record Points, along with Sportsmanship Points and Referee Points, as explained below. Final Standings Points will be the sum of the points earned in each of these 3 categories. At the end of the regular season, the Standings Points will be used to determine if a team will play in the Regional Championship Tournament or the Regional Friendship Tournament. This document includes details for determining Standing Points and tie-breakers, as needed to determine a team's final placement in their pool as well as a team's seeding in either the Regional Championship or the Friendly Tournament.

### **1 - Win/Loss/Tie Record Points**

Win - 6 points                      Loss - 0 points                      Tie - 3 points

**Note:** *No points shall be awarded for goals scored or shutouts.*

### **2 - Sportsmanship Points**

These points shall be included in the final Standing Points to determine a team's final placement in their pool as well as a team's seeding in either the Regional Championship or the Friendly Tournament.

Teams are awarded 10 Sportsmanship Points at the start of each match. The criteria for losing points are provided in detail in the "Sportsmanship Scoring System" memorandum, which can be downloaded from the "Coaches" web page at [www.ayso678.org/coach.php](http://www.ayso678.org/coach.php).

The amount of Sportsmanship Points that will be counted in the Standing Points system will be the total number of Sportsmanship Points earned by each team for the regular season divided by the total number of regular season matches played ( to a maximum of 10 Standings Points.

### **3 - Referee Points**

These points shall also be included in the final Standing Points and only used to determine a team's standing and placement in its pool. ***For the U10 and U12 divisions, Referee Points will not be used when determining a team's seeding in either the Regional Championship or Regional Friendship Tournaments.*** Thus for U10 and U12 divisions only the total Win/Loss/Tie Points and Sportsmanship Points earned by a team will be used to determine a team's seeding in the Regional Championship or Regional Friendship Tournaments. Referee Points WILL be included for seeding in the U14 divisions, where generally all teams qualify for the Regional Championship Tournament.

Referee points for each team shall accumulate as follows (it is noted that each competitive team is required to provide an AR for its match and a certified Center Referee for ½ the regular season matches):

**AR Points:** Assistant Referee (AR) for own match ("Team AR") who is officially associated/designated with the team - earn ½ point per match, maximum allocation – 4.5 points per team for 9 matches. Neutral ARs are provided for all U14 matches, where teams are automatically awarded ½ point per match for AR coverage.

**Center Referee Points:** Individual officially associated/designated with a team serves as a neutral Center Referee or Assistant Referee for other U10, U12, U14, U16, and U19 matches, maximum allocation – 11.5 points per team.

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**MAXIMUM REFEREE POINTS PER TEAM FOR THE ENTIRE 9-GAME SEASON** – A team may earn a total of 16 referee points with a maximum of 8 points earned in the first 5 weeks of the Regional play and a maximum of 8 additional points in the remaining 4 weeks of the regular season.

**Note:** *Regarding Center Referee Points, referee points can only be earned for each team by a certified referee who has successfully completed a minimum of AYSO's basic (Regional) referee training. This referee may serve as a neutral center referee (Center) or neutral assistant referee (AR) in any U10, U12, U14, U16, or U19 matches.*

The Referee Points Allocation System is shown in the table below. A maximum of 11.5 additional referee points may be earned under Center Referee Points by each team using **certified** referees for games other than their own.

**Center Referee Points Allocation System**

U10		U12		U14		U16		U19	
AR	Center	AR	Center	AR	Center	AR	Center	AR	Center
0.5	1	0.5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

**Assignment of referee points:** Upon completion of a match, each referee will include their name on each team's game cards, plus the division and the team they are assigning their points to. This information must match the online referee assignment page for that match to earn points. The only exception will be for uncovered match(es) the day that the match is played.

**Note:** *All center referees must be **certified** in their role by completing the required needed referee training (a minimum of successful completion of AYSO's basic (Regional referee course), as defined by the Regional Referee Administrator. All ARs serving in neutral matches must be **certified** in this role by completing the basic referee training. Volunteers serving as team Assistant Referees in their own U10 and U12 matches are encouraged, but not required to attend an AR class, as presented by the Region 678 Referee Council. ARs for U14 matches must have a minimum of a (basic) Regional referee badge, plus possess the experience and ability to do these matches, subject to the opinion of the Center Referee. Referee age and experience levels for U16 and U19 matches are defined by the AYSO National Referee Program and Area Referee Administrator for Area S.*

**Tie-Breakers:**

At the end of the regular season, ties in pool standings for placement into a tournament (Regional Championship or the Regional Friendship) shall be broken based on the following criteria, used in order and, as needed, in combination to break a tie:

- 1) Sportsmanship points
- 2) Head-to-Head competition in pool play
- 3) Most wins in pool play
- 4) Greatest goal differential in pool play (accumulated at a maximum of a 3 goal differential per game)
- 5) Coin Toss

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After teams are placed in either the Regional tournament or the Friendship tournament, seeding will be based on the total of Win/Loss/Tie Record Points and Sportsmanship Points for divisions u-10 and u-12. Ties for seeding within the applicable tournament will be broken based on the following criteria, used in order and, as needed, in combination to break a tie:

- 1) Sportsmanship points
- 2) Head-to-Head competition in pool play
- 3) Most wins in pool play
- 4) Greatest goal differential in pool play (accumulated at a maximum of a 3 goal differential per game)
- 5) Coin Toss