

ARIZONA SOCCER CLUB

REFEREE EDUCATION COURSE



Referee Director Information

- Sharlee Kapp
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- USSF Grade 8 Certified Referee, USSF Certified Assignor
- Assign for recreation, Thunder, adult league, scrimmages, etc.
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[The Uniform]

- Includes:
 - Referee jersey (yellow, red, blue, black, green)
 - Black shorts
 - Black socks
 - Black shoes
 - Hat (optional) – must be completely black and the only writing can be the word “Referee” on the front
- Make sure before each game that your shirt is tucked in socks are pulled up. It is very important to look sharp and professional out on the field.

[Field Mechanics]

■ Whistle

- Watch variations (start of game, quarter, half, end)
- Whistle needs to be heard from all aspects of the field

■ Watch

- Make sure to start each game on time and keep eye on the clock.

■ Voice

- Loud and clear (confidence in calls being made)

[Checking In Players & Field]

- Check on every player:
 - Shin guards (must be completely underneath socks)
 - Cleats (NO toe cleats!)
 - Complete uniform (shirt tucked in and matching team socks)
 - Jewelry (no necklaces, bracelets, no earrings unless they are tiny studs)
 - Make sure that you have the correct scorecard ready to go so you can distinguish the home vs. visitor

- Check on field:
 - Make sure there is a ball (right size for age division)
 - Goalie jerseys (must be two different colors)
 - Make sure goals are secure and the rest of field is safe to play on

[Scorecard Information]

- The scorecard has extremely important information
 - Home team vs. Visiting Team
 - Team information (coach, player roster, team name, etc)
 - Place to mark score
 - Place for the referee to sign after the game (you are required to sign each scorecard per game that you referee)
- **ALL SCORECARDS MUST BE RETURNED TO ME PRIOR TO GETTING PAID!**

[Getting Paid/Scheduling]

- Turn in scorecards with signatures
- You will receive ONE total check for the games you work
- Must sign check paperwork before leaving for the day

When it comes to scheduling, I work off of your schedule. I try to give a fair amount of games, but also rely on accountability. I ask weekly if you can work. I do all scheduling and most communication via email.

If you can't work, you are responsible for letting me know via email or phone call. If something comes up all of a sudden and you are scheduled to work, I need to know ASAP by phone call. I need to find coverage for any absences.

[Professionalism]

- Prior to game:
 - Introduce self to each coach, telling them your name
 - Give a firm handshake
 - Always show up to the field with a smile on your face ready to go!!

- During game:
 - Remember you have control of the field
 - Be confident with any call made
 - If there happens to be a conflict with coaches/parents, take care of it between quarters, halftime, or at the end of game. (when appropriate)

[Professionalism continued...]

- End of game:
 - Thank coaches and players for their time
- If there is a serious conflict with a coach/parent, please come and get an AZSC employee wearing a yellow or green shirt. We are there for the support of our referees and want any issue to be resolved without any problems.

Recreation Rules (Modified from FIFA and USSF)

- We are a recreation league so rules have been modified to fit as such. Each age division has its own set of rules and builds upon the very basics of soccer. It is essential to know and be comfortable with the rules before taking step on the field. The parents, coaches, and players need to see a confidence when presenting and relaying the rules of the game.

[Recreation (U3/U4 Division)]

- **U3/U4 Rules**
AZSC U3-U4 follow FIFA Laws with the following modifications:
- Team Size - (4-6)
- Field Size - 30 x 20 yards
- Game Size - 3 v 3, no goalie.
- Length of game - Four 6 minute quarters with a running clock
- Quarter Start Procedure - Alternating team kick-off each quarter
- Length of half time/quarters - 3 minutes
- Ball Size - 3
- Goal Size - 4' x 6'
- Players must play in both halves of each game
- Players must wear assigned uniforms
- No jewelry or hats allowed during play
- No toe cleats. (ex: anything that has a single toe cleat in the front)
- Referees will check both teams and their equipment before game, utilizing the match card with players names
- Shin guards must be worn (under socks) at all times
- Open substitution allowed
- One Coach from each team is allowed on the field during play to guide the players
- No offside penalties
- No slide tackles

[Recreation (U5 Division)]

- **U5 Rules**
AZSC U5 follow FIFA Laws with the following modifications:
- Team Size - (6-8)
- Field Size - 40 x 25 yards
- Game Size - 4 v 4 (Includes Goalie)
- Length of game - Four 8 minute quarters with a running clock
- Quarter Start Procedure - Alternating team kick-off each quarter
- Length of half time/quarters - 3 minutes
- Ball Size - 3
- Goal Size - 4' x 9'
- Players must play in both halves of each game
- Players must wear assigned uniform
- No jewelry or hats allowed during play
- No toe cleats. (ex: baseball cleats)
- Referees will check both teams and their equipment before game, utilizing the match card with players names
- Shin guards must be worn (under socks) at all times
- Referee check equipment before game
- Substitutions allowed between quarters and after a goal is scored by either team.

Recreation (U5 Division) continued.....

- One Coach from each team is allowed on the field during play to guide the players
- One Assistant Coach is allowed behind the goal to guide the defensive players
- No other adult from either team is allowed on the field or behind the goal
- Parents/fans must stay 5 ft away from field during play
- No offside penalties
- No slide tackles
- No penalty kicks
- No direct free kicks
- Indirect Free Kicks – Any unsafe play, charging a goalie, etc
 - Possession of the ball by the goal keeper is defined by the keeper physically touching the ball with any part of the body other than the feet.

[Recreation (U6 Division)]

- U6 Rules
AZSC U6 follow FIFA Laws with the following modifications:
- Team Size - (6-8)
- Field Size - 40 x 25 yards
- Game Size - 5 v 5 (Includes Goalie)
- Length of game - Four 8 minute quarters with a running clock
- Quarter Start Procedure - Alternating team kick-off each quarter
- Length of half time/quarters - 3 minutes
- Ball Size - 3
- Goal Size - 4' x 9'
- Players must play in both halves of each game
- Players must wear assigned uniform
- No jewelry or hats allowed during play
- No toe cleats. (ex: baseball cleats)
- Referees will check both teams and their equipment before game, utilizing the match card with players names
- Shin guards must be worn (under socks) at all times
- Substitutions allowed between quarters and after a goal is scored by either team.

Recreation (U6 Division) continued.....

- One Coach from each team is allowed on the field during play to guide the players
- One Assistant Coach is allowed behind the goal to guide the defensive players
- No other adult from either team is allowed on the field or behind the goal
- Parents/fans must stay 5 ft away from field during play
- No offside penalties
- No slide tackles
- No penalty kicks
- No direct free kicks
- Indirect Free Kicks – Any unsafe play, charging a goalie, etc
 - Possession of the ball by the goal keeper is defined by the keeper physically touching the ball with any part of the body other than the feet.

[Recreation (U7 Division)]

- **U7 Rules**
AZSC U7 follow FIFA Laws with the following modifications:
- Team Size - (8-10)
- Field Size - 50 x 30 yards
- Game Size - 6 v 6 (Includes Goalie)
- Length of game - Four 9 minute quarters with a running clock
- Quarter Start Procedure - Alternating team kick-off each quarter
- Away team kicks off to begin game
- Length of half time/quarters – 3 minutes
- Ball Size 3
- Goal Size 6' x 9' or 6' x 12'
- Players must play in both halves of each game
- Players must wear assigned uniform
- No jewelry or hats allowed during play
- Shin guards must be worn (under socks) at all times
- No toe cleats. (ex: baseball cleats)
- Referees will check both teams and their equipment before game, utilizing the match card with players names

Recreation (U7 Division) continued.....

- Substitutions allowed between quarters and after a goal is scored by either team.
- One Coach or Assistant coach from each team will be allowed on the field during weeks 1, 2, and 3 of each season. Starting week 4 of each season no Coach or Assistant Coach will be allowed on the field during match play.
- No Coach, Assistant Coach, Parent, or fan is allowed behind the goals.
- Parents/fans must stay 5 ft away from field during play
- No offside penalties
- No slide tackles
- No penalty kicks
- No direct free kicks
- Indirect Free Kicks Any unsafe play, charging a goalie, etc
- Possession of the ball by the goal keeper is defined by the keeper physically touching the ball with any part of the body other than the feet

[Recreation (U8 Division)]

- **U8 Rules**
AZSC U8 follow FIFA Laws with the following modifications:
- Team Size - (8-10)
- Field Size - 50 x 30 yards
- Same Size - 6 v 6 (Includes Goalie)
- Length of game - Game consist of (2) 20-minute halves
- Half Start Procedure - Alternating team kick-off each half
- Away team kicks off to begin game
- Length of half time - 5 minutes
- Ball Size-3
- Goal Size - 6' x 18' or 6' x 12'
- All players must play an equal amount of time each game
- Players must wear assigned uniform
- No jewelry or hats allowed during play
- Shin guards must be worn (under socks) at all times
- No toe cleats, (ex: baseball cleats)
- Referees will check both teams and their equipment before game, utilizing the match card with players names
- No Coach, Assistant Coach allowed on the field

[Recreation (U8 Division)]

- No Coach, Assistant Coach, Parent, or fan is allowed behind the goals
- Parents/fans must stay 5 ft away from field during play
- Substitution allowed: (All substitutions must enter the field of play at the center line)
 - Between halves
 - After a goal is scored by either team
 - After an injury on either team
 - Own team's throw in
 - Either team's goal kick
- No slide tackles
- No penalty kicks
- No direct free kicks
- All fouls are an indirect kick - Any unsafe play, charging a goalie, etc
Possession of the ball by the goal keeper is defined by the keeper physically touching the ball with any part of the body other than the feet

Recreation (U8 Division) continued.....

- Coaches and Assistant Coaches remain in the technical area or "coaches box" if provided. Coaches and Assistant Coaches will not enter the field of play unless the referee directs the coach or assistant to enter (example: injury). Coaches and Assistant Coaches who continuously leave the technical area or provided "coaches box" during match play may be cautioned and/or removed from the field. Coaches that receive a suspension will not be allowed to return until reinstated by one of the league directors.
- No standings are kept
- Throw in. On an improper throwing in the referee will allow one re-throw after a brief correction explanation from the referee

[Recreation (U9 Division Only)]

- **U9 Only Rules**
AZSC U9's follow FIFA Laws with the following modifications:
- Team Size - (8-10)
- Field Size - 55 x 35 yards
- Game Size - 7 v 7 (Includes Goalie)
- Length of game Two 25 minute halves
- Half Start Procedure -
 - Half 1: Coin flip winner kicks-off
 - Half 2: Opposite team kicks-off
- Coin toss determines which team kicks off first
- Length of half time/quarters 3 minutes
- Ball Size – 4
- Goal Size – 7x21
- Players must play in both halves of each game
- Players must wear assigned uniform
- No jewelry or hats allowed during play
- Shin guards must be worn (under socks) at all times
- No toe cleats. (ex: baseball cleats)

Recreation (U9 Division Only)

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- Referees will check both teams and their equipment before game, utilizing the match card with players names
- Substitution allowed: (All substitutions must enter the field of play at the center line)
 - Between halves
 - After a goal is scored by either team
 - After an injury on either team
 - Own teams throw in
 - Either teams Goal Kick
- Coaches and Assistant coaches remain in the technical area or "coaches box" if provided. Coaches and Assistant coaches will not enter the field of play unless the referee directs the coach or assistant to enter (example: injury). Coaches and Assistant coaches who continuously leave the technical area or provided "coaches box" during match play may be cautioned and/or removed from the field. Coaches that receive a suspension will not be allowed to return until reinstated by one of the league directors
- Parents/fans must stay 5 ft away from field during play
- Spectator and team benches will be on opposite sides of the field
- No slide tackles
- Direct and Indirect Free Kicks may be awarded to a team upon the referees discretion, all referees calls are final

Recreation (U9 Division Only) continued.....

- Direct Free Kicks: Trips, kicks, hits, pushes, holds an opponent or touches the ball with his/her hands/arms
- Indirect Free Kicks: Offsides, any unsafe play, delay of game by goalie or charging a goalie, obstruction
- Penalty Kicks: Committing violation under Direct Free Kicks in the penalty area
- Referees may issue yellow or red cards upon their discretion for unsportsmanlike conduct resulting in suspension. Players that receive a suspension will not be allowed to play until reinstated by one of the league directors

Recreation (U9/U10 – U10 Only)

- **U9/U10 or U10 Only Rules**
AZSC U10 follow FIFA Laws with the following modifications:
- Team Size - (10-12)
- Field Size - 60 x 40 yards
- Game Size - 8 v 8 (Includes Goalie)
- Length of game Two 20 minute halves
- Half Start Procedure -
 - Half 1: Coin flip winner kicks-off
 - Half 2: Opposite team kicks-off
- Coin toss determines which team kicks off first
- Length of half time/quarters 3 minutes
- Ball Size – 4
- Goal Size – 6x18
- Players must play in both halves of each game
- Players must wear assigned uniform
- No jewelry or hats allowed during play
- Shin guards must be worn (under socks) at all times
- No toe cleats. (ex: baseball cleats)

Recreation (U9/10 – U10 Only)

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- Referees will check both teams and their equipment before game, utilizing the match card with players names
- Substitution allowed: (All substitutions must enter the field of play at the center line)
 - Between halves
 - After a goal is scored by either team
 - After an injury on either team
 - Own teams throw in
 - Either teams Goal Kick
- Coaches and Assistant coaches remain in the technical area or "coaches box" if provided. Coaches and Assistant coaches will not enter the field of play unless the referee directs the coach or assistant to enter (example: injury). Coaches and Assistant coaches who continuously leave the technical area or provided "coaches box" during match play may be cautioned and/or removed from the field. Coaches that receive a suspension will not be allowed to return until reinstated by one of the league directors
- Parents/fans must stay 5 ft away from field during play
- Spectator and team benches will be on the same side of the field, but coaches and players will be located on the same side as the Assistant Referee (AR), spectators are not allowed on the same side as the Assistant Referee (AR)

Recreation (U9/10 – U10 Only)

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- No slide tackles
- Direct and Indirect Free Kicks may be awarded to a team upon the referees discretion, all referees calls are final
- Direct Free Kicks: Trips, kicks, hits, pushes, holds an opponent or touches the ball with his/her hands/arms
- Indirect Free Kicks: Offsides, any unsafe play, delay of game by goalie or charging a goalie, obstruction
- Penalty Kicks: Committing violation under Direct Free Kicks in the penalty area
- Referees may issue yellow or red cards upon their discretion for un-sportsmanlike conduct resulting in suspension. Players that receive a suspension will not be allowed to play until reinstated by one of the league directors

[Recreation (U11/12 Division)]

- **U11/U12 Rules**
AZSC U11/U12 follow FIFA Laws with the following modifications:
- Team Size - (10-12)
- Minimum number of players - 7
- Field Size - 50 x 75 yards
- Game Size - 8 v 8 (Includes Goalie)
- Length of game - Two 30 minute halves
- Half Start Procedure -
 - Half 1: Coin flip winner kicks-off
 - Half 2: Opposite team kicks-off
- Length of half time - 5 minutes
- Ball Size - 4
- Goal Size - 7' x 21'
- Players must play at least half of each game
- Players must wear assigned uniform
- No jewelry or hats allowed during play
- Shin guards must be worn (**under socks**) at all times
- No toe cleats. (ex: baseball cleats)

Recreation (U11/12 Division) continued.....

- Referees will check both teams and their equipment before game, utilizing the match card with players names
- Substitution allowed: (All substitutions must enter the field of play at the center line)
 - Between halves
 - After a goal is scored by either team
 - After an injury on either team
 - Own teams throw in
 - Either teams Goal Kick
- Coaches and Assistant coaches remain in the technical area or "coaches box" if provided. Coaches and Assistant coaches will not enter the field of play unless the referee directs the coach or assistant to enter (example: injury). Coaches and Assistant coaches who continuously leave the technical area or provided "coaches box" during match play may be cautioned and/or removed from the field. Coaches that receive a suspension will not be allowed to return until reinstated by one of the league directors.
- Parents/fans must stay 5 ft away from field during play
- Spectator and team benches will be on the same side of the field, but coaches and players will be located on the same side as the Assistant Referee (AR), spectators are not allowed on the same side as the Assistant Referee (AR)

Recreation (U11/12 Division) continued.....

- No slide tackles
- Direct and Indirect Free Kicks may be awarded to a team upon the referees discretion, all referees calls are final
- Direct Free Kicks – Trips, kicks, hits, pushes, holds an opponent or touches the ball with his/her hands/arms
- Indirect Free Kicks – Offsides, any unsafe play, delay of game by goalie or charging a goalie, obstruction
- Penalty Kicks: Committing violation under Direct Free Kicks in the penalty area
- Referees may issue yellow or red cards upon their discretion for un-sportsmanlike conduct resulting in suspension. Players that receive a suspension will not be allowed to play until reinstated by one of the league directors
- A player is in an offside position if he is in his opponents' half of the field and is nearer to his opponents' goal line than both the ball and fewer than two opponents. A player level with the second to last opponent is not in an offside position.
- A player commits an offside offense by both (1) being in an offside position and (2) being involved in active play "at the moment the ball touches or is played by one of his team."
- Note that a player is not committing an offside offence if the player receives the ball directly from a throw-in, goal kick or corner kick.

[Questions/Comments]

- If you have any questions, please let me know.