



ALBERTA SOCCER ASSOCIATION

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Regulations For Referees

Definitions (not included in Bylaws)

- (a) Eligible List of Referees shall mean the annual list of registered Referees eligible to provide Referee Services in a Sanctioned Game;
- (b) Exhibition Game or Exhibition Games shall mean any competition where three (3) or less teams compete against each other in less than seven (7) calendar days;
- (c) Laws of the Game shall mean the laws, rules and regulations governing the game of soccer published by the International Football Association Board, as amended from time to time, and as modified by any Regular Member;
- (d) Official Game shall mean any soccer game that is a Sanctioned Game and has met all of the ASA requirements in order for its results to be recorded by ASA for any league play, tournament or competition;
- (e) Referee or Match Official shall mean any person who has met the requirements set forth by ASA (as amended from time to time) and has become eligible to provide Referee Services to any Sanctioned Game and shall include an assistant referee, fourth (4th) official, any referee assessor, any referee mentor, referee instructors or any other person specified by ASA to be a Referee and whose name is listed on the Eligible List of Referees for the relevant soccer season;
- (f) Sanctioned Events shall mean any ASA Sanctioned activity that meet the ASA Bylaw, Regulation and Policies requirements and includes activities, competitions and programs run by District Members
- (g) Team shall mean a group of a minimum of seven (7) players

1.0 Scope and Application

- 1.1 These regulations shall apply to any soccer game scheduled in the Province of Alberta requiring the provision of Referee Services by a Referee.

2.0 Referee Obligations

- 2.1 All Referees must register with the ASA annually according to the requirements or guidelines set forth by ASA as amended from time to time.
- 2.2 No person will provide Referee Services in any Sanctioned Game unless they are a Referee and their name is listed on the Eligible List of Referees for the relevant registration period.
- 2.3 Referees may not provide any Referee Services to any Unsanctioned Game whether in or outside of the Province of Alberta.
- 2.4 Failure to comply with Section 2.2 may result in sanctions and/or penalties against the offending Referee.



3.0 Unavailability of Assigned Referee

- 3.1 If the assigned Referee is unable to provide Referee Services or no Referee has been assigned to a Sanctioned Game, the participating teams may agree on another person to provide the required Referee Services. Both participating teams provide their consent on the official game sheets prior to the commencement of the Sanctioned Game.
- 3.2 The designated person or persons who are not on the game sheet must:
- 3.2.1 Prior to the start of the game individual must sign the Game Sheet and include name, address, telephone number. It is vital that contact information is available and legible
 - 3.2.2 The volunteer must maintain the role for the duration of the entire game. Substituting others is not permitted
- 3.3 Failure to mutually agree will cause the match to be considered an Unofficial Game.
- 3.4 If the person or persons selected by the teams to provide Referee Services is in a conflict of interest, such conflict will be noted on the official game sheet

4.0 Senior Team Requirements

- 4.1 Districts, who register Senior Teams, may require its' Senior Teams to qualify one person as Referee during each registration period.
- 4.2 District that institute this requirement and have team/s in non compliance at the start of any season, may require the non complying team/s to register one of its' players to attend a Referee course within 1 year of entry into any league.

5.0 Conflict of Interest

- 5.1 Referees will not accept any assignment in Sanctioned Game/s that involves a member of their immediate family as a player or team official.
- 5.2 Referees will not accept assignments Sanctioned Game/s within a division or grouping in which the Referee is a player or Team Official unless prior written consent has been obtained from ASA and the affected District.

6.0 Referee Badges

- 6.1 Referees will not wear any badge on their uniform other than the approved by CSA or FIFA badge indicating their Referee classification.
- 6.2 Failure to comply with Section 6.1 shall result in sanctions and/or penalties against the offending Referee.



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7.0 Referee Code of Conduct

7.1 All Referees will comply with any relevant code of conduct specified by the ASA.

8.0 General

8.1 Assignment of a Referees pursuant to these Regulations will be subject to any assignment specified by CSA, CONCACAF or FIFA.

8.2 Districts are entitled to select any Referee to be assigned to their league games.

8.3 Sanctioned Game involving the age groups Under 4, Under 6 or Under 8 will not require a Referee. Team Official, parent or other person may provide referee services provided at these age groups:

8.3.1 Prior to the start of the game individual must sign the Game Sheet and include name, address, telephone number. It is vital that contact information is available and legible.

8.3.2 The volunteer must maintain the role for the duration of the entire game. Substituting others is not permitted