

Central Arkansas Recreational League (CARL) Rules & Standards (11-6-19)

PREAMBLE

The Central Arkansas Recreational League (CARL) is designed and operated to promote recreational play among its 9U-19U teams in the Central Arkansas area. Participation is open to any Recreational team properly registered with ASSA, provided the member club is in good standing with ASSA.

LEAGUE STANDARDS

Good sportsmanship is highly valued and is expected from all coaches, players and spectators. Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their players, parents, and spectators. **Referee abuse will not be tolerated!**

All member clubs must have acceptable, designated fields available for their home games or be able to secure alternate fields with a third party. If a club uses alternate fields, they are responsible for any field usage fees.

The home team is responsible for properly maintained and prepared fields, including proper markings, nets, goals, and corner flags. The home team must provide game balls to the referee.

The home club is responsible for closing their field or complex in case of inclement weather.

Each team shall clean up its respective areas before leaving the field.

Only properly registered players, rostered coaches, and team officials that are listed on the roster or game card are permitted on the team's side of the field or in the team area.

PLAYER PASSES & ROSTERS

Before each league game, each team must present the match officials one of the following in order to check-in the team for play:

- A signed copy of the teams official ASSA roster;
- An official game card printed via the team's official GotSoccer account;
- Player Passes, which must be laminated and contain a picture of the player or,
- Virtual Player Passes from the team's official GotSoccer account on a team officials' smart phone.

Teams are permitted to use Club Pass players, provided they are identified via the same method utilized for the rest of the team.

Note that whichever method is utilized to identify the team, all coaches must also be listed and verified in order for them to be allowed on the players sideline. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

REFEREES

Each club must have a Referee Assignor for their home games and that Assignor must utilize USSF certified referees for all games. The home club is responsible for payment of all fees to Referees and Assignors.

CANCELLATION OF MATCHES

All teams are strongly encouraged to play their scheduled matches, barring weather-related cancellations where rescheduling is not feasible.

If a team cancels a scheduled CARL match with less than 24-hours notice, for other than weather or field conditions, the cancelling team may be subject to paying the referee fees associated with that match.

In order for a club to seek redress for referee fees, the following procedure must be followed:

- At the beginning of each season, clubs must submit their referee fee schedule for each age group, denoting the pay for the Center and Assistant Referees. These fees will be posted on the ASSA website.
- Provide evidence which confirms the date and time of the cancellation and by which team.
- Provide the names and positions of all referees assigned to the match in question and documentation of when the referees were assigned to the match.
- Provide documentation showing that payments for the match in question were actually made to the referees assigned to the match.
- It is at the discretion of the home club as to whether the referees will be paid for a cancelled match and whether the home club wishes to pursue recovery of those fees from the cancelling team/club.

RULES OF PLAY

All matches will be played using IFAB Laws of the Game as modified by the US Soccer Player Development Initiatives and/or US Youth Soccer, unless amended by ASSA.

Length of Match and ball size:

- 9U/10U: 25 minute halves, size 4 ball
- 11U/12U: 30 minute halves, size 4 ball
- 13U/14U: 35 minute halves, size 5 ball
- 15U/16U: 40 minute halves, size 5 ball
- 17U/19U: 45 minute halves, size 5 ball

Unlimited substitutions may be made with the consent of the referee during any stoppage of play, except Penalty Kicks.

The Build Out line must be used in all 9U and 10U matches. Players on the attacking team must remain behind the build out line until the ball is put into play, either via a Goal Kick or the Goalkeeper releasing the ball. As a reminder, goalkeepers are not permitted to punt or drop kick the ball.

EJECTIONS & DISCIPLINE

Any player ejected from a CARL match shall be suspended for their next CARL match. Ejections for "Violent Conduct" shall serve a two-game suspension and may be subject to additional sanctions through the ASSA Appeals and Discipline Committee.

Any rostered team officials ejected from a CARL match must leave the field and/or complex before the match is restarted and shall be suspended from the next CARL match.

Players are allowed to serve their suspensions on the team bench, provided they are not in uniform. Alternatively, they do not have to be present at the game in which they are serving the suspension.

Rostered team officials are not allowed at the field or complex while serving a suspension.

It is the responsibility of the club, team, coach and/or manager to make sure any ejected player or team official serves their suspension.