



# West Side Soccer League 8U Seminar



Section 3 - Area A - Region 611

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# 8U Seminar Objectives

- **Get you on to the field for your first game**
- **Understand what WSSL expects of you**
- **Understand rules and procedures that are specific to WSSL.**
- **Learn WSSL substitution and timekeeping procedures**

# AYSO PHILOSOPHIES

- Everyone Plays
- Balanced Teams
- Open Registration
- Positive Coaching
- Sportsmanship (Good!)
- Player Development

**EBOPSP for those who like mnemonics**



# ALL VOLUNTEERS SHOULD BE:

- Positive
- Instructional
- Encouraging

Particularly when  
coaching



# Laws of the Game

Three simple words:

Safe,  
Fair,  
Fun!



# What you have already done...

- Created a WSSL account
- Checked the “Referee” box as your volunteer preference in your family profile
- Completed Safe Haven, CDC Concussion and Safe Sport (ADULTS ONLY) courses
- Completed a background check- ADULTS ONLY!
- Taken the online AYSO 8U Official Course

# Get familiar with our web site...

- **wssl.org**: Our league's official web site, with schedules, division rules, links to sign up to referee games, as well as links to...
- **AYSOU/eTrainU**: Now the new and official training site for AYSO, with links to sign up for different types of classes and access to tons of other useful material. *Please access ONLY via wssl.org,*

# The Division Page...

- <https://wssl.org/programs/core/divisions/>
- Useful information, including
  - Name/email for division head and chief referee
  - Field location
  - Game day/time
  - What size soccer ball
  - Time slot/length of halves
  - Number of players on the team and on the field
  - Number of substitution opportunities



# The Referee Page...

- <https://cms.wssl.org/volunteers/referees/referee-resources/>
- Useful information, including
  - Link to the LOTG
  - Download the WSSL Referee Survival Kit
  - How to enter match reports
  - How to work together with coaches
  - Silent Soccer- the referee's favorite weekends (and the players too!)
  - Download the WSSL 8U Referee Handbook

# The Scheduler Page...

- <https://inleague.wssl.org/app/referee-scheduler>
- **YOU HAVE TO LOG IN TO WSSL.ORG FIRST!**
  - Make sure you select Core Program
  - Select the division(s) that you want to referee, then the date
  - Click “View Schedule”
  - Find the game you want to referee, click the green “Sign Up” box
  - Once the season’s schedule has been posted, you can sign up for games on any and all weekends.
  - You can cancel, if you have to- just click the red “cancel” button

# Plan Ahead...

- **Know your assignment-**
  - **Where is the field?**
  - **When do I have to be there?**
  - **When does the game have to start/end?**
  - **How many players?**
  - **What are the coaches' names?**
  - **Write it all down the night before or the morning of the game.**

# Dress for success...

- Why should you care how you're dressed for the game?
  - You are an authority figure, so look the part!



# Keeping Time...

- Arrive early, so you can complete all of your pre-game responsibilities.
- Start the game on time!!
- Start your clock/watch first and THEN blow whistle to start the game.
- When does the clock stop?
- Half time is only 5 minutes.
- Start the second half on time.
- **YOU MUST END THE GAME ON TIME!**
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# Substitutions...

- <https://wssl.org/programs/core/divisions/>
- Info for your division- number of players on the field
- How many substitution opportunities per half?
- For all divisions except G19 and B19, the answer is TWO!
- Substitution opportunities are just for subbing...
- And on a hot day, they are also for very quick water breaks.
- Do not waste playing time.
- Do not allow coaches to waste playing time.

# Have Fun!

- Refereeing is the best job in WSSL/AYSO!
- So...smile!



# Need some help?

- If you are nervous about your first game...or even your second or third or fourth...
- WSSL has a referee mentoring program.
- We will connect you with an experienced referee who will come to your game(s) and let you know how well you are doing.





# AYSO Team



# Remember: It's for the Kids



## and Great Soccer Starts Here!

EVERYONE PLAYS®

BALANCED TEAMS

OPEN REGISTRATION

POSITIVE COACHING

GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP

PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

