



**SAN DIEGO**

## Carlsbad Galaxy 2017 Referee Meeting

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### Game Assignments with Carlsbad Galaxy

- Recreational games are assigned by the club – LA Galaxy San Diego.
- Register online in the LAGSD 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**
- LAGSD 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 LAGSD 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 the Recreational Director’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 Director as a backup, if for some reason, I cannot be contacted.
- Carlsbad Galaxy referees are paid via paycheck from the club. Payroll reports are submitted to the club every two weeks and checks are typically mailed out within a week.

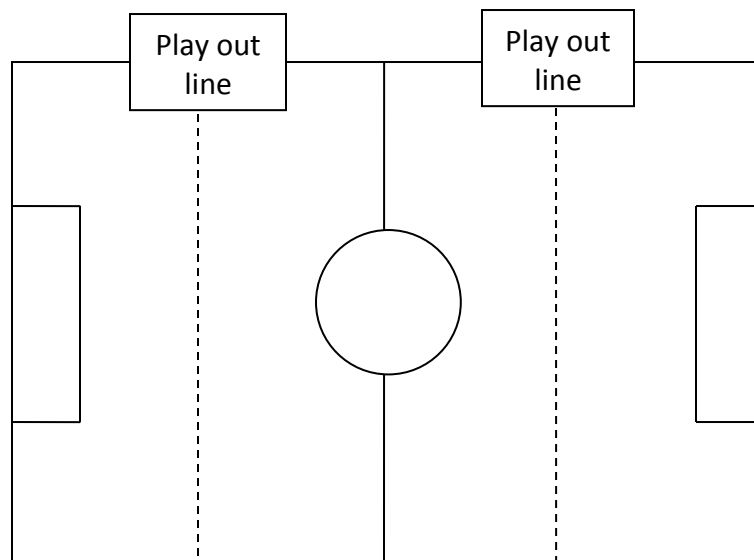
- Please keep in mind that this is a job and you have two teams, their parents and coaches depending on you working your assigned game(s). Your assignments may be affected if the following situations occur:
  - **No show** – not showing up for an assigned game will automatically result in forfeiting 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.

Age Group	Birth Year	Plays	Ball Size	Length of Game	Referee Fee
Under 8	2010	7 v 7	4	2 x 20 minutes	\$30
Under 10	2008, 2009	7 v 7	4	2 x 25 minutes	\$35
Under 12	2006, 2007	9 v 9	4	2 x 30 minutes	\$48
Under14	2004, 2005	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 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.

### **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 (2017 or 2018) 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.