

Albany-Berkeley Soccer Club
Competitive Team 3 x 5 Referee Requirement
Updated for Fall 2012

The Alameda-Contra Costa Youth Soccer League, of which ABSC is a member, enforces the Affiliated Referee Program to ensure adequate coverage of games by qualified referees. The presence of a neutral and certified referee on the field improves the game experience for everyone – players, coaches, and spectators. To this end, ACCYSL requires that **each competitive team provide three Grade-8 referees to the league referee pool, and these referees must officiate a minimum of 5 games each during the fall season ("3 x 5 requirement")**. The league recognizes that only with this kind of participation by all member clubs will there be enough referees to cover the targeted games. Further, **the league imposes a \$250 fine on ABSC for each competitive team that does not comply.**

ABSC's club-level referee coordinator and referee mentor can answer questions, help you become affiliated with an ABSC team, help your team recruit candidates, and relay any concerns to the club board. ABSC supports its new affiliated referees with a kit consisting of referee gear. Additionally, referees affiliated to an ABSC team may request up to \$60 reimbursement from ABSC per season for referee gear. Persons age 14 and older may take the referee course, become affiliated with a team and receive per-game payments from the league. Additionally, officiating 5 games qualifies your family for the \$100 volunteer refund from ABSC (at www.abscsoccer.com, click Referees > Referee Refunds and Payments). The referee will usually not officiate at the games of his own team of affiliation.

\$250 deposit due by September 1 each year

- New competitive teams and returning competitive teams that did not comply with the 3 x 5 referee requirement in their previous fall season must submit a \$250 deposit to ABSC by Sept 1.
- Teams who miss the September 1, deadline for the \$250 deposit or other competitive team paperwork will be reported to the ABSC disciplinary committee.
- ABSC will retain the \$250 checks (not deposit them in the bank), and return them within two weeks of the end of the season to teams who have fulfilled the 3 x 5 requirement. ABSC will use the deposit from teams who fall short of the 3 x 5 requirement to cover the fine from ACCYSL.
- Teams that are not required to submit the deposit in a given year, but who fall short of the 3 x 5 requirement in that fall season, will be fined \$250 at the end of the final week of the season.

Please mail a \$250 check payable to "ABSC" for your team by September 1 to:

Debbie Young
Competitive Registrar
734 Contra Costa Ave
Berkeley CA 94707

Please write the team's name and age group in the check memo line and sign and return the bottom portion of this acknowledgement with the check. The present document may also be viewed on the club website: www.abscsoccer.com > Referees > Competitive Team 3 x 5 Requirement.

Your contacts:

Registrar **Debbie Young** comp_registrar@abscsoccer.com 510-528-3106 for questions.

ABSC Referee Mentor **Jim Bloom** jim@jbloom.com for help getting interested persons into referee classes, reffing games together, other support for your referees, and questions.

We are very happy to help your team prepare for the season! Thank you for your support of the program!

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I have read and understood the Competitive Team 3 x 5 Referee Requirement

Acknowledged By (*please print name*) Signature Date

Team name Head coach name Age group/gender