

**- Agenda (with Notes) -**  
ASC Pre-Season Referee Meeting for Fall 2024  
Wednesday, 4 September 2024  
Robbins Library Community Room  
700 Mass. Ave, Arlington  
(rev. 8/25/2024)

6:45 -7:45 p.m. for In-Town referees; 8:00-8:45 pm. For BAYS/Grassroots referees

### Introductions & Welcome

#### Essential Information for Fall 2024

- BAYS/In-Town Season begins Sat, 9/7; HS season begins Sun, 9/22;
- IFAB rules of 2023-24 apply in Fall 2024
- ASC Website: [www.arlingtonsoccerclub.org](http://www.arlingtonsoccerclub.org)
  - o Referee Resources: LOTG, IFAB app, BAYS and ASC rules, Certification, uniforms, etc.

#### Keywords for all ASC referees: SAFE – FAIR – FUN

1. How do we ensure safety?
  - a. Pre-Game: check goals/field; check player equipment; check spectator distance
  - b. During Game: Call fouls; verbal warnings to players
2. How do we promote fairness?
  - a. Appear professional; talk equally with both teams;
  - b. Call fouls the same on both teams; move regularly around the field
3. How do we encourage fun for players?
  - a. Be enthusiastic during pre-game routine; show joy in refereeing; participate in fist bump/handshakes after the game

#### Game Assignments/Scheduling

at <https://usofficial.com>,

- Sunday – Referees input availability
- Monday – Games are assigned;
- Tuesday – Referees accept/reject games
- Wednesday – Open games are announced via email
- Wed-Fri – Referees respond to Paul A. directly via email, and schedule is finalized.

#### Game Reports (and Payment)

- Record essential info. on paper game report (see samples)
- Ideally submit game reports online within 24 hours of game. Games must be accepted before they can be reported!
- In-town games are reported at <https://usofficials.com>.
- BAYS games are reported at <https://bays.org/MyBays-->Referee-->Game> Accept-Reject, and at MyBays→Referee→Game Report Management (2 steps)  
(NOTE: not at USOfficials.com!)

- Payment for BAYS games happens three times each season; payment in Fall 2024 will be after week 3, week 6, week 9, and Nov. 30.  
Payment for In-Town games happens twice each season (mid-October, late Nov.).

#### Game Cancellations

- The Town and the ASC usually make decisions about whether fields are open/closed on a given day due to weather, maintenance, or other factors. Decisions by 7:00 am for weekend morning games, and 10:30 am for weekend afternoon games.
- Referees may also declare a field to be “unplayable” and cancel a game.
- [ASC Weather policy](#) re: thunder/lightning
- Coaches should cancel games by Thursday 7:00 pm for a weekend match.

See table at bottom of agenda re: whether referees are paid for cancelled games.

#### Game Day Reminders

- Check ASC website and your email for possible cancellations/field change.
- Arrive 30 min prior to kickoff.
- 5 Pre-Game steps:
  - Check your own equipment (uniform, whistle, watch, pen, coin, etc)
    - \*\* Bring my own jersey and equipment for Show-and-Tell \*\*
  - Check the field (playing surface, goals, lines, flags, etc)
  - Check the coaches (credentials, max 3, rosters for BAYS)
  - Check the players (shin guards, jewelry, uniforms)
  - Check the ball
- Begin on time. 15 minute grace period for late referees or coaches.
- Minimum number of players for BAYS: 7 (for 11v11); 6 (for 9v9); 5 (for 7v7)

#### Game Rules

- ASC Gr. 2-4, BAYS, IFAB
  - o In-Town Grade 2 Modifications: <http://www.arlingtonsoccerclub.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/ASC-2020-Grade-2-In-Town-Rules.pdf>
  - o In-Town Grade 3-4 Modifications: <http://www.arlingtonsoccerclub.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/ASC-2020-Grades-3-and-4-In-Town-Rules.pdf>
  - o Comparison chart of In-Town vs. BAYS rules, at <http://www.arlingtonsoccerclub.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/ASC-2020-In-Town-and-BAYS-Rules-Summary-Grid.pdf>
  - o BAYS Rules for competition: <https://bays.org/book/playing-rules-and-regulations-bays-soccer-competition>
  - o BAYS Game Rules Summary Chart: <https://bays.org/book/game-rule-summary-chart>
  - o IFAB Laws of the Game: <https://www.theifab.com/laws-of-the-game-documents/?language=all&year=2024%2F25>

## Zero Tolerance Policy

- Designed to protect referees from abuse and harassment.
- Required by BAYS and by ASC.
  1. Essential Elements of ZT policy:
    - Players may talk to referee (respectfully) before, during, or after game
    - Coaches may ask questions before game, call for subs, or point out emergencies. Coaches may NOT yell, dispute calls, offer advice, use sarcasm, throw their clipboard, or intimidate the referee.
    - Spectators may cheer but may NOT yell, dispute calls, or offer advice.
    - Referees must submit Game Reports, including ZT violations as needed.
- Consequences for violations of ZT (altered Spring 2024)
  - ZT-1: Clubs track, monitor, and impose sanctions as they see fit;
  - ZT-2: One-game suspension
  - ZT-3: Two-game suspension

If violator coach is not identified, head coach serves suspension.  
If violator is a spectator, all spectators are forbidden at next game.  
Violations are tracked for 4 seasons (2 years) as repeat offenses.

## Codes of Conduct

- [\*\*Player's Code of Conduct\*\*](#)
- [\*\*Coach's Code of Conduct\*\*](#)
- [\*\*Parent's / Guardian's / Spectator's Code of Conduct\*\*](#)
- [\*\*Soccer Official's Code of Conduct\*\*](#)

## Questions

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- ASC Referee Assignor/US Officials, Paul Athanasiadis, [Paul2319@gmail.com](mailto:Paul2319@gmail.com).