



# Albuquerque Soccer League

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## ASL Referee Bond Policy

The Albuquerque Soccer League adopted the following policy to encourage the recruiting of game officials for the fall and spring soccer league. At the time the policy was adopted, the League was cancelling games due to a shortage of game officials. The point of the policy, which was developed by an ad-hoc committee appointed by the ASL President, was to provide an incentive to teams to assist in the recruiting and development of new referees for adult soccer games.

Every team that plays in the fall and spring Sunday league is required to maintain a \$150 "referee bond" with the League. The team is required to post the bond with its initial registration and maintain the bond each August for renewal of the team registration.

A team may renew the referee bond, and not be required to repost the referee bond, if the team recruits either a team member or another person who becomes a referee (meaning being certified with USSF as a Grade 8 referee, not high school or AYSO) and completes ten officiating assignments in either ASL or AWSL for Sunday games during the fall and/or spring season. Hence, a person has 9 game weekends in the fall and 8 game weekends in the spring to accumulate ten officiating assignments in Sunday adult soccer. Games outside of ASL and AWSL do not count in any form. If the person recruited does so, then the team can "roll over" its bond and not be required to repost the bond.

If the team does NOT provide a referee who completes ten assignments, then the team forfeits its referee bond and must repost the bond for the August registration.

In anticipation, additional provisions:

- The point is not that your team find someone who already referees ASL games, give us their name and declare them to be your team referee. We already know the names of all of the current referees because we have contracts with them for officiating services and we pay them. You didn't recruit them. Giving us their name isn't helpful in achieving the goal of the policy.
- A referee may only perform for one team. If two teams provide the same referee name, then the league will offer the two teams the opportunity to resolve who

recruited the referee prior to notifying both teams they are not in compliance with the policy.

- If the referee is a player as well, then the player is required to pay registration for both the fall and spring season and will not be eligible for a refund during the playing year.
- The League will now contact teams in May to determine who the team referee is in order to confirm that the referee did actually complete ten assignments. Teams will be notified in writing on June 1 regarding the status of their bond for the following August.
- If a referee offers to be your team referee, it would be to your advantage to contact the league to determine if the referee is actually certified and has refereed in the last several years. There's a good reason why put this bullet point in.