

Arlington Soccer Club  
Pre-Season Referee Meeting  
Thursday, Sept. 8, 2015  
Arlington Senior Center  
8:00-9 pm.

**AGENDA**

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**Returning for the 3rd Season -** In February 2017 ASC along with Lexington United Soccer Club will hold a referee course that will be open to **Only** 13 year olds in the 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grades. Date and time will be announced on the ASC website sometime in January. Mass Youth Soccer will no longer instruct the grade 9 course. It is up to the towns now to train these new referees. Current grade 9s are eligible to referee until they turn 14 years old and then they have to go to grade 8. Mass Youth Soccer will insure 12 and 13 years olds as apprentice refs. If they are registered to play soccer, it will be insured as a soccer-related activity. If they are not players, there will be a special category created to insure these few non-players. I have a few shirts left over should you need a new one.

*Major change this season will be the reclassification from age groups to school grades.*

1. **US Officials Website** – [www.usofficials.com](http://www.usofficials.com). The site where you accept and reject games. After your match (es) return to the website to report your game(s) scores. Very important...don't forget and don't ignore this. Update your personal information and availability dates often. Paul will be sending out an email to all referees – please read it completely and follow his directions.

**Assigning games is as follows:**

- Referee has until Sunday night each week to get in their availability for the following weekend.
- Assignments come out on Monday and must be accepted by Wednesday.
- If a referee forgets to put in their availability they must replace themselves by Wednesday and let Paul know who it is that is taking their place. The referee list is on USOfficials.com on the first page after you sign-in in the USO News section (it is a link).
- Any referee that does not accept their game or send Paul their replacement by Wednesday will be suspended. First time is a 2-week suspension, second time is 5 weeks and the third time the referee is taken off the system and will not be assigned anymore games for that season.

2. **BAYS** games - positioning on the field in general but particularly during 9v9 for Grade 5 and 6 games where the offside rule can happen. **During 11v11 games no quarters are allowed. Check the coach's pass card before match begins. He or She must have their picture pass card – otherwise check to see if there is an assistant that can run the game. Only 3 coaches are allowed on the sidelines with pass cards. Otherwise game cannot be refereed. Enforce the rule of off-sides during U-11 games. Showing up early is very important be at field 10-15 minutes before the start of the match. This is still a problem for many referees to follow. No heading for Grade 6 and younger.**

**3. Grade 2 and 3 (formerly in-town and U-8 games)** - make sure you use your whistle and hand signals. Games are 30 minute halves running time. Ask coaches about any medical problems his players may have (asthma attacks). During Grade 2 (U-8 league) games watch for pass backs to goalies. Rules are on the website. Be consistent in your calls. **Remember – the opposing team will be required to move behind the mid-field line on goal kicks made by the kicking team. The coaches can mark out a mid-field line prior to the game by placing cones on the opposite sidelines of the field.** Grade 2 and 3 coaches **do not** have pass cards.

**4. Grade 2 Referees (formerly U-8 League)** – the players don't know the rules. Particularly around all restarts. So the refs need to be very engaged in helping the kids for all restarts. The refs need to help place the ball for kick offs, goal kicks, and corner kicks help teach the kids how to do throw-ins.

**5. Grade 3 (formerly U-9-10 in town) games** – Referees will continue to need to play an active role. By U-10, the majority of players understand restarts, but even they may need some help. The games will consist of 7v7 players for Grades 3 and 4.

**6.** Rules for Grade 3 as compared to BAYS are different. Read them before coming to the field. There are important differences not the least of which there are **NO PK's**.

**7. Pay sheets – Only for Grades 2 and 3 (formerly U8-U10 in town games) and BAYS U12 linesmen. ALL other BAYS games U9-U18, YOU must submit game reports to BAYS via BAYS website in order to get paid. Game reports must be filled out within 24 hours of the end of the game. Many reports are being submitted without a zero tolerance score assigned to the game.**

**8. In town referee pay sheets for the fall MUST be turned in to ASC treasurer no later than December 1, 2016** for final payments. Pay sheets can be found on ASC website.

**9. ASC Code of Conduct** – review and follow these guidelines.

**10. Rain Out Procedure** – we no longer have a telephone line – make sure you check the ASC website early in the morning [www.arlingtonsoccerclub.com](http://www.arlingtonsoccerclub.com) for game cancellations or postponements. Follow same procedure for afternoon games.

**11.** BAYS team rosters (Get 2 copies one for home and away teams). Keep them.

**12.** Continue to enforce **Zero Tolerance Policy** (particularly in BAYS) but also be firm in the in-town program. Should coaches have questions...answer them before match starts. Have teams on the opposite side of fields from parents. Shake hands with coaches at the conclusion of your game. **Stay on the field** and make sure that teams shake hands with respect and good sportsmanship following the match. In case you issue a red or yellow card email Paul and Joan immediately. Fill out the incident report while it is fresh in your mind.

**13. Referee Post-Game Questionnaire** – Comments from coaches. We will be reviewing some of their comments during our spring meeting.

**14. Referee Uniforms** – go to ASC website for link to [www.scoresports.com](http://www.scoresports.com), Proper appearance is a must. Tuck shirt in. It has come to our attention that many of you were not wearing the proper uniform on the field. This is a job...take it seriously. Absolutely no colored footwear is allowed.

**15. Mentoring and Evaluation Program** will continue again this fall season. ASC has found that this process has made our newer refs more confident in their calls.

**16.** Should any high school or adult referee be interested in working with a younger referee let Joan know. Also, if you need a recommendation speak with Joan.

Should you have questions or concerns email Paul, Joan and Henry Brush our ASC president at [president@arlingtonsoccerclub.com](mailto:president@arlingtonsoccerclub.com) and we will answer them in a timely manner. Email addresses of other board members can be found on our website.

**Remember: Consistency, Confidence and Clarity in all your calls.**

Enjoy the fall season and have fun!

Attachments

2016 Fall Paysheet (ASC website)

Modell's and Sport's Etc. coupons (ASC website)

Revised Referee Guide grid (ASC website)

Message from Bays Referee Director (found on BAYS site)

Zero Tolerance Guidelines for Game Reports (found on the BAYS site)