



# City SC Carlsbad 2022 Referee Meeting

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**City SC Carlsbad Referee Website:** <https://ourcitysc.com/referee/>

**City SC Score Reporting Link:**

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScnmKUHP6kB6CaO9ZQfILMfoC5N-dbkd6W8aHobJqucb0s1nw/viewform>

## Game Assignments with Carlsbad Galaxy

- Recreational games are assigned by the club – City SC Carlsbad
- Register online in the City SC Carlsbad RefereeSchedule system. If you have not already registered, go to [www.refereeschedule.com](http://www.refereeschedule.com) and under the Referees section “click here to register” – the authorization code is **DB2HA3DK**
- City SC requires your Social Security Number be on file for you to be paid. Returning referees have that info on file. New referees to the club will need to provide a SSN.
- Provide your availability online in the City SC RefereeSchedule system. Please keep in mind:
  - You must arrive at the field at least 20 minutes prior to your assigned game time.
  - If you are also a soccer player, please be sure to allow adequate travel time to and from your scheduled away games and additional time in case your game starts late or runs late due to stoppage time.
- You can make changes in your availability using the same scheduling link – however if your schedule changes after you have been assigned games you will need to contact me.
- Newly licensed referees will mainly be assigned to younger (U8 and U10) recreational games.
- In most cases, you will be assigned at least two games back to back at the same field. Occasionally you may be assigned a single game or more games depending on the game schedules and general referee availability. If needed, referees may be assigned games at multiple fields.
- Assignments depend on two factors:
  - Your availability – this is a very key factor. If you have larger blocks of time (3 or more continuous hours) you will have a greater chance to be assigned games vs a referee with 1-2 hours of availability for a given day.
  - Seniority – returning referees in good standing that have been working in the program for two or more years.
- Schedules will be confirmed on a weekly basis by Tuesday prior to Saturday assignments. You will receive your schedule by e-mail and text alert (if set up) and you will need to confirm EACH game in the system. **Games must be confirmed no later than Thursday noon.**
- **VERY IMPORTANT** – the day before and day of games, if you are unable to referee your confirmed games you must contact me either by text or phone call. **DO NOT E-MAIL.**
- Please program my cell phone number and Adam’s cell phone number into your cell phones so you can contact us at the field with any problems. You should try to contact me first and use the Adam as a backup, if for some reason, I cannot be contacted.
- City SC referees are paid via paycheck from the club. Payroll reports are submitted to the club approximately every two weeks and checks are typically mailed out within a week.

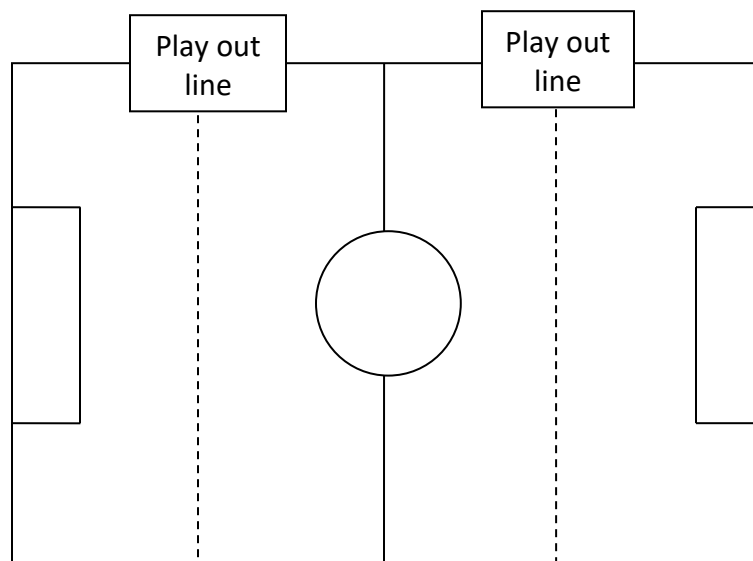
- Please keep in mind that this is a job and you have two teams, their parents and coaches depending on you working your assigned game(s). Your assignments may be affected if the following situations occur:
  - **No show** – not showing up for an assigned game will automatically result in forfeiting your assignments for the following 4 weeks.
  - **Last minute availability changes** (less than 3 days before the game) may negatively impact future assignments.
- We use a single center referee system for all recreational games. Please refer to the table below for game information and pay scale.
- Rain – unless you have been notified otherwise, assume your game will play.

Age Group	Birth Year	Plays	Ball Size	Length of Game	Referee Fee
Under 8	2015	7 v 7	4	2 x 20 minutes	\$35
Under 10	2013, 2014	7 v 7	4	2 x 25 minutes	\$40
Under 12	2011, 2012	9 v 9	4	2 x 30 minutes	\$48
Under14	2009, 2010	11 v 11	5	2 x 35 minutes	\$56

### Game Rules

Games are played by the normal rules of soccer with the exceptions outlined below:

- U8 and U10 play with a build out, or play out, line which is marked on the field and is equidistant between the halfway line and the top of the penalty box (see diagram below).
  - The build out line promotes playing the ball out of the back in a less pressured setting.
  - When the goalkeeper has the ball, either during play (from the opponent) or from a goal kick, the opposing team must move behind the build out line until the ball is put into play.
  - Once the opposing team is behind the build out line, the goalkeeper can pass, throw or roll the ball into play (punting is not allowed). After the ball is put into play (once an offensive field player has touched the ball) the opposing team can cross the build out line and play resumes as normal.
- For U8 and U10 the build out line will also be used to denote where offside offenses can be called.
  - Players cannot be penalized for an offside offense between the halfway line and the build out line.
  - Players can be penalized for an offside offense between the build out line and the goal line.



- U8 and U10 foul throws – 1<sup>st</sup> offense, stop play and actively correct (demonstrate) and then allow a retry, 2<sup>nd</sup> offense, stop play restate correct method and have them retry again, 3<sup>rd</sup> offense give the throw in to the opposing team.
- U8, U10 and U12 – intentional heading of the ball is not allowed.

#### **Steps to Remind a coach to take if a team is winning by...**

- 3 Goals: Winning coach should move the players around – strongest player to GK, weaker players up top, etc.
- 4 Goals: Losing team can add a player to the field
- 5 Goals: Winning team must remove a player from the field
- 6 Goals: Winning coach should make adjustments, need to pass 10 times in a row before a goal, ball must touch the GK before we can move forward, etc

#### **Make a Good Impression at Every Game**

- **Know the Laws**
  - Success begins by being prepared.
  - Read and know the Laws of the Game.
  - Know the club rules of competition. Be sure you have checked ahead of time and know the length of the half, size of the ball, number of players, special rules for the level of game that you have been assigned.
- **Dress and Act Professionally**
  - If you expect to command respect on the field, then you must look and act like a professional.
  - Approach the game in a way that shows you are looking forward to being there and being a part of the game.
  - Dress for success – wear the proper US Soccer uniform with your referee jersey tucked in and your socks pulled up. Wear the uniform properly anytime you can be seen by the players, coaches and spectators.
    - Proper uniform includes an official jersey, solid black shorts, official referee socks, black shoes and your current year (2018 or 2019) USSF badge on the left shirt pocket of your jersey.
  - Have the proper equipment – whistle, watch with a countdown timer, cards, game coin, etc.
- **Take Charge**
  - Taking charge does not mean yelling and acting like a dictator. This only encourages people to yell back at you.
  - Greet each coach with a firm handshake and a smile. Look each coach in the eyes.
  - Use common courtesy – “Thank you”, “Please”
  - Issue firm, simple instructions to the players so they know you are capable of managing the game.
  - Blow clear and sharp whistles. A firm whistle will eliminate 50 percent of arguments.
  - Be decisive in your calls. Players and coaches may try to take advantage of the situation if you seem unsure.
  - Be calm. If a coach is yelling at you, do not yell back at them. Speak respectfully and quietly, so the coach or player must quiet down to hear you in these situations.
  - Remain calm when talking to players, but be firm in your voice and decisions.

- Do not get into discussions or arguments with the sidelines.
- Start the game on time. Carlsbad Galaxy fields are tightly scheduled and this is of utmost importance.

## Managing Difficult Situations

Do not take someone yelling at you personally. It happens to all referees, even the most experienced.

- **Dealing with Problem Coaches.** If a coach steps over the boundaries of the game and begins to make his comments personal or abusive, you must deal with it. Slowly and calmly walk over to the coach. In a polite and respectful way, inform the coach that this type of conduct is unsporting and continuing with this type of conduct will result in his or her removal from the game. If the behavior continues- respectfully and professionally ask the coach to leave the field. If the coach refuses to leave, give the coach a warning that if he or she does not leave, you will end the game. If the coach does not leave in a reasonable amount of time, end the game. Be sure to e-mail a detailed report of the incident to Gregg and myself the same day.
- **Dealing with Problem Parents/Spectators.** Do not speak to the sidelines, instead enlist the support of the coach. Ask him to speak with the offending spectators and let him know that if the behavior continues, the game will not. This will usually be enough to quiet most parents (other parents may understand the consequences and help with the problem spectator). If the situation continues, ask the coach to have the spectator leave the area. If the spectator refuses, tell the coach if the spectator is not removed the game will end. Give the coach a few minutes to deal with the situation. If the spectator does not leave, feel free to end the game. Be sure to e-mail a detailed report of the incident to Gregg and myself the same day.
- **Dealing with Problem Players.** If you have a difficult player dissenting or doing something else to disrupt the game, at a stoppage of play, warn the player and let them know that kind of behavior is unacceptable. In the younger divisions – U8 and U10, it may be best to have the conversation with the coach and ask the coach to speak with the player. If the player still insists on being difficult, use a well delivered caution to let them know you have just about reached the limit of what you are going to take from them. It is often helpful to let the coach know that this particular player is wearing out their welcome and may be on the way to a send off. Give the coach an opportunity to take care of the problem for you (perhaps by substituting out this player). If the bad behavior continues, issue a second caution and then a send off (red card). Remember that the proper procedure for this is to display the second yellow card and then the red.

### Note for referees ages 18 and older:

SafeSport Training is REQUIRED for ALL current CalSouth Referees ages 18 and over, but Sept 1, 2019 in order to be allowed to officiate. The online training is free using the link and access code below.

SafeSport Training Registration can be found at the following address:

- URL: <http://safesport.org/authentication/register?token=ee57337f-31f9-421d-b095-82fc8c8c4c41>
- Access Code: YC3E-6P5G-YYIL-CS2M

Please add 'U.S. Soccer' to your membership profile upon registration of an account.

The SafeSport training requirement is in addition to Risk Management Live Scan fingerprinting and background check.

**Part of your duties is to address the parents before the start of each game. This is a sample script for you.**

Hello parents. My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I am your referee today. I hope you enjoy the game today and remember you are here to support your kids and team in a positive way. I will work to the best of my ability to make sure the game is refereed correctly.

Please do not shout at me or the players on the field, as this is not fun for any of us. You are here to be positive role models and support your team. If I feel that you are being negative towards myself or anyone on the field I will stop the game and give you a warning, if you continue to be negative on the sidelines I will stop the game again and ask you to leave.

I really hope that I do not have to do any of that and that you all will respect my decisions. Please sit back and enjoy the game.