

Sign Up as a Volunteer – first time

Since you are seeing this it means you are on the Santa Barbara Region 122 website and hit the “Volunteer/Sign-up for Classes” button and at the pulldown menu clicked on the first item “Instructions First Time volunteer on Sports Connect”, which opened another tab so that you can have these instructions to get through registering.

Go back to the other tab now and click on “Santa Barbara Site with Sports Connect”. That click then opened another tab that took you to the Santa Barbara Region 122 Sports Connect/Blue Sombrero Home Page.

Since you have not registered before you are going to click on the “Register Now” button on the upper right corner of the page. You will be on a page with the “Create Account” at the bottom of the page in Blue. Enter your email address, create a “User Name” which does not need to be your email address and then enter a “Password”. Then click on “Create Account”.

You are now on a page titled “What would you like to do today? Do not chose to register players as we do not use this platform for players. Chose “Register Myself”.

You are now on a new page titled “Which best describes you?”. Click on “Volunteer or Team Staff”. You are now on a new page titled “Okay, let’s get to know you first.”. Fill in info. You are not being tied to a player in this database so at “Relationship to Player”, chose “Other”. Fill out rest of info at the end click on Blue Box with “Invite Account Holder and Continue”.

On the new page called “Looking to get involved? Here are some opportunities.” you will choose under Programs 1 (which is your only choice) the “View Divisions” button. That will expand the field and you will click on the “Volunteers including Board Members” box. Then the box titled “View Selected Opportunities” button will turn blue. Click on that button.

You are now on a new page. You can choose from Youth Volunteer, Head Coach, Assistant Coach, Referee, Board Member or Volunteer. If you are more than one, you can pick more than one. I selected Head Coach, Referee and Board Member.

When you pick what you are by clicking on it, that button will flip over and give you 2 choices. Chose signing up yourself (not sign up a new user – I do not know where that goes) and click on it. Now Click on “Continue”.

It now takes us to a new page labeled “Nice, thanks for getting involved”. A Blue circle will then spin a number of times will waiting to be processed.

On that page when it stops spinning, it will list the areas you volunteered in. Then it will ask you to fill in your information. Then based on my answers it wants some additional info such as my Middle Name. You do not need those other fields filled out except for Social Security Number. Since I signed up to volunteer as a referee, they are telling me I do not have Concussion Awareness, AYSO Safe Haven and Sudden Cardiac Arrest certifications.

I can take those later through the AYSOU.org site. These classes are all online and will linkback to this database. You know have to “View/Accept”: AYSO KID ZONES PLEDGE, COVID-19 Assumption of Risk and waiver, consent, release etc forms. Click on the Blue Button under each form. A new screen will pop up which you will have to read, check the box I accept the Electronic Agreement, type in your first and last name and then click on the box “I Accept” for each form.

It takes you back to the same page and on the bottom right you can click on the blue box marked “Continue”. I forgot to fill out the sex, so it did nothing until I scrolled up to see in Red that I forgot to state my sex. Filled that out and back to the bottom of the page. I clicked on Continue and it took me back to the Volunteer page where I started. My info is now in the system.

It now takes me to the first page. It has me listed as a referee volunteer. The page tells me what I need to be complete for my position. I need the Risk Status (Background Check) since it has a yellow triangle with an exclamation mark telling me I am not compliant. This means I do not have a current background check which is required. For Risk Assessment you will get an email from AYSO National giving you a link to Sterling, the company we use for background checks to protect our players.

You need to fill out the background check to be a volunteer. Santa Barbara is paying for the background check. It was quick to fill out. I could not add my

middle name. At step 4 it asks you if you want to help pay some of the cost. I answered no.

A new thing is that I have an account with Sterling. At the end they tell me I can access my account and share this background check with other organizations. So, if you volunteer with another organization, you can share this background check which is at level 2 which is a higher level than most organizations require.

It also has the same marking for Sudden Cardiac Arrest, Concussion Awareness, AYSOs Safe Haven. Since the Sudden Cardiac Arrest requirement is new because of a State Law, I clicked on the box for it and hit Renew & Update. As it turns out this is just a spot for me to upload the certification, if I took the CDC Course for another organization which gave you a certificate that you can upload. You need to go to AYSOU to take the course if you didn't take it somewhere else. It can be used for other organizations. If you take it through AYSOU it will populate this info in your database, so you do not need to upload it. You will go to AYSOU.org to take the other required classes.

Once this registration is complete, you will need to wait 24 hours before going to AYSOU.org to take a class. Your new registration will not be compiled into the system until the middle of the night.

I do not know why, but even though I volunteered as a referee it tells me I have no coaching licenses. You only need those if you are also going to be a coach.

The Login and password for AYSOU.org is the same as for your Sports Connect account.