



BRYSL Coaches:

Welcome to another season of the Brigade Recreational Youth Soccer League. It is our goal to have an all-volunteer organization that provides a premier recreational soccer program to the youth of Bakersfield. The success and quality of this program depends mainly on each volunteer and their commitment to the program.

The Referee/Team Assistant program is a major element of the organization needing a large volunteer base. U8 and below require one Referee per match. U10 and above require 3 Referees per match. With nearly 30 games each week, the demand for volunteers in the referee program is great. We ask that **each team provide at least one qualified adult volunteer to be the team Referee or youth volunteer over 13 to be a team Assistant Referee.** We request that the referee volunteer for at least one game each week or at least as many games as the team plays during the season. Even at one referee per team, this does satisfy the needs of the day. The best part is that you do not need to know the rules of soccer to volunteer; WE WILL TRAIN THE VOLUNTEER! There are five levels of qualification for referees:

U6 and U8 – 6 hours of BRYSL training and Live Scan certification
U10 – U19 Assistant Referee (AR) – 8 hours of BRYSL training and Live Scan certification
U10 – U14 Referee – 8 hours of BRYSL training and Live Scan certification
Verification of previous recreational soccer referee training
Current USSF referee certification Grade 9 or better

We will be offering free training for all levels of qualification that will satisfy a large part of the referee demand. The Full Referee Certifications will be:

Saturday, August 12th from 8:00am – 5:00pm **The training for these days will be at the Kern County Soccer Park Foundation building**
OR **located at 6200 Lake Ming Rd., Suite A-4.**
Saturday, August 26th from 8:00am – 5:00pm

All referees who plan to referee U10 and up are highly urged to be at ONE of the above clinics.

The U6/U8/Assistant Referee Certifications will be:

Tuesday, September 5th AND September 7th from 6:00pm – 9:00pm BOTH NIGHTS REQUIRED

This training will be at 2400 Alta Vista Drive.

Teams with a referee volunteer that has been trained will earn referee points, which will be used as tiebreakers in divisions where playoff seedings are used.

I look forward to working with your referee during the upcoming season. Please have your team referee call me at ASAP (661) 345-6649 to discuss further details. With your support, we can continue to improve our referee program and support the players to make this soccer season great!

Thank you,

Michael Uribe
Director of Referees
Brigade Recreational Youth Soccer League