

ASC 2021 Spring Grassroots Referees Meeting Agenda

1. Check-in and explain mentoring program, signup sheet. Can fulfill community service requirement. Email Lori Barry-Smith at lori.barrysmith@gmail.com if you are interested in being a mentor to our younger referees.
2. Additional Requirements new in 2021 – Completion of the Supplemental Courses on US Soccer Learning Center website. The massref.net website has a video in the frequently asked questions section (question #2) explaining how to access the supplemental courses in the US Soccer Learning Center website. All Grassroots Referees are required to take the Introduction to Safe and Healthy Playing Environments (Intro to Safety) course. Grassroots referees who are 18 or older (or who will turn 18 during the season) are also required to take the SafeSport Course and the National Background Check. Check your profile to see if you have completed the requirements.
3. Download IFAB app and utilize ASC and BAYS websites' referees' sections as resources, including for the latest changes to the Laws of the Game. The Massref and US Soccer Learning Center websites are important for scheduling courses and taking supplemental courses.
4. Code of Conduct and Game Day Reminders
5. Coaches' Credentials - Referees must check coaches' credentials before each game. This Spring 2021 there will be no player passcards for regular season games and a decision is still being made about playoffs.
6. Masks will be required by all players, coaches and referees while at the field area. Referees should check for mask compliance during the safety check at team check-in and during the game.
7. Referee is responsible for checking the ASC website and your email before going to a game to make sure you have not received notification that a game has been cancelled. You will not be paid for showing up at a game that was cancelled beforehand and you should have known.
8. Referee Certification and Preliminary Important Steps for newly certified Grassroots Referees. First, go to www.bays.org and follow the process for Creating a Referee Account, including applying to Arlington. Second, contact Paul A at paul2319@gmail.com and let him know you passed the course and want to referee for Arlington. Paul will set you up with a USOfficials account if you do not already have one. Third, complete the appropriate Supplemental Courses on the US Soccer Learning Center website. You cannot be assigned games until you take care of these three important tasks.
9. Game assignments – All referees must input availability at www.usofficials.com by Sunday night for the following weekend and accept/reject games at www.usofficials.com by Wednesday night. On Thursday Paul will send an email with any openings for the upcoming weekend. Email him directly if you are able to take one or more of the open referee or AR slots.
10. Game reports (and payment) – Complete within 24 hours of the game.
 - All in-town games are reported to USOfficials
 - BAYS games are reported to BAYS only (with exceptions noted below). Referees and ARs for BAYS games should receive an email to login to accept or reject a game. BAYS games need to be accepted on

BAYS before they are reported. Please wait to accept your game on BAYS until after the game when you are reporting it as games are not entered in the system early. When referee accepts game on BAYS, a link to the game report will be provided.

BAYS Grades 5 ARs and 6 ARs need to report only on USOfficials. Grades 5 ARs and 6 ARs do not report to BAYS and are paid by ASC.

Payment for in-town (ASC) and BAYS happens about three times each season and should happen automatically if you have entered game reports to the appropriate sites.

11. Review changes to Laws of the Game for BAYS Grades 3 and 4 and Grades 5 and 6.
12. Review Direct Free Kick and Indirect Free Kick Fouls and Referee and AR Hand Signals.
13. If any same-day changes happen, contact Paul Athanasiadis at paul2319@gmail.com and Lori Barry-Smith at lori.barrysmith@gmail.com . For questions about referee assignments contact Paul and for other questions, contact Lori at the above email addresses.