



REFEREE MANUAL 2017-2018



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Assignor Welcome

Welcome to the 2017-2018 SCASA League of Champions! I hope you find this referee manual useful for all of your game day needs. I appreciate your help as we support the elite adult league in the state. If you should need anything, please do not hesitate to call or e-mail me.

All match assignments will be made via GameOfficials group CL-SCASA (group #1451). Match assignments will be posted a minimum of three (3) weeks prior to the game assignment. Please enter in your availability to CL-SCASA (group #1451) if you'd like to be considered for assignment. You need to show as "available" to receive an assignment.

Brian Marshall

The League of Champions

The League of Champions is an 11 v 11 invitational tournament with two teams invited from the SCASA-affiliated CSL, CL-SCASA and GCRD leagues.

The teams will be placed into a single group and play each other once in the "regular season" with the top four (4) teams, based on points, advancing to a single-elimination "playoff stage" consisting of semifinals and a final.

League of Champions Schedule

All games scheduled for a 2:00 p.m. kickoff

Fall 2017:

Saturday September 30th – Two (2) games in Columbia, SC

Saturday October 14th – One (1) game in Columbia, SC

Sunday October 15th – One (1) game in Charleston, SC

Saturday November 4th – One (1) game in Columbia, SC and one (1) game in Greenville, SC

Spring 2018:

Saturday February 3rd – One (1) game in Columbia, SC and one (1) game in Greenville, SC

Saturday March 10th – One (1) game in Columbia, SC and one (1) game in Greenville, SC

Playoff Dates (site TBD)

Semifinals Saturday March 24th

Final April 14th or 15th



Pre-Game

The referee is to contact his/her crew at least forty-eight (48) hours before kick-off. As a crew member, please confirm receipt of this e-mail immediately. If the referee has not heard from a crew member twenty-four (24) hours prior to kick-off, they need to contact Brian Marshall immediately.

All officials are asked to arrive at the game site a minimum of forty-five (45) minutes in advance of kickoff. Referees are asked to be dressed in referee polo, referee shorts and two-stripe socks. The new USSF jersey is the preferred jersey for this league. If a member does not have the new jersey, please coordinate so all officials are wearing the same style of jersey.

Check-In

Teams are required to be at the field thirty (30) minutes advance of kickoff. If one or both teams have not arrived thirty (30) minutes in advance, please make contact with the on-site League of Champions coordinator. If no on-site coordinator is present at this time, please contact Brian Marshall.

SCASA-issued player passes will be used for check-in and each player MUST present their player pass to the referee crew. The “no pass-no play” policy is strictly enforced! Any issues with passes can be brought to the attention of the on-site coordinator or Sofia Hernandez.

For the regular season, teams are only allowed thirty (30) players on their roster. Those thirty (30) players are the only players allowed in the technical area. Any additional players (over the 30) must be seated with the fans and should not be dressed in uniform.

The only technical staff allowed in the technical area are those listed on the roster – unless they have a technical staff pass from the League of Champions. If they do not have a pass, they must sit with the fans. Anyone wanting to request a pass must do so with SCASA. No name on roster and/or no pass, no technical area.

All games shall start on-time (or at the moment a team has seven (7) eligible players present after the kick-off time). A 15-minute grace period will be afforded, if needed. Teams not having seven (7) players after the 15-minute grace period will forfeit the match. Please make contact with the on-site coordinator if a team does not have seven (7) players at kickoff and let them officially declare the forfeit after the 15-minute grace period.



Match Balls

Match balls will be provided by SCASA. It is the referee team's job to return ALL match balls back to the on-site coordinator at the end of the match.

If for some reason there are no SCASA provided match balls, please use the match balls from the team listed as HOME on the schedule.

Technical Area

Only eligible players and eligible technical staff are allowed in the technical area. All other fans, ineligible players/staff, etc must be seated on the opposite side of the field (**STRICTLY ENFORCED**). Players warming up **MUST** wear a vest or shirt other than the color of the uniforms on the field. Warming up should only be done on the respective bench side touchline. If not warming up, players should return to the technical area.

Any issues with spectators should be addressed to the team staff. They must deal with the spectator issues. If they refuse to, please engage with the on-site coordinator. If no on-site coordinator, then referee can abandon the match if team refuses to deal with spectator issues.

Any player ejected or technical staff/spectator that is dismissed must leave the vicinity of the field of play.

Weather Issues

Due to travel and limited number of available dates, the goal is to play every game on the scheduled date. With that being said, prior to game day, all weather related issues will be dealt with by the League of Champions administrator. On game day, any weather related issues will be dealt with by the referee team.

If a match is not played to completion, please make sure you log all necessary information in the After Game area in GameOfficials (time of match, score, location of ball, restart, etc).

Please text Brian and Sofia if you have a weather delay. Before terminating a match, please call Sofia for final approval.

During the regular season, any match reaching half-time will be considered an official match and the score at the time of termination will stand as the final score.



Match Reports

After the match, the referee must log-in to GameOfficials and complete an After Games report. You can find the report under After Games on the left tool bar of GameOfficials.

The referee will need to list score of game (we do not need goal scorers), cautions, ejections/dismissals, serious injuries and any other unusual incident that occurred. This must be completed within twenty-four (24) hours after the match.

If you have an ejection/dismissal, you must contact Brian immediately after your match with incident details. In addition to the After Games report, you must e-mail a USSF supplemental report to Brian and Sofia within twenty-four (24) hours after the match.

All cautions, send offs and serious injuries require a player pass number to be input into the After Games report on GameOfficials.

Referee Fees

Referee - \$60

Assistant Referees - \$40

Game fees will be paid by the on-site coordinator – not the teams. Please call Sofia if there is no on-site coordinator present ten (10) minutes prior to kick-off.

Forfeits

Teams must contact SCASA at least ninety-six (96) hours prior to kick-off to declare a forfeit. If they do so, the game will be cancelled via GameOfficials and no payment will be sent to officials.

If the team forfeits inside of that window, the game will be cancelled via GameOfficials, but officials will remain assigned, and SCASA will pay the officials match fees via check.

Playoffs

The playoff round of the league will be played in March and April. It is a single-elimination tournament of the top four (4) teams in the league, based on points.

Playoff games can no end in a tie, have a limited roster size and limited substitution rules.

If assigned a playoff match, that information will be sent to you.



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