

# 5 Steps To Being A Volunteer



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AYSO has simple, but very important requirements in order to become a certified volunteer, even if you are a returning volunteer. Everyone who comes in direct contact with our players in an official capacity (Coach, Assistant Coach, Team Parent, Referee, Board Member, etc) needs to be a certified volunteer.

**Here are the easy steps to follow:**

1. **Register as an AYSO Volunteer.**
  - a. **NEW Volunteers:** Go to [www.eayso.org](http://www.eayso.org) and create a profile, then register yourself as a volunteer. You will be assigned an AYSO ID number. This process allows AYSO to complete background checks to ensure player safety.
  - b. **RETURNING Volunteers:** Go to [www.eayso.org](http://www.eayso.org), log on and click “Update volunteer information” to activate your volunteer status for the upcoming year.
  - c. It’s important to complete the entire process by clicking the electronic signature button and finalizing with the submit button.
2. **Take the Safe Haven Course:** Go to [www.ayso678.org/volparent.php](http://www.ayso678.org/volparent.php) and find the Safe Haven link. You will need your AYSO ID number provided in Step 1. The Safe Haven course covers important safety information with regard to players and volunteers. It complies with the Volunteer Protection Act of 1997, which provides certain legal protections for volunteers who have been trained and certified. Safe Haven gives volunteers the highest degree of protection available under the law.
3. **Email the Region CVPA** (Child & Volunteer Protection Advocate) at [cvpa@ayso678.org](mailto:cvpa@ayso678.org). Once your application has been reviewed by AYSO National, the CVPA will approve your application.
4. **Signup for courses:** Visit [www.eayso.org](http://www.eayso.org) and go to “Enroll to take a class”. Depending on your volunteer duties, you can locate online and in-class training course information and signup. You will need your AYSO volunteer ID number to sign up.
5. **Go forth and represent Region 678, you are done!** Once you have completed Safe Haven, you are cleared to interact with the kids, but you will need your job training to be fully certified. These courses generally only need to be taken once, but you are welcome to take refresher courses or more advanced courses to further your AYSO education.

For additional questions or instructions, please email:

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