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AYSO/USSF GAME COUNT MEMO

To clarify some recent misconceptions regarding game count requirements for upgrade in USSF and in AYSO, Julie Ilacqua, Managing Director of Federation Services, and I have agreed to the following:

1. AYSO is an affiliated member of USSF and therefore AYSO games are considered affiliated games by USSF.
2. AYSO games will be accepted by USSF and count towards the USSF game count requirements for USSF referees seeking to upgrade from Grade 8 to Grade 7.
3. Non-affiliated games (High School, College, Independent, etc.) do not count for upgrade in USSF but do count for upgrade in AYSO.
4. AYSO referees who are seeking to cross-certify to USSF are not to include non-affiliated games in the game count requirements of USSF.

Please circulate this memo to those AYSO referees who might be affected by this information. Also please remind AYSO referees that they are not to include non-affiliated games in the game count they use when cross-certifying to USSF which includes any non-affiliated games that were used toward the game count for upgrade to their current certification level in AYSO.

Please contact me if there are questions.

Thank you,



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