



## **REFEREE QUOTA POLICY**

**Brazosport Youth Soccer Association**

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Each BYSA member club's refereeing quota for each separate seasonal play session will be equal to 40% of the refereeing assignments necessary to cover all BYSA games in which each club has teams with scheduled games. Each U-11 and older team requires three BYSA assigned referees each game for which it is scheduled (whether played or not). (BYSA By-Laws, 1.6.1) If that single team is given a 10-game schedule, its associated quota would, therefore, be 40% of the 30 referee assignments, or 12 quota assignments.

All teams playing in BYSA at the U7 and up level (except for U9 and up HYSA games) do have an impact on a club's quota as all of the referees for those games are assigned in-house by the home club. However, failure to provide current USSF certified referees for those in-house games U7 and up can result in fines and/or other sanctions against a club at the discretion of the BYSA Executive Board. (BYSA By-Laws 1.6.2) Any club failing to meet their required referee quota for HYSA games will result in fines and/or other sanctions against a club at the discretion of the BYSA Executive Board. (BYSA By-Laws 1.6.1)

In regards to HYSA games, only assignments made at the direction of the BYSA/HYSA Referee Assignor will count toward quota fulfillment. There may, however, be instances where a HYSA assigned referee is unable to complete an assignment. In that case, at the discretion of the HYSA Referee Assignor, so long as the assignment is filled by a current USSF certified referee, that assignment may count towards quota fulfillment for the club for whom the replacement referee is associated.

Each member club is fully responsible for ensuring that its referee quota is fulfilled during any current playing season. This means, among other things, that referees working on behalf of a club have the responsibility to actively seek out referee assignments from the BYSA clubs' and HYSA Referee Assignors.

The BYSA/HYSA Referee Assignor will ensure that each member club receives ample opportunity to fulfill its quota. It is strongly encouraged that clubs seek to fulfill their weekly average required quota assignments regularly throughout the season as it may not be possible to ensure adequate opportunity to fulfill quota if the entire quota is attempted to be completed in only the last few weeks of any seasonal schedule. All clubs will provide a mandatory 1:1 ratio of referees to HYSA teams each Season for primary HYSA game use. This is defined as one designated HYSA referee per HYSA team.

Club assignors and presidents will be notified regularly of their progress with respect to HYSA quota fulfillment as well as any individual assignment issues such as a referee refusing an assignment. At each monthly BYSA meeting during the operational seasons each club president will report to the BYSA Board its status on referee fulfillment with a list of games and coverage provided.

Referee assignments completed by a club's designated referee/s which exceed/s its required quota will be placed in that club's respective "overage pool". These excess assignments will be credited, at the end of the season, to each respective member club's quota requirements to be used for each club's total assignments. Thus, the overage pool could assist a club to meet their quota.

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Each club must make their required number of assigned games to complete their assignment quota, and if they do not, their teams will be subject to a penalty, as defined below.

If a member club does not fulfill its required referee quota, it will be fined \$25 for each game, for which it is below its quota. In addition, if a club does not fulfill its assignment quota its teams will not be allowed to participate in post-season championship tournaments.

Any member club that believes it will be subject to the referee quota penalty may request a review by the BYSA Board of Directors, provided however that such request is received at least two (2) weeks prior to the STYSA deadline for submitting post season teams for championship tournament consideration.