

Region 678 AYSO Challenge Volunteer Program

Mission: As an all-volunteer, non-profit organization, it is our goal of providing a soccer experience that enriches children's lives through a collective effort of all AYSO Region member families.

Purpose of program: All AYSO Challenge teams are expected to "give back to their home region." As the AYSO Challenge program requires significant region resources to manage, participating teams are required to provide volunteer hours in order to help enhance the Region 678 organization overall.

AYSO Challenge Team Requirement:

- **Each team will be required to provide 10 general volunteer hours per Fall season.** This can be in the form of field painting, field monitoring, and other duties noted below. These hours will be tracked and posted at ayso678.org.
- **Each team will be required to provide 12 referee assignments per Fall season.** These assignments will be tracked and posted at ayso678.org. Center Referee or Assistant Referee assignments but MUST be performed by a certified referee
- **Teams that do not reach the required minimum will be sanctioned**, which could include team coach and/or manager suspension or being prohibited from participating in postseason tournament (i.e. League or State Cup)
- Teams that organize a community outreach effort may be eligible for volunteer hours with prior approval from the regional commissioner. Email volunteer@ayso678.org for details

Volunteer opportunities:

- Pre-season field preparations
- Region Fund-raising participation
- Field Monitoring
- Field Set up
- Field Break down
- Equipment transport
- Information tent
- Picture Day assistance
- Opening day check-in
- Board participation

How to serve volunteer hours:

1. **Volunteer on games days when you are the HOME Team**, ONE team volunteer must monitor the game prior to your team's game. (First game of the day is excluded) This requires, wearing a safety vest and monitoring behavior and playing conditions on each touchline. Should any incidents occur, report your observations to AYSO Challenge officials if requested. Each team will get ONE Volunteer credit for every game monitored, which should account for at 4-5 volunteer points over the course of the season.
2. **Additional volunteer hours**: Every team should have at least 5 home games, so during HOME game weekends you will need to assign additional parents to volunteer duty (painting fields, reporting to the primary fields monitoring on Saturday, etc. to reach the required 10 Volunteer hours.
3. **Field set up/tear down applies to HOME and VISITING teams**. HOME teams get credit for transport of goals and credit for setup/teardown one goal.
4. **When teams reach their volunteer quota, they are still required to fulfill their volunteer responsibilities through the conclusion of Fall season.**
5. **No credit will be given to teams that do not Field Monitor the full game prior to their team's game**, meaning if you show up 30 minutes before your game, you will not get credit..
6. Teams may make up missed volunteer hours on Saturdays at Placerita, giving back to the core program.
7. A team may apply surplus referee hours to their volunteer hours once they have exceeded the required 12 referee assignments.
8. Teams who have a parent of a player on a U10 or above Challenge team who is also a Region board member, qualify for an automatic 1-hour credit per board member.
9. Any team who trains and certifies an Assistant Team Manager qualifies for one credit.
10. Volunteer points will be posted weekly along with the team standings at ayso678.org. For any questions on volunteer point totals, email clubsoccer@ayso678.org within 5 DAYS of when the hour(s) was served.