

ARKANSAS COMPETITIVE SOCCER LEAGUE

League Standards and Policies

- All member clubs must have acceptable, designated home fields available for their home games or be able to coordinate available fields in advance of each season with a third party.
- All teams must play their scheduled events, barring weather related cancellations.
- All HOME teams will be required to have water available on the player sideline between the benches. It is also recommended whenever possible that home teams provide benches for both teams, and if available and temperatures warrant, provide a tent to give some shade to the bench during matches.
- All coaches should communicate with the opposing coach one week before their scheduled match to provide all day of game contact information (coach cell phone number/email), discuss each team's uniform colors to avoid similar color schemes, confirm that water will be available, and to advise if benches/tents will be provided for the game.
- ACSL head coaches for 13U through 19U in the First Division must have a minimum of a USSF D license. All assistant coaches, and all head coaches in the Second or Third Divisions must possess a minimum of the 11v11 Grassroots license. For head coaches in the First Division without a State D or higher license and all assistant coaches, as well as Second and Third Division head coaches, without an 11v11 Grassroots license, an eighteen-month probation period will be granted to allow those coaches sufficient opportunity to obtain the State D or 11v11 Grassroots license. This is a one-time exemption per coach. It is the intent of the ACSL to ensure that all coaches have the appropriate licensing so as to provide maximum development for all players.
- All head coaches for 11U and 12U must have completed, at a minimum, the 9v9 Grassroots course. Additionally, upon reaching 13U or above, these coaches will be required to obtain the 11v11 Grassroots license, as well as the State D license, as noted above. For head coaches and assistant coaches without an 9v9 Grassroots license, an eighteen-month probation period will be granted to allow those coaches sufficient opportunity to obtain the 9v9 Grassroots license. This is a one-time exemption per coach.
- It is expressly noted that a coach's lack of the appropriate licensing shall not be a reason for a team to not be promoted to First Division. If a team belongs in the First Division, the team will be promoted to that division and all coaches will be required to obtain the necessary licensing required at that higher division.
- The Referee Commission assignor or the Host or Home Club assignor, under supervision of the state referee assignor, will assign USSF certified referees to all games.
- In order to develop ODP within Arkansas, the ACSL may schedule 1 or 2 dates each season to serve as ODP scouting sessions. Depending on the number of teams involved, these could be full

length games or could be a series of league games of shorter duration to allow teams to play as many different opponents as possible over a one or two-day period to allow those players the opportunity to be seen by ODP staff coaches for possible invitation to the ODP teams. The ACSL may also schedule a date during each season, but particularly in the fall, where no league games are played to allow all ODP players to participate in a training session during the season.

- The ACSL may also schedule a date each season as an Academy level jamboree to allow younger players the opportunity to play games in a tournament-like atmosphere against other teams across the state to further enhance and develop their skills and enjoyment of the game.
- If a team is travelling more than 90 minutes for a match, unless both coaches agree otherwise, the game cannot be scheduled before 11:00 a.m. and cannot be scheduled after 3:00 p.m. on a Sunday.