



# 10U Burlingame AYSO (Region 63) Cup Volunteer Points (CVP) Information & FAQ

The Cup Volunteer Points system is a program designed at recruiting and building the ranks of the most critical game-day volunteer roles: the referee. 10U is *the* division (in AYSO) where the game really starts to look like “real” soccer: goalies, offsides, throw-ins, etc. As a result, the quality of matches greatly depends on having referees to officiate games. Our recreational league depends on a steady flow of parent volunteers and over the years we have found this is the best way to motivate parents off the sidelines and into the yellow referee jerseys.

In the 10U division, each team needs to recruit a volunteer referee(s), who earns referee points. A team that earns **9 referee points** will then qualify for the Cup (i.e. playoffs) at the end of the season.

## Points Structure:

- 2 points per refereed game for a **new adult referee** (i.e. one that was trained this season)
- 1 point per refereed game for a **returning referee**
- 1 point per refereed game for **youth referee** (up to a maximum of 4 points)
- Points are not awarded to untrained/uncertified referees. (We appreciate parents helping out at the last minute to be a sideline “club linesperson”, but only trained, certified referees can earn points.)

## FAQ

- I know “Mr. X,” who is already a referee. Can he earn points for our team?

Only if Mr. X is relative or guardian of a child on the team. This rule is in place to prevent favoritism. For example: imagine a team, who’s coach is a board member, and he recruits another board member to referee for his team. This would be unfair to teams without such “connections”. Our hope is to create, as much as possible, a fair system. If you have a question about a particular person and their eligibility, reach out to Todd Weller, Regional Referee Administrator. The rule is also in place to encourage parents to become referees. It is parents of players that come back season after season and it is parents of players that will advance their training. This doesn’t tend to occur with aunts, uncles, friends, and grandparents.

- Why the limit of points on youth referees?

In our experience youth referees typically are unable to commit to returning season after season and advancing their training level. Not only do we need referees for 10U, but we also



require referees to continue on to older divisions. Thus, we have structured the points to try to maximize adult referees while also allowing youth refs to contribute to their sibling's team.

- Does our team have to recruit a referee?

No. Your team can decide they do not want to participate in the Cup, and just play the regular season (typically consisting of 8 games). That is perfectly ok.

- There's ~2 more weeks left in the season, and I just found out our team has no referees. What can I do?

There's likely nothing to be done at this point. Referee training typically occurs before and during the first few weeks of the season. Don't wait until the middle or end of the season; it will be too late.

- Can I referee games that my child is playing?

Yes. It is ok to be an assistance referee (AR) for your child's game. It is strongly encouraged to not be the center referee for your child's game.

- How are games assigned to referees?

We use a self-assigning system through a website ([www.mysoccerleague.com](http://www.mysoccerleague.com)). At the beginning of the season, games will be posted and referees that have completed their training will be given access to self-assign games. This way you can choose when and what games you are able to referee.

- I have never refereed before, can I do this?!

The vast majority of our upper-level referees started with no prior referee experience. The AYSO referee training provides you all the information you need to be a successful referee. Most referees start out in the assistant referee position, requiring you to only assist with calls of out of bounds and offsides. This is a great way to learn the rules of game and help our league provide safe, fun, and fair matches.

This guide is meant to cover the basics and typical questions we get each year. If you have other questions, please reach out to the Burlingame AYSO Regional Referee Administrator (RRA).