

AYSO Region 1/D/18 <u>REFEREE SCHEDULING SYSTEM</u> RSS User's Guide

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INTRODUCTION

Welcome and thank you for volunteering as a referee for AYSO Region 18-Manhattan/Hermosa Beach! Your participation as a referee in AYSO is a critical component of the rewarding, exciting and enriching experience that children will have during their time in the program.

This User's Guide will walk you through the various elements of the Referee Scheduling System (RSS) you will use to schedule your referee assignments for soccer matches within AYSO Region 18.

Should you have any questions about the RSS or this User's Guide, please send an email to: refsched@ayso18.org.

Thank you again for your involvement in and support of AYSO!

A480 Region 18 Referee Committee



AYSO Region 18 Referee Scheduling System (RSS) QUICK START GUIDE

More detailed instructions and information regarding the Referee Scheduling System can be found in this RSS User's Guide and at http://ayso18.org/referee-scheduling.

USER ACCOUNT SET-UP

- (1) Go to http://cgisports.com/ref/5504 Please bookmark the link for future use.
- (2) Create a Username and Password by clicking on the "Not registered yet? Please register now" link.
- (3) Complete all of the required User Account registration information.
- (4) Once you fill in all of the required information, click "Send Request".
- (5) You will be notified via email when your RSS registration has been activated. Until then, you cannot use the RSS.

USING THE REFEREE SCHEDULING SYSTEM

- (1) Go to http://cgisports.com/ref/5504
- (2) Log into the RSS with the Username and Password you created.
- (3) Search the schedule for a game or games using the various criteria presented. Click "View Records".
- (4) You can see your personal schedule by clicking on "My Schedule", you can change your profile information by clicking on "Profile".
- (5) Select an assignment by putting your cursor over the open space next to the check box for the desired assignment (CR, AR, AR or M). The assignment slot will turn green. Click on the assignment slot's check box.
- (6) Once you've selected your assignment(s), click on the "Make Request" button at the top or bottom of the page to submit your assignment request.
- (7) With the exception of 16u and 19U games, all assignments are *self-selected*, meaning that once you make the request, the assignment is yours. Your name should be in **black** letters, which indicates that the assignment is yours. If your name is not in black letters, first hit the refresh button on your browser and see if the color changes. If it does not, then contact the Referee Scheduler.
- (8) For 16U and 19U games, all assignment requests must be approved. Therefore, your name will be in **blue** until the request is approved, at which time it will turn **black**.
- (9) Referee Service Points (RSPs) are awarded to a team only if you have specified them in your Profile. For additional information on how to associate RSP with your profile, please consult the User's Guide.

MY SCHEDULE, NOTIFICATIONS & REMINDERS

- (1) You can see a complete listing of all games which you have volunteered for or that have been assigned to you by clicking on the "My Schedule" button at the bottom of the Search page.
- (2) On those occasions when you are assigned a match by the Referee Scheduler, including all 16U & 19U matches, you will receive an email informing you of the assignment and requesting that you accept or decline the assignment. Instructions are included in the email.
- (3) One day before your assigned match, you will receive a reminder email from the RSS.

SEARCH RESULTS REPORT

(1) If you want to generate a report (Excel spreadsheet) of Search results, e.g. to see all games in a particular division over a particular period of time, you can do this by clicking on the "MS Excel Version" in the upper right-hand corner of the Search Results page.

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USER SET-UP

User Account Registration

To gain access to the AYSO Region 18 Referee Scheduling System (RSS), you must create a Username and Password which is unique to you.

Step 1:

Go to: http://cgisports.com/ref/5504/ and create a Username and Password.



If this is the first time you are using the RSS, click on the "Not registered yet? Please register now" link.

Step 2:

Complete the User Account registration information.

Field Definitions:

First Name* Your first name

Last Name* Your last name

Username* The *Username* of your choice. Your Username must only contain

letters and numbers, and it must be greater than 3, but less than

12 characters in length.

Password* The *Password* of your choice. Your Password must be greater than

5, but less than 20 characters.

Adult/Youth* If you are under age 18, choose "Youth" on the drop-down menu

Badge* Your current referee badge level (i.e. Regional, Intermediate, etc.)

AR Comfort Level* What is the highest age level you comfortable being an Assistant

Referee?

Center Comfort Level* What is the highest age level you comfortable being a Center

Referee? [This setting is informational only and not a constraint on your service. Please honestly complete this field so that the Referee Committee can form an accurate picture of our referee

community's overall comfort level.]

Email Address* Your email address

Team # If you are refereeing to earn *Referee Service Points* for a particular

team, select the team. This will allow us to give you proper credit for games you do. If you represent more than one team, hold the "Ctrl" key on your keyboard (or the "Command \Re " key on a Mac) as you select your teams from the list. If you don't represent a team, don't make a selection from the team list. If you see your teams listed, but are unable to change them, this means that the Referee Scheduler has locked these teams to your profile. You will need to contact the Referee Scheduler (refsched@ayso18.org) if

you want to make changes.

Phone* Preferably your cell phone number, but it can be your home phone

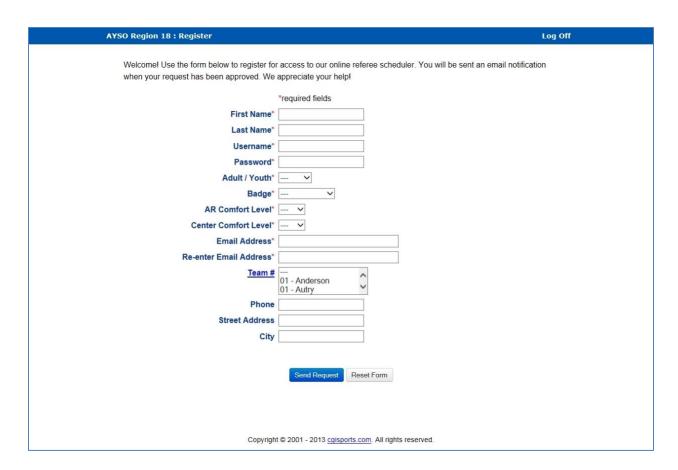
number. This needs to be the number we can call you if we have immediate questions about your registration or a game you have

been assigned to referee. [Format: (310) 555-1212]

Street Address* Your home street address

City* Your home address city (please spell it out, i.e. "Hermosa Beach")

* = Required field



Click "Send Request"

Step 3:

Once you have successfully completed your new User Account Registration, you will see a message indicating that your submission has been received and is being reviewed by the Region 18 Referee Committee. This review/approval process is necessary to ensure that <u>all</u> AYSO Region 18 referees have completed the necessary training, have registered with the correct badge level, and are approved AYSO Volunteers in our region. Your account will be inactive until approved.

[Note: You will not be able to use the RSS until <u>after</u> your registration has been approved. You will receive an email notification once your registration is approved.]

Note: The "Blocks" and "Profile" buttons lead to inoperable screens until after your User Account is active.



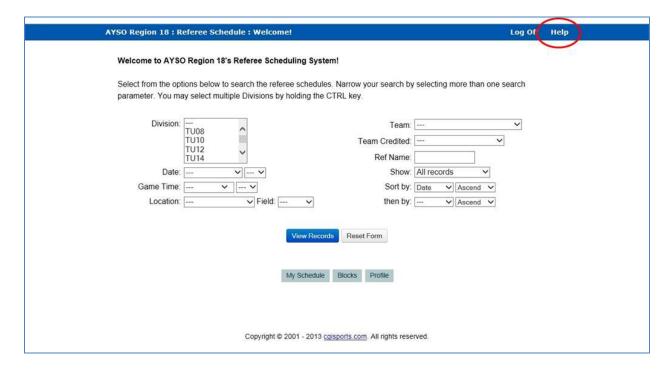
Step 4:

Expect to receive an email from the referee volunteer coordinator indicating that your User Account has been accepted and activated (or that changes have been made or that you need to contact this person for further action).

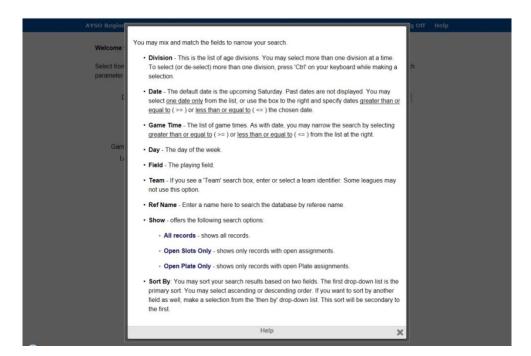
Once you have received this email indicating that your User Account is active, you can then log into the RSS using the Username and Password you established.

HELP / INSTRUCTION

Each screen you will access in the RSS has a "Help" button located in the top right hand corner.



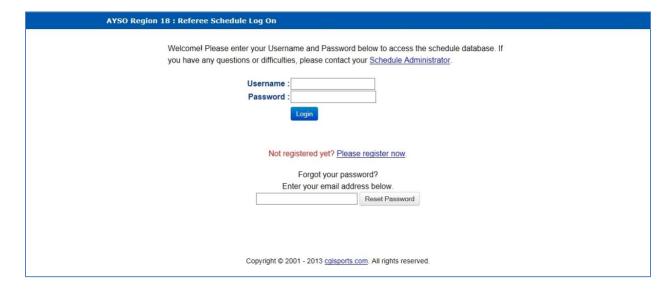
By clicking on this button, a secondary window will open which will describe the various fields and capabilities of the particular screen or function you are using. Here is an example of the Help window for the Search screen/function:



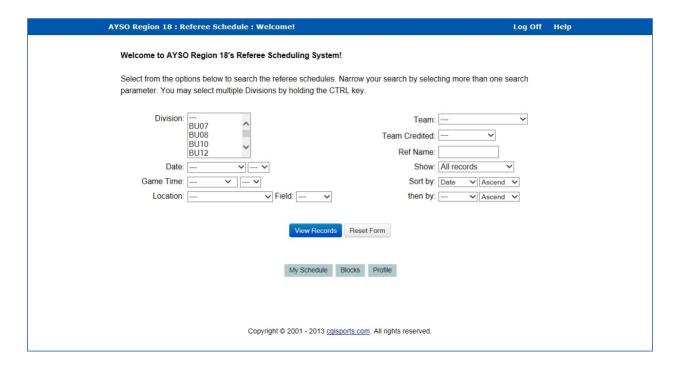
USING THE REFEREE SCHEDULING SYSTEM

Game Self-Assignments

Go to the RSS at http://cgisports.com/ref/5504/. Log into the system using the Username and Password you previously created.



You will be presented with the Search function through which you can select a game to referee.



[NOTE: The "Blocks" function (at the bottom of the screen) is intended to provide the Referee Scheduler with information from the referee on games, teams, times, etc. that he/she cannot officiate. Generally speaking, Region 18 does not assign games (except in the Upper Divisions), so this function doesn't impact us. To avoid confusion, we will not be using this function, so please do not spend time with it.]

At a bare minimum, you must select one field to drive your search. You can Search for games using the following field choices:

Division

Date

Game Time

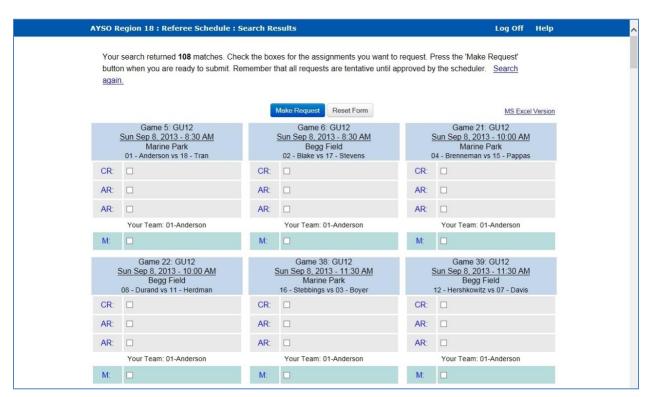
Location

Field

Team

There are a few filters you can also use, such as what type of records to display, how you wish the results list sorted, etc.

By way of example, here is what the Search results for GU12 games may look like [showing only the first six games of 108 possible matches]:



Each match lists (i) the Game Number; (ii) the Division; (iii) the Date and Time for the match; (iv) the Field; and (v) the Teams which are playing (Home team is listed first).

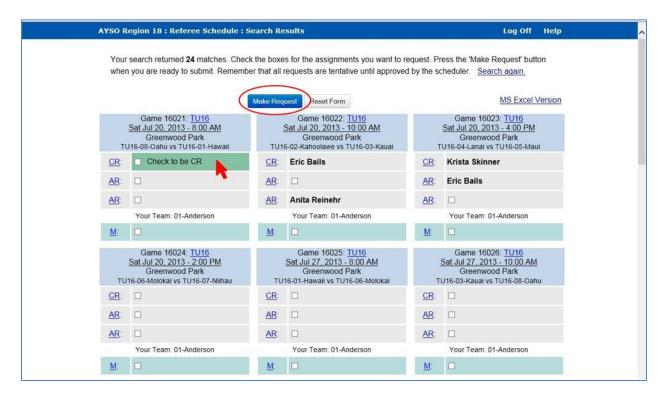
There are four (4) selections you can make for a particular game: Center Referee (CR), Assistant (AR) x2, and Mentor (M). Check the box for the assignment you wish to take.

If you wish to be a Mentor for this game, check the "M" box.

To select an assignment, put your cursor over the open space next to the check box for the desired assignment (CR, AR, AR or M). The assignment slot will turn green. A pop-up message, "Check to be [CR/AR/Mentor]", will appear. Click on the assignment slot's check box.

<u>NOTE</u>: If you do not see a check box in the CR field, it is because your referee badge level (i.e. Regional, Intermediate, etc.) is not qualified to Center Referee for this level of play. See the "Badge / Game Restrictions" section below for more details on this.

Once you've selected your assignment(s), click on the "Make Request" button at the top or bottom of the page to submit your assignment request. If you don't click on the "Make Request" button, your request will not be saved or submitted.



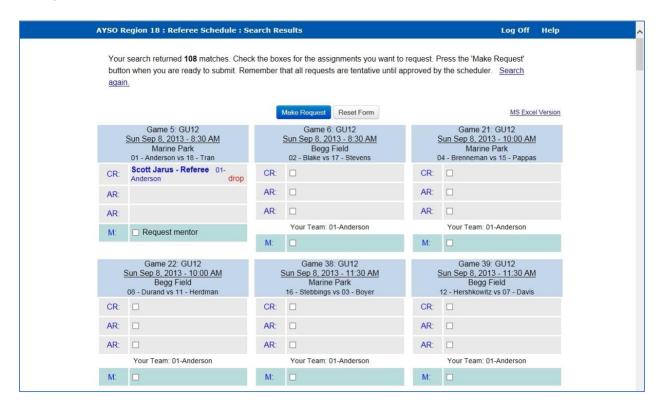
When you sign-up to be a CR or AR for a match, a "Request Mentor?" check box will also appear. If you wish to have a mentor for this match, check the box. [An attempt will be made to assign a mentor, but there is no guarantee that one will be assigned until you receive confirmation of the mentor assignment.]

<u>Note:</u> The schedule shows which teams you will be giving "Referee Service Points" to. When you select a game assignment, you will have the opportunity to credit a team with your Service Points.

If you established your profile with only one team designated to receive your Points, only that team will show. In this example, Referee Service Points will be given to team "01-Anderson". If you established

your profile with *more than* one team designated to receive your Referee Service Points, you have the ability to choose which team get your Points when you sign-up for a match.

Once you have made a selection, here is what it will look like:

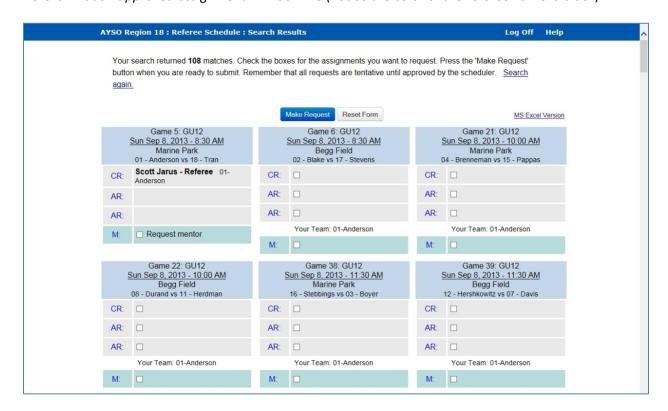


Notice that the referee ("Scott Jarus-Referee") is listed in **blue**. Certain Divisions, such as U16 and U19, require an approval from the Referee Scheduler before the assignment is finalized. If your name is listed in **blue**, then you will need to wait for approval from the Referee Scheduler before the assignment is finalized. If your name is in **black**, then it means that you are approved to referee this particular match.

Should you wish to drop (cancel) your assignment, simply click on the word "drop". It will remove your assignment from the system.

You may drop (cancel) an assignment yourself <u>up to two (2) days before the game day</u>. After that, you will need to contact the Referee Scheduler (<u>refsched18@ayso18.org</u>) to drop (cancel) an assignment.

Here is what an approved assignment will look like (notice the color of the referee name is **black**):



Note: Most assignments in U14 and younger are automatically approved by the RSS (based upon rules we've set in the system).

Requesting a Mentor

Should you wish to have a Mentor for a particular game, click on the Request mentor box located in the green bar ("M"). This will cause a request to be sent to the Region's Referee Mentor Coordinator.

Note: By requesting a Mentor, there is no guarantee that one will be available for you. If a Mentor steps forward to assist you, you will be contacted.

Badge / Game Restrictions

Having the appropriate referee certifications and experience are important factors in successfully managing competitive games, particularly as the age and experience of the players increase. As such, beginning in the Fall season of 2014, Region 18 has implemented a badge restriction system within RSS which only permits the appropriate badge level to *Center Referee* games for each of the age divisions (based upon modified AYSO National Guidelines).

Center Referee (CR) Assignment Permitted

Badge LevelDivision(s)U88URegional8U, 10UIntermediate8U, 10U, 12U

Advanced 8U, 10U, 12U, 14U, 16U National 8U, 10U, 12U, 14U, 16U, 19U

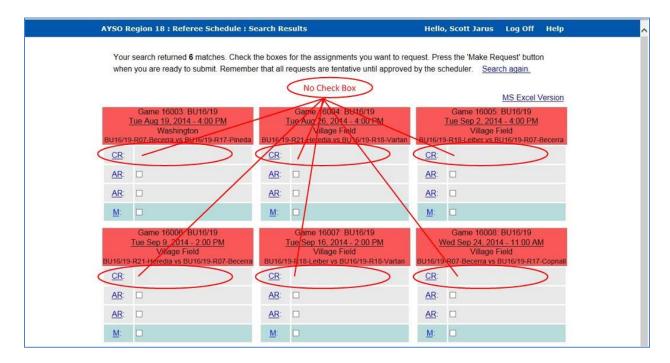
An exception to these restrictions is permitted when a referee is currently in the Badge Upgrade process. If you wish to apply for an exemption, (a) sign up for a referee upgrade class and (b) contact the Referee Scheduler. Your exemption will be reviewed by the appropriate regional staff. If an exemption is granted, you will be notified and your badge level restriction will be raised to the next level (e.g. Regional to Intermediate, Intermediate to Advanced, etc.).

At this time, this badge restriction system only applied to the Center Referee (CR) position. All referees, with the exception of U8 badges, are permitted to Assistant Referee (AR) all divisions.

Important Note: If you sign up to AR a game which is above your restrictive level to CR, and no qualified CR shows up for the game, PLEASE step up and CR the game. It is very important that the game be played (the kids should not be penalized). Simply note on the Game Card that you covered the game because a qualified CR did not show up, and then contact the Referee Scheduler who will modify the coverage schedule in RSS to show that you served as the game's CR.

During your search for a game to referee, should you <u>not</u> see a check box in the CR field, it is because your referee badge level (i.e. Regional, Intermediate, etc.) is not qualified to Center Referee for this level of play.

Below is an example of such a search. The referee has a Regional badge, which means that he is restricted to only being able to referee 8U and 10U games. His search was for BU16/19 games. As a result, he can see the games, but can only volunteer for the *Assistant Referee (AR)* positions (i.e. no check box in the CR assignments).

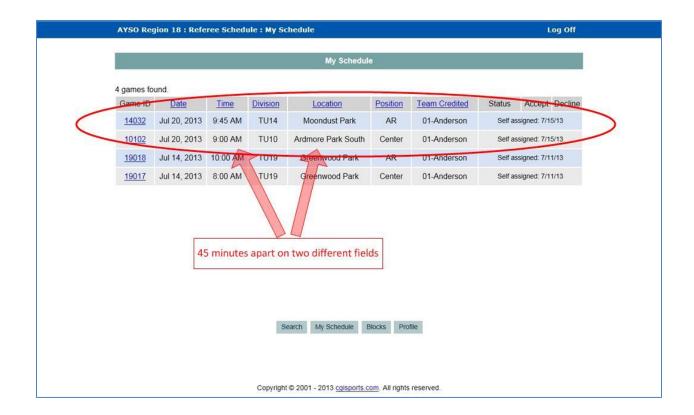


My Schedule

You can see a complete listing of all games which you have volunteered for or that have been assigned to you by clicking on the "My Schedule" button at the bottom of the Search Page.

Note: The RSS checks to ensure that you are not double-booked for the same kick-off times; however, it does not know if you have back-to-back assignments at fields which require travel time or if the matches overlap in time. Please remember to consider travel time when volunteering or accepting an assignment. You are strongly advised to click on "My Schedule" to see if there are any conflicts in your assignments.

Here's an example of "My Schedule" and a probable conflict which the RSS wouldn't automatically catch:

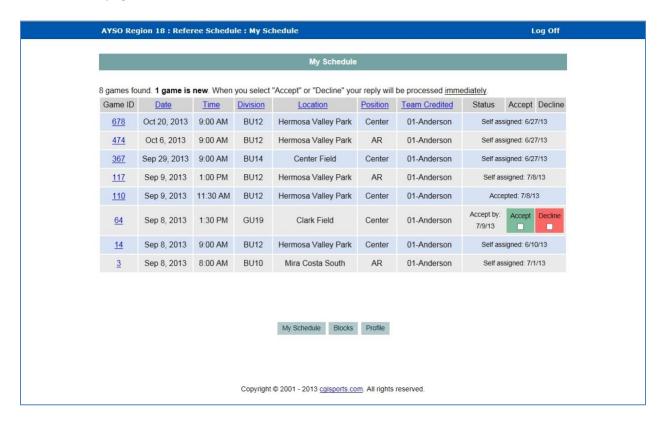


Matches Assigned by the Referee Scheduler

On those occasions when you are *assigned a match by the Referee Scheduler*, ordinarily in 16U and 19U matches, you will receive an email informing you of the assignment.



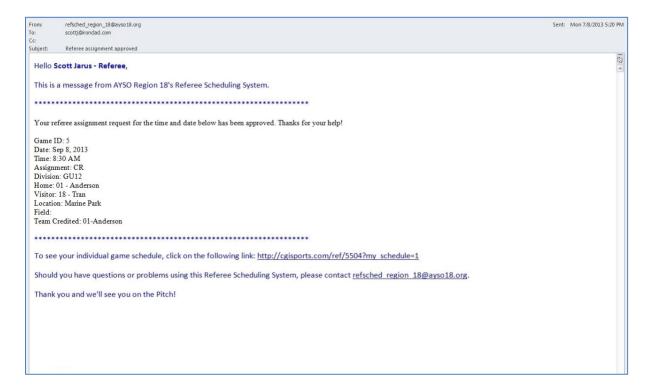
You will need to log into the RSS using the link provided in the email. Once you do so, it will take you directly to "My Schedule". Or if you log in another way, go to "My Schedule" which is located at the bottom of the page.



On this page you can either Accept or Decline the assignment which has been made by the Referee Scheduler for you. If you Decline the assignment, your name will still appear in that slot in blue (as if it was an "unapproved" assignment request) so that the Referee Committee knows you must be replaced for the assignment.

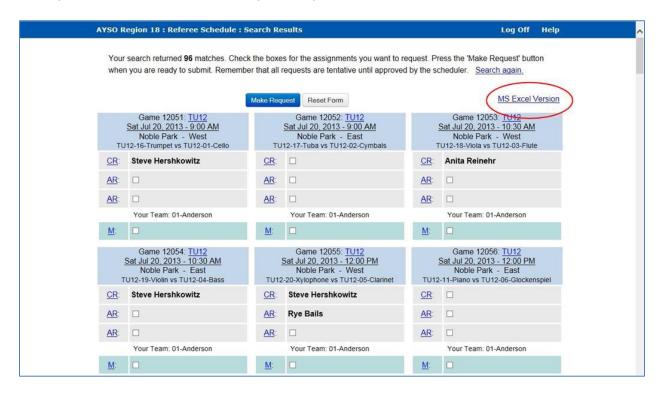
"My Schedule" lists <u>all</u> of the matches you have been either self-assigned or scheduler-assigned. This is a good place for you to regularly check to ensure that you are aware of your future games.

Once you have been approved for the assignment, you will receive a confirmation email:

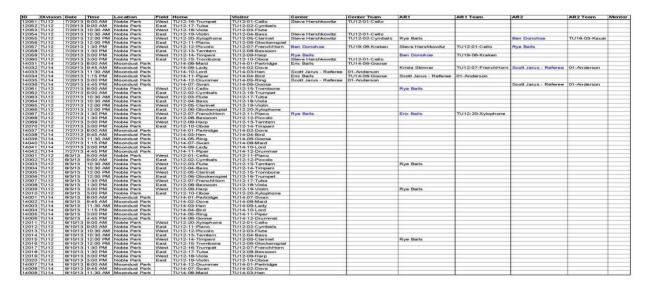


Search Results Report

If you want to generate a report (Excel spreadsheet) of Search results, you can do this by clicking on "MS Excel Version" on the upper right hand corner of the Search Results page. This will cause an Excel spreadsheet to be generated and exported to your computer. Depending on the type of computer you are using and the operating system it is running on, you may need to enable, agree or authorize this Excel spreadsheet to be downloaded to your computer.



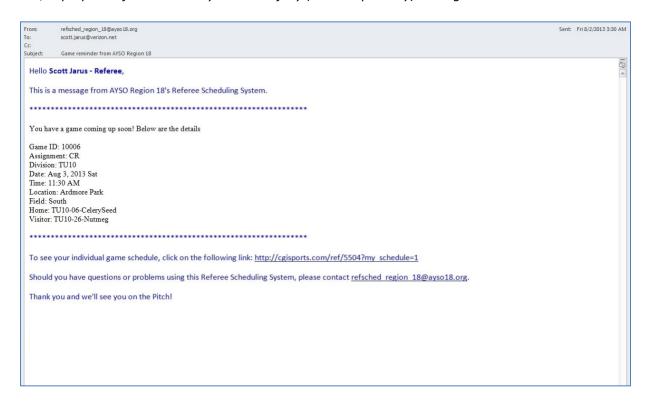
Note: If you want to have a report across multiple Divisions, teams, fields, etc., just ensure that you have selected all of the variables in your Search criteria before generating the report.



MISCELLANEOUS

Assignment Reminder

One (1) day before your assigned match(es), you will receive an email reminder from the RSS. There is no action required, except to ensure that you show up at your assigned match 30-minutes prior to the start time, in proper uniform and ready to successfully (and competently) manage the match.



User Notes

- (1) Should your contact details change, you can make those changes yourself by logging into the RSS and clicking on "Profile" at the bottom of the page.
- (2) Upon logging in, you have the *option* to block specific teams or times from assignment by the Referee Scheduler. Click on "Block" at the bottom of the page. For most referees, there is no need to use this function.
- (3) If you forget your password, you may reset it by using the Reset Password function on the lower half of the login screen at http://cgisports.com/ref/5504/