



AYSO Area 1C Referee Points of Emphasis

Section and Area All Stars Regional Stars



1. These Points of Emphasis (POE) do not supersede the Area 1C Combined Program Rules and Regulations. They are intended only to summarize and condense those rules for All Star Referees and Coaches. Please call either Scott Davis (714/493-1278 or law18rules@gmail.com) or Larry Abelson (310-920-4765 or larry.abelson@ayso1c.org) with any questions.
2. Any individual acting as a Referee or Assistant Referee is required to have a current AYSO Volunteer Registration form, AYSO Safe Haven, Concussion Awareness, Sudden Cardiac Arrest Training on file with AYSO. All adult volunteers are also required to have passed Live Scan screening and SafeSport training. NO EXCEPTIONS.
3. Assignments to All Star games will be posted on the Area 1C website (ayso1c.org). Assignments may change and referees must regularly check for changes.
4. HAVE FUN! A smile and pleasant demeanor go a long way to calming the whole experience.
5. Rule references refer to the Area 1C Combined Program Rules and Regulations.

Pre-game Guidelines

6. BE ON TIME! Less than 10-minutes before game time is a Missed Assignment. If you are coaching the prior game, have someone inform the refs that you will be joining them soon. (Rule 18c(5)i)
7. The team listed first on the schedule is the home team, regardless of the “Host”. The home team shall occupy the north or west side of the field, while the visiting team occupies the south or east side of the field. Referees may make exceptions to this but must report the exception on the Lineup Cards along with the reason. Coach request is not a valid reason. (Rule 12)
8. Spectators should occupy the same side of the field as the players, between the Penalty Areas and at least 10-feet behind the touchline. Certain fields do not have seating or space to accommodate this guideline, so Referees must use best judgment in enforcing this. If bleachers or grandstands are available, they must be used. No one should be behind the goal line. (Rule 12)
9. Home teams must have alternate jerseys or vests available in the event of a uniform conflict. Home team provides two balls while visitors provide one. (Rules 12 and 13)
10. Each team shall present a completed Lineup Card using the Area’s template with every team member’s full name and number. Make sure the Lineup cards are fully filled out and printed on cardstock. If presented with a paper Lineup Card, return it with a blank card (have a couple spares), and have the coach fill out the new one. Lineup card envelopes are not being used this year. (Rules 15c and 15d)
11. Each team shall present ID cards for the coach, assistant coach, and every player and substitute. Acceptable Picture ID cards must be laminated, with a current, age appropriate photograph attached. Any player, substitute, coach or assistant coach who does not submit a Picture ID card that complies with these rules shall not participate in that game. This applies to every game, first to last! The sole exception is if you get word from either the Area Director or the Area Coordinator---NO EXCEPTIONS. (Rules 9 and 15d)
12. Check-in is best accomplished with 2 people; 1 checking the ID cards (names, pictures, birthdates, etc.) and the other checking the Lineup card. Both should be checking for proper uniform, shoes, shin guards, socks over, no jewelry, etc. Uniforms should meet AYSO requirements. At a minimum, shirts must match and be uniquely numbered. (Rules 13 and 15)

13. The Referee Team shall retain the Photo ID cards of all players and Coaches until the conclusion of the game. (Rule 15d)
14. 10 minute grace period is for getting the minimum number of players present. Start the game as soon as the minimum numbers are on the field, ready to play. (Rule 15f)
15. If a game cannot be played due to insufficient players, lack of IDs, lack of Authorized coach, etc., inform both coaches. In such a case, the entire Referee Team shall leave the field. Referees are not authorized to referee a game likely to be a forfeit. NO EXCEPTIONS. (Rule 18g)

Game Conduct

16. IFAB/FIFA rules apply. 3-person Referee Team --- NO EXCEPTIONS. (Rule 18a)
17. Normal substitution is on the quarters with running clock. Substitutes going in should be ready before the whistle. Best way is to have all players and substitutes who will be out for the next quarter (including any that were also out for the preceding quarter) come to the touchline and face the field. The AR then walks behind and notes the numbers on the Lineup card. Injury substitutions can occur at any time. These are not coaching opportunities. (Rule 16)
18. For all Section and Area All Stars, every player should play 2 quarters. For all Regional Stars, every player should play 3 quarters. No reduction of this requirement is allowed for players who arrive late. Report discrepancies on the Lineup Card. (Rule 17)
19. If a Head coach or Assistant Coach is expelled during the game, the game is terminated immediately ---NO EXCEPTIONS. The Referee should telephone Scott or Larry (714-493-1278 or 310-920-4765) as soon as possible to report the incident. In addition, the Referee and both Assistant Referees should submit an on-line Misconduct Report within 24-hours. (Rules 18d(2) and 19d)

Post-game Guidelines

20. Conduct a post-game handshake. If coaches ask to skip the handshake out of concern for potential incidents between the teams, the referee should honor that request.
21. Retain the ID card of any coach or assistant coach that was expelled and of any player or substitute who was sent off. (Rule 15d)
22. It is the Coach's responsibility to retrieve the rest of the ID cards from the Referee Team. Nevertheless, help them out. Make sure all Photo ID cards are returned. (Rule 15d)
23. Fill out the Lineup Cards completely, noting the final score, any misconduct, injuries, spectator misbehavior, ID card issues, and/or referee absences. If you don't report misbehavior, you are making it worse for the next referee team. This information should be completed with input from the ARs before you leave the field. (Rule 18d(1))
24. Use <https://aysol3.typeform.com/to/tB2LGNVO> or the QR code on this page to submit your game report. This includes pictures of both sides of both cards (even if blank). One picture will be of the front of one card and the back of the other. Picture 2 will be the opposite. ARs should take pictures as backup. Referees retain the lineup cards for the duration of the season (mid-March) in case of questions. Illegible photos may result in a Missed Assignment as will failure to submit the cards. (Rule 15k)).
25. Report any player or substitute send-off, any coach or assistant coach send off or caution, any spectator dismissal, or any touchline misbehavior using the electronic [Misconduct Report form](#) available on the Area 1C website within 24-hours of the game time. This will send an email of the Misconduct Report to the ARA. Your report will be used to enforce appropriate sanctions that can affect team standings. Report serious injury using the electronic [Injury Report form](#) available on the Area 1C website. (Rule 18e)

26. Submit any retained ID cards via US mail, to Scott Davis (715 W. Montecito Ave., Sierra Madre, CA 91024) within 24-hours.