



Ken Aston Cup 2026

Guidelines for Competing Referee Teams *(as of 4/21/26)*

1. **Our number 1 responsibility is to the players and the game.**
2. The games are played under the Laws, AYSO Rules & Regs, and the Strawberry Cup Tournament rules.
3. You must attend one of the KA Cup briefings prior to your first match. Briefings will be held ZOOM (TBD) and on Saturday at 7:10 am and 10:30 am at the KA Cup desk.
4. Confirm your schedule of matches at the KA Cup desk. You will likely have 2 matches Saturday and one Sunday morning. If you have any conflicts, **please advise ASAP** and we will, to the extent possible, adjust to accommodate. Such adjustments are at the discretion of the KA Cup Director.
5. Each team member must be Referee once and AR twice. You choose.
6. If a team member cannot continue, we will find a substitute. Such teams will receive evaluations, but cannot compete for the Cup.
7. Get evaluator feedback forms at the KA Cup desk before each match.
8. As in any tournament, staying on schedule is key. Get to the field early, meet your evaluators, and **stay on schedule**. Complete tournament paperwork **before** your KA Cup debrief.
9. After each match, meet with the evaluators for a debrief. Evaluator feedback are suggestions for improvement. Treat each idea as worth exploration. Some may not work for you, but most will if you learn them. If necessary, ask for clarification, but **don't argue**. All feedback is given in good faith by experienced referees & assessors.
10. Scoring is on teamwork, signals, mechanics (in both dynamic and set plays), match management and player management. Please do not ask evaluators for your scores.
11. Issuing unnecessary cards is **NOT** a plus for your team.
12. Return evaluator feedback forms to the desk promptly after debrief.
13. Rankings will be available after each completed round.
14. Sunday, after the third round, we will announce final results.
15. Have Fun.