

ASC Pre-Season Referee Meeting

Wednesday, 2 Sept. 2026

Robbins Library, Community Room

Chris Carlsmith, ASC Referee Director

7:30-8:30 p.m. Grassroots/BAYS Referees

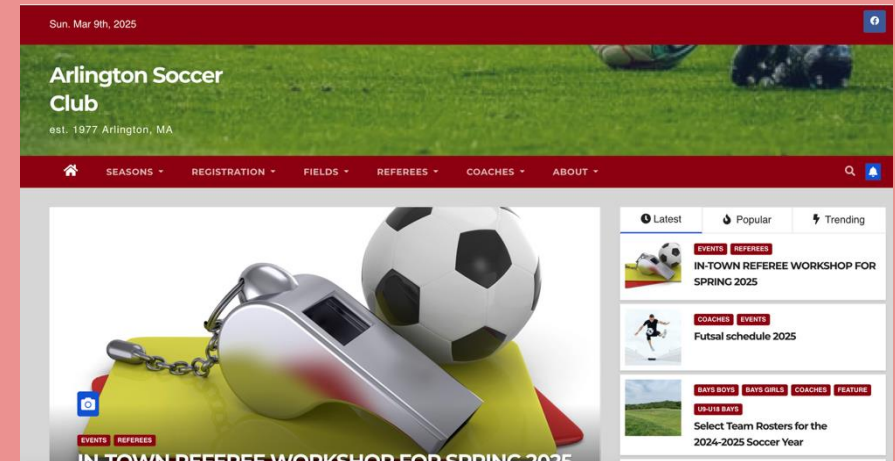


Fall 2026 dates

- Season begins Sat/Sun, Sept. 12-13 for BAYS (gr. 3-8). High School begins Sun, Sept. 27. Season ends Nov. 14-15.
- Availability deadline for Week 1 is this Sunday, Sept. 6.
- Referee Appreciation Weekend: Oct. 17-18
- Games are held on Indigenous Peoples Day/Columbus Day weekend (Oct. 10-12) for Grades 3-8, but many will be cancelled.
- Cape Cod Tournament and Referee Academy will be Oct. 10-12, with Referee Mentors. Watch for email from MassRef.

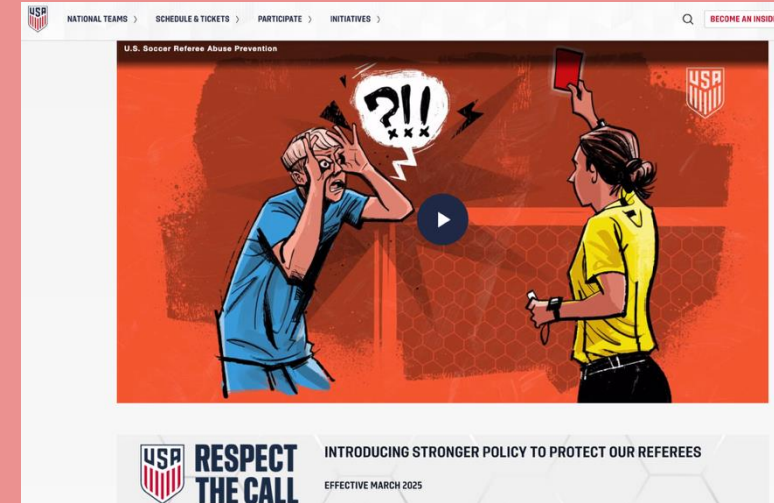
ASC Referee Website:

<https://www.arlingtonsoccerclub.org/referees/>



Fall 2026 updates

- New Payment System for ALL BAYS referees (next slide)
- Laws of the Game (LOTG)
 - We will follow 2025-26 (not 2026-27)
- Referee Abuse Prevention Policy
 - Introduced Spring 2025
 - See BAYS updates: <https://bays.org/content/referee-abuse-prevention-policy>
- Pre-Game Team Handshakes and Sportsmanlike behavior announcement
 - Introduced Spring 2025
 - Statement has been shortened
- Guest Player Passes
 - Introduced Spring 2025
 - ASC does not permit this, but other clubs do, so you will see it.
 - See <https://bays.org/content/bays-guest-player-policy>



Sportsmanship Statement

All participants deserve the right to play in an environment free from negative and distracting behavior.

Poor sportsmanship will not be tolerated, the game may be stopped and sanctions applied for violations of policy or codes of conduct.

Please enjoy the game and do your part to create a positive soccer experience for all.

A screenshot of the BAYS Guest Player Policy page. The header includes the BAYS logo and navigation links: Login, My BAYS, Admin, Current Season, Policies, Referees, Towns, and MTOC/PCup. Below the header is a search bar with "Spring 2025 (Change)" and a "Search" button. The main content area is titled "BAYS Guest Player Policy" and includes the following text:

Valid for: G3, G4, G5, G6, G8, G10, and G12/PG grade groups

Overview:

The BAYS Guest Player Policy provides teams the flexibility to field a team each week so that players can play soccer games as scheduled. It is NOT intended to increase a team's competitive advantage or fill a particular skill position that happens to be absent. It is NOT intended for emergencies, but for use in filling in for planned absences of players throughout the season. The Guest Player Policy is only valid during the regular season.

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to help reduce the number of regular season games not played due to teams not having enough players available to play the official game as scheduled. This policy can be used for both scheduled and rescheduled regular season games. Additionally, it may create flexibility when teams have smaller rosters due to player registration numbers.

Players should prioritize the game for their "assigned" team. A player may be a guest player in only one additional game per day, if their primary team also has a game scheduled.

Guest Player Parameters per season

Guest player guidelines and limits:

1. Players should prioritize playing on their assigned team over being a guest player.
2. It is at the discretion of each club choosing to use Guest Players to determine if the club wants to limit the number of times a specific player may play as a guest player. (see BAYS recommendations below)
3. There are no Guest Players allowed in BAYS Playoffs, Presidents' Cup, or MTOC.

New Payment System for BAYS

- During Summer 2026, BAYS created a new, in-house payment system to replace SX Business Services.
- ALL BAYS referees must register for this new system.
 - No registration = no game assignment in BAYS = no payment.
- Minors must obtain parental consent via email.
- Bank account information and Social Security # are required.
- Full instructions at <https://bays.org/W9andBankInfo>



ENTER YOUR W-9 INFO AND BANK ACCOUNT ON BAYS

BAYS implemented a new payment process for the Fall 2026 Season.

The new payment process is built as a separate system that uses an encrypted server, but we are using a referee's account on the BAYS website as the front end.

The new process seamlessly collects your W9 tax form and bank information electronically instead of referees having to send in paper-based forms. Multi-factor authentication was added to this section of the BAYS website.

BAYS signed a contract with Plaid, a financial technology network that acts as a bridge between your bank account and the BAYS referee payment account. Plaid uses high-level encryption to help protect your sensitive login details but does not store that information after it verifies the correct bank information needed to process ACH direct deposit transfers. BAYS does not save your banking details. If you want to read more: [How Plaid handles Your Data](#).

There are 3 steps to provide the information needed for you to be assigned games and to get paid by BAYS:

Step 1: Log into your BAYS account (Sections 1 - 4)

Step 2: Enter your tax information for the IRS form W-9 (Sections 5 - 6)

Step 3: Enter your bank information (Section 7)

Minors have additional Parental Consent Step

Below the My Profile section that is already filled out is this button

Parent/Guardian ACH and Tax Consent Email Not Yet Sent

ACH and tax setup stay blocked until a parent or guardian authorizes consent.

Send Consent Email

If you update the parent or guardian email above, save the profile first and then resend the consent email.

- Sometimes the process doesn't complete on the first click
- Check spam and other email folders
- If it doesn't work try again.

Full Instructions: <https://bays.org/W9andBankInfo>



W-9

W-9 Taxpayer Identification & Certification

Email verification is required before tax information can be entered or submitted.

Complete W-9

- When you click the button a code will be sent to the email you used to register with BAYS
- Sometimes it takes more than one click to send the code.
- Once the code is accepted it will open the form
 - Make sure you fill out everything and answer the backup withholding question

Full Instructions: <https://bays.org/W9andBankInfo>



W-9

1. Name of individual or tax entity	
Your Full Legal Name	
For a sole proprietor or disregarded entity, enter the owner's name.	
2. Business or disregarded entity name	
N/A	
Optional; complete only when different from the name or entity.	
3a. Federal tax classification	
Individual / sole proprietor	
☐ 3b. This partnership, trust/estate, or partnership-taxed LLC has foreign partners, owners, or beneficiaries. Complete only when this statement applies to the selected classification.	
4. Exempt payee code	
N/A	
Optional; codes generally apply only to certain entities, not individuals.	
4. FATCA exemption code	
N/A	
Optional; applies only to accounts maintained outside the United States.	

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Other BAYS policies



Policy 531-9: Referee Abuse Policy

- Protect and Support Referees and Better Soccer Environments
- Applies to all misconduct towards officials from participants.
- Stronger penalties to Coaches, Spectators, and PLAYERS
- Mass Youth Soccer policy extended sanctions to spectators
- Insulting, Belittling, Insinuating, or Taunting Behavior undermining referee classified as Gross Misconduct.
- Minor Multiplier results in Triple Punishment
- Video: <https://www.ussoccer.com/rap>



Policy 531-9



PENALTY OVERVIEW

The Penalties Matrix defines consequences associated with physical and non-physical offenses against Referees.

NON-PHYSICAL OFFENSES of gross misconduct, abuse, and / or assault

NON-PHYSICAL*	MIN. GAMES	TIME
Insulting, Belittling, Insinuating or Taunting Behavior Undermining Referee Authority	2	
Harassment, Intimidation, Retaliation, Abusive, or Threatening (Non Physical) Language	4	
Aggression, Attacking, Derogatory, Cyberbullying, Doxing or Threatening (Physical / Violence) Language	6	6 - 24 Months
Offensive or Discriminatory Act	10	12 - 24 Months

PHYSICAL OFFENSES of gross misconduct, abuse, and / or assault

PHYSICAL*	MIN. GAMES	TIME
Minor or Slight Deliberate Touching	3	1 - 6 Months
Pushing, Grabbing, Pulling, Squeezing, Pinching, Lightly Slapping, Use of Object in Non Striking Manner, or Physical Property Damage	10	6 - 24 Months
Hitting, Punching, Elbowing, Kicking, Biting, Spitting, Choking, Tackling, Throwing or Use of Object or Any Part of Body (Forearm, Knee, Head) in a Striking Manner		12 Months - Lifetime

(*) Disclaimer: These are only a few examples of abuse – other actions or statements may also fall into this category.

KEY PENALTY FACTORS

- Single offenses are at **minimum the prescribed game penalty or time penalty** for non red zone offenses
- Penalties can be **both game and time depending on severity** / circumstances
- Second time offenders receive **double punishment**
- Third time offenders receive a **lifetime ban**
- More than one offense at the same time is **at least the punishment for the most serious offense**
- Offenses against minors are automatically subject to a **“minor multiplier”** resulting in **triple punishment**
- **One offense warning per league** to be managed by states and leagues collaboratively
- Game consequences are **inclusive of 1 game penalty for any red cards given**
- Optionality for **50% penalty for first offense from a minor**

Please follow your current reporting structure – updated reporting procedure will be a part of Phase 3.



Policy 531-9

NON-PHYSICAL ABUSE

LEVEL 1: VERBAL TAUNTING

Speech or gestures intended to belittle the referee, damage their credibility, and undermine their ability to effectively officiate the game.

DEFINITION

Insulting, Belittling, Insinuating or Taunting Behavior
Undermining Referee Authority.

EXAMPLES

- **Questioning Competence:**
"Do you even know the rules?"
- **Mocking Appearance or Abilities:**
"Did you forget your glasses?"
- **Accusations of Bias:**
"What's the other team paying you?"
- **Dismissive Language:**
"You suck."
- **Aggressive Tone:**
"You're the worst ref we've ever had."

RECOMMENDED APPROACH

If you have concerns about a call, respectfully ask the referee for clarification. Share your perspective calmly, avoiding yelling, insults, or offensive gestures.

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Coaches may ask questions before the start of the game. Coaches may not approach the referee at half time or at the end or after the game except to:

- Respond to an Official who has initiated a conversation
- Point out emergency or safety issues
- Call for substitutions
- Ask the Officials to clarify ONLY: type of restart/direction of throw-in or indirect vs. direct free kick
- Ask for the time remaining in the half

BAYS limits the items that can be "clarified"

Policy 531-9

NON-PHYSICAL ABUSE

LEVEL 2: HARASSMENT/INTIMIDATION

Occurs when language or body language is intended to make a referee feel unsafe but where the threat of violence remains unspoken.

DEFINITION

Harassment, Intimidation, Retaliation, Abusive or Threatening (Non-Physical) Language.

EXAMPLES

- **Using Expletives:**
"That call was complete \$H*t!"
- **Personal Attacks:**
"You're a F-ing joker!"
- **Escalating Intensity:**
"You can't make a single good f***** call!"
- **Getting In The Referee's Face.**

RECOMMENDED APPROACH

Take a moment to gather yourself before you speak to the referee. Ask for clarification calmly, aiming for constructive communication rather than causing conflict.

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Discriminatory Actions / Derogatory Language

Observed/Heard by Referee Crew

If a member of the referee crew witnesses or hears that a player or coach is being subject to derogatory language or discriminatory actions, the incident should be addressed according to the IFAB Laws of the game.

Reported to Referee Crew

If a member of the referee crew did not hear or witness directly but a player or coach reports the incident to the referee, the Center Referee should implement the following steps:

- Stop the game, if necessary, or use stoppage in play.
- Send both teams to their respective technical areas.
- Gather the referee team.
- Bring both coaches together.
- Explain the situation to the best of your ability and understanding.
- Direct the coaches to resolve the issue immediately.
- Resume the game if issue is resolved
- If the coaches are uncooperative, or a resolution cannot be initiated or reached in a reasonable amount of time (resolution not to exceed 5 minutes), the referee will abandon the game immediately.



Pre-Game Sportsmanship Statement

Procedure

After all pre-game activities are complete, both teams and the referee crew will line up at the Half Way Line of the Coaches Sideline.

Led by officials, all players and coaches will walk across the field and line up facing spectators, 5 yard from the sideline.

The Sportsmanship Statement will be read by a **representative of the Home team** to all coaches, players and spectators.

Referees
are not
reading
the
statement

Following the reading of the script, players will perform a pre-game handshake.
(Home team to walk down the line of Away Team).

After the pre-game handshake, all players and coaches will return to benches and starting players will assume positions on the field of play.

Center Referees will check a
box in their game report that
Sportsmanship Stmt was read
or not.

Club will receive reports based
on this



Guest Player Policy

[BAYS Guest Player Policy](#) is in effect beginning with the Spring 2025 season.

1. Coach provides the referee at the field with **two paper copies** of their official game roster and **two paper copies** of any official roster(s) listing any Guest Player(s). Every player has a unique jersey number. Every roster has the current Game ID#.
2. Referee checks in all players present. Referee crosses off names of absent players.
3. Referee gives opposing coach a copy of each roster.
4. Referee keeps a copy of each roster until the end of the season.
5. Referee notes in online Game Report that Guest Players were utilized.



Rosters Must be Kept Until End of Season

- Write game # on corner of all rosters if not listed by coach
- Ensure non-duplicate player numbers are listed
 - If not, ask coach to update roster



Slides from US Officials Meeting in late Aug.

SPECTATORS



Do not Referee the Spectators. Engage selectively & professionally.

Use your professionalism to minimize engagement. When needed, manage spectator behavior through the Referee & Head Coach.



- 1 STOP / PAUSE** If behavior requires intervention, stop or delay restart appropriately.
- 2 TELL THE COACH** Describe the behavior and ask the coach to address their side.
- 3 ESCALATE** Use a field administrator or league contact if behavior is serious or continues.
- 4 DOCUMENT** Record the facts if a report is required.

Referee → Coach / Administrator → Spectator

How we LOOK. How we SOUND. How we WORK.

People form an opinion about the crew long before the first major decision. What first impression *should* you communicate?

LOOK

- Uniform complete
- Shirt tucked
- Socks up
- Correct badge
- Prepared appearance

SOUND

- Calm tone
- Respectful language
- Clear explanations
- Coachability
- No public complaining

WORK

- Fitness & effort
- Movement
- Positioning
- Signals
- Knowledge
- Teamwork

A few phrases you can actually borrow.

Do not memorize scripts word-for-word. Borrow the structure and make it sound like you.

CREW

"I'll be there at 5:30. Let's meet by the main entrance. I'm bringing yellow and blue."

ASSIGNOR

"I saw the assignment. I need to talk with my _____ tomorrow to confirm - I'll get back to you by tomorrow night."

COACH

"Coach, I hear you. I've made the decision. I need you to let us get on with the game."

PLAYER

"I'll listen - but not while you're shouting at me. Talk to me. Don't yell"

SPECTATOR ISSUE

"Coach, we have a spectator issue on your side. Please help us address it so we can continue."

POST-GAME

"I have a serious incident to report. I'm completing the report now and wanted to make sure you were aware."

PRO TIP: Dictate a serious incident into your phone, edit it with crewmates digitally, get help BEFORE submitting.

The remaining slides are targeted primarily at new BAYS referees. They include:

- Game Assignments in BAYS
- Game Reports in BAYS
- Payment by BAYS
- Equipment for BAYS referees
- Reimbursement for BAYS referees
- Game Rosters and Check-in for BAYS referees
- Guest Player Passes for BAYS referees
- BAYS rules

Referee Pre-Season Quiz

1. Referees must submit availability for the following weekend by
 - a. Saturday morning
 - b. Sunday night
 - c. Monday afternoon
 - d. Tuesday night
2. Game Reports are submitted
 - a. Via email to the ASC Referee Director
 - b. On a paper copy at the ASC office
 - c. Online at USOfficials.com (in-town) or at BAYS.org (Grassroots)
 - d. Online at ArlingtonSoccerClub.org
3. Weather-related cancellations
 - a. Are announced on the ASC website by 7:00 am / 10:30 a.m for weekends
 - b. Are announced at the field by the coaches
 - c. Must be declared at least 24 hours prior to kickoff
 - d. Will not happen in Fall 2025

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.

Availability Status — [Help](#)

AUGUST 2024						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Select your availability

Date	Time	Notes
09/07/2024	From 01:00 PM To 04:30 PM	 

☐ Unavailable ☒ Available ☐ Reported
☐ Pending ☐ Accepted ☐ Rejected

[Copy calendar link](#) - to sync your calendar with other devices

<https://usofficials.com/calendar/39876/4fdf5f32addcbd70a>

Game Reports

- Everyone accepts game initially at US Officials.
- In-Town referees report games at <https://usofficials.com>.
- BAYS referees accept game also in BAYS, and report game in BAYS, <https://bays.org>.
 - You must accept a game in BAYS before you can report a game there.
 - BAYS reports require more information.

REFEREE MATCH REPORT											
DATE:				DIVISION		1	2	3	4	5	6
LOCATION:				AGE		U-8	U-10	U-12	U-14	U-16	U-18
START TIME:		END:		DURATION 2x		45	40	35	30	25	20
DIVISION/AGE:				BALL SIZE		5	5	5	4	4	3
HOME						VISITORS					
TEAM NAME:				KICKOFF		CAPTAINS		TEAM NAME:		COLOR:	
COLOR:											
GOALS		FIRST HALF		SECOND HALF		FINAL		FIRST HALF		SECOND HALF	
PLAYER #											
TIME											
CAUTION CODES (YELLOW CARD)						EJECTION CODES (RED CARD)					
C1 - UNSPORTING BEHAVIOR						E1 - SERIOUS FOUL PLAY					
C2 - DISSENT						E2 - VIOLENT CONDUCT					
C3 - PERSISTENT INFRACTION						E3 - SPITS ON OPPONENT OR OTHER PERSON					
C4 - DELAYS						E4 - DENIES GOAL BY HANDLING THE BALL					
C5 - FAILS TO RESPECT REQUIRED DISTANCE						E5 - DENIES SCORING BY AN OFFENSE					
C6 - ENTER/REENTER FIELD WITHOUT PERMISSION						E6 - OFFENSIVE, INSULTING OR ABUSIVE LANGUAGE					
C7 - ENTER/LEAVE WITHOUT REFS PERMISSION						E7 - RECEIVES A SECOND CAUTION IN MATCH					
REF: _____ A1 _____ A2 _____						© agora 2008					

DATE:				OFFICIAL				REFEREE:							
COMPETITION:				JPORTJ				AR1:							
DIVISION/AGE GROUP:				officialsports.com				AR2:							
QUARTER/TIME:								4TH OFFICIAL:							
HOME								AWAY							
NAME:								NAME:							
COLOR:								COLOR:							
TEAM CAPTAIN #:								TEAM CAPTAIN #:							
GOALS				GOALS				GOALS				GOALS			
1ST HALF				2ND HALF				1ST HALF				2ND HALF			
Player #:				Time:				Player #:				Time:			
Player #:				Time:				Player #:				Time:			
Player #:				Time:				Player #:				Time:			
MISCONDUCT				MISCONDUCT				MISCONDUCT				MISCONDUCT			
R/Y # MIN REASON				R/Y # MIN REASON				R/Y # MIN REASON				R/Y # MIN REASON			

BAYS - Game Report

About the Game



Preliminary Game Information



Game Conditions



Game Details



Score Report



Referee Abuse Prevention



Verbal/Physical/Sexual Misconduct



Penalty Cards & Injuries



General Game Comments



Submit

Game Details



Did the game OFFICIALLY kick off? (All coaches wearing CREDENTIALS; Paper ROSTERS presented; Minimum # of PLAYERS present) *

Yes ▾

Did the Home Coach appear at the field with a team ready to play with a valid roster and wearing a current coach credential? *

Yes ▾

Did the home team provide you with an additional roster(s) listing guest players? *

- Select - ▾

Did the Away Coach appear at the field with a team ready to play with a valid roster and wearing a current coach credential? *

Yes ▾

Did the away team provide you with an additional roster(s) listing guest players? *

- Select - ▾

Did the game go to full time? *

Yes ▾

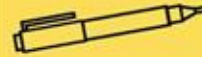
Actual Kick Off Time

End of Game Time

Game Reports (2)

- All Grassroots referees should submit comments in game report for
 - RAP violation,
 - Red/YellowCard,
 - Injury,
 - or unusual circumstances.
- In-Town referees generally report only the score.
 - Unusual incidents can be reported to Referee Director, or feedback form
- Game reports should be submitted within 24 hours.
- Game reports cannot be submitted until the game is accepted.
- See “Game Reports: Best Practice” on ASC website

THE BASIC STEPS TO WRITING



GAME REPORTS

Download the
Laws of the Game
www.theifab.com



1

USE LAW SPECIFIC LANGUAGE

Use the "-ing" offenses from Law 12 (e.g. pushing, tripping, kicking, punching, etc. Card details need to be for "cardable offenses" e.g. Striking an opponent.)

OBJECTIVE LANGUAGE

Fact based, free of emotion,
interpretation and opinion.
Facts, not feelings

2



Accurately describe exactly:

- what happened
- by whom, to whom
- where on the field
- what time
- why: was there anything that led to the incident?

3

USE THE 5 W'S

Who, What, Where, When and Why?

WHAT TO INCLUDE

Red & Yellow cards (YC are league specific), Match termination or abandonment, Mass Confrontation, Serious Injuries, Field or safety concerns, Coach/Mgr/Spectator misconduct

4



5

CLOCK IS TICKING

Reports should be filed within 48 hours
MAXIMUM, ideally within 24 hours.

NEED ASSISTANCE?

Contact your Club Assignor

Page on BAYS website in
Referee Resources

<https://bays.org/content/game-report-writing-infographic>

Payment

- 2x per season for In-Town
 - Mid-season, End of season
 - Check sent to your house
 - \$25 per game

4x per season for BAYS

- Weeks 3, 6, 9, and end of season (June 30 or Nov. 30)
- Via ACH transfer to bank account
- No Game Report = No Pay!

Referee Payment Information

BAYS referee game rates:

	Fall 2026	Spring 2027
Center Referee Grade 12 (11v11 Spring Only)		\$100
Center Referee Grade 10 (11v11 Spring Only)		\$90
Center Referee Grade 9-12 (7v7)	\$80	\$80
Center Referee Grade 8 (11v11)	\$80	\$80
Center Referee Grades 5, 6 (9v9)	\$60	\$60
Center Referee Grades 3, 4 (7v7)	\$50	\$50
Assistant Referee Grade 12 - Spring Only		\$60
Assistant Referee Grade 10 - Spring Only		\$55
Assistant Referee Grade 8	\$50	\$50
Assistant Referee Grade 5, 6 (9v9)	\$40	\$40

<https://bays.org/content/referee-payment-information>

Referee Pre-Season Quiz

1. The grace period for late-arriving coaches/referees is
 - a. 5 minutes
 - b. 15 minutes
 - c. 30 minutes
 - d. None

2. Earrings are permitted
 - a. If they are taped both front and back
 - b. If they have silicon/plastic studs rather than metal studs
 - c. If parents give permission
 - d. If worn for religious reasons
 - e. Under no circumstances

3. The rules for soccer in Arlington are set by
 - a. ASC
 - b. BAYS
 - c. IFAB
 - d. All of the above

Game Cancellations

- ASC decides by 7:00 am /10:30 am for weekend games, so check ASC website and your own email.
- Referees can declare a field unplayable, in consultation w/ coaches
- Thunder/Lightning Policy
 - No play for 30 minutes

Why No Game	Conditions	Who Initiates	Refs Paid
Teams No Show	· Refs <i>at the field</i> · Neither team or coach show up · Fields are open and playable	Center Referee by filing game report	· Yes – If at the field · Original game shows with -1 suffix
Late Cancel	· One side or BOTH sides initiate a cancellation and fails to notify by stated window	Referee Assignor	· Yes – game reports AUTO-generated · Shows with -86 suffix
Forfeit	· One or both teams forfeit · Can happen if team does not have roster or credentialed adult w/in 15 minutes	Division Director	· Yes – if at the field
Rainout/unplayable field - When teams show up	· Game cannot be safely played or finished	Referee Assignor	· Yes – if at the field or on the way to the field
Rainout/unplayable field - When NO teams show up	· Refs on the field but no teams show up then EITHER Teams No Show or Late Cancel – NOT Both	Referee Assignor	· Yes – if at the field or on the way to the field · No – if club closes fields at least one hour before game time
Clubs Close fields	Clubs close fields by BAYS required windows · 7:00AM for morning games · 10:30AM for afternoon games	Club	· No 

BAYS Table re Game Cancellations and Ref Payment

Referee Gear

- What items does every ref need?



Plus wristwatch!

Game Day Reminders

- 5 Pre-game steps:
 1. Check your own equipment
 2. Check the field
 3. Check the coaches
 4. Check the players
 5. Check the ball
- Minimum # of players to start
 - 7 (for 11v11)
 - 6 (for 9v9)
 - 5 (for 7v7)
- Arrive 30 min early
- Review rules for that level
- Start on time
- 15-minute grace period for late arrivals

Rosters and Check-in

Pre-Game Check-in Process

- 2 printed paper official rosters required
 - If only one printed, still okay if opposing coach agrees, and then they just take a picture
- Referee will check-in the players making sure their names are *printed* on the roster and they have unique jersey numbers
 - New BAYS request that jersey #s ***should be printed*** on official rosters by clubs
- Referee will check the players for safety:
 - (5 S's): shirt, short, socks, shin guards, safe shoes
 - No jewelry. None at all. Wearable item policy Cultural or medical items must be made safe.
 - No hard casts

Spectators

- Spectators must set up on one side of the field, teams on the opposite side. At least 5' off the touchline
- No one behind the goals or on the endlines.



Game Rules (LOTG)





Keeping it Fun!

Arlington Soccer Club Rules Summary for Grades 3-4 In-Town Games

Size of team on field: 7v7

Size ball: No. 4

Time: Two 30-minute halves and a 5-minute half time break.

Important rules to remember:

In addition to (or in modification of) the regular laws of the game, the following special rules will apply to ASC Grade 3-4 In-Town games.

1. Educating players about the rules is an important part of the referee's job at this age. Briefly explain the rules if players appear confused (15 seconds should be enough—do not interrupt the flow of the game).
2. Free Kicks: Direct and Indirect free kicks are awarded. Opponents should stand **10 yards** away from the ball.
3. Penalty Kicks: NO Penalty Kicks are awarded at this level. Instead of a PK, a direct kick will be awarded at the edge of the penalty area closest to where the foul occurred.
4. Goal Kicks:
 - Place the ball 5-6 yards from the goal line—lines are not always marked, so goalkeeper and referee use their judgement.
 - Defensive team must retreat to the midfield line. Cones on each side are helpful to mark the midfield line. The ball must touch the field or a player in the defensive half of the field. If the ball crosses midfield without touching the ground or a player, the opposing team will be awarded an indirect kick at midfield.



Referee Quiz

1. Substitutions CANNOT occur on which of the following situations?
 - a. Goal Kick
 - b. Corner Kick
 - c. Injury
 - d. Goal
2. Hats are permitted for players if they
 - a. Are soft and pose no threat to other players
 - b. Match the color(s) of the player's jersey
 - c. Can fit under a hoodie
 - d. Contain no metal parts
3. If 2 players have the same number on their jersey, then
 - a. Only one of those players can be on the field at a time
 - b. Only the lower number is allowed to play
 - c. A strip of tape can be added to make the number 1 (e.g., "9" → "91")
 - d. No action is needed—the referee just writes down the players' names.
4. After a goal is scored, the referee should
 - a. Blow the whistle loudly
 - b. Collect the ball from the net and return it to the center circle
 - c. Survey the field, point to center circle, and record the goal

Questions?