

FAQ Paying Cash on the Field for Referee Fees

ASA Leagues that pay cash on the Field Listed Below Alabama State League (ASL) 2025-2026 Updated

Division	Age Group	Referee	AR1	AR2
Premier	17U-19U	\$95	\$70	\$70
Premier	15U-16U	\$85	\$65	\$65
Premier	13U-14U	\$65	\$50	\$50
Challenger	17U-19U	\$80	\$60	\$60
Challenger	15U-16U	\$75	\$55	\$55
Challenger	13U-14U	\$65	\$50	\$50
Challenger	11U-12U	\$60	\$45	\$45

1. Home Team Responsibilities for Referees

- **Payment Duty:** The **home team** must pay all referees **before kickoff**. Only pay referees who are present. If an Assistant Referee (AR) is absent, **do not pay** for that position.
- **Payment Method:**
 - Use labeled envelopes (Referee, AR1, AR2) with the **exact amounts**.
 - If you forget the envelopes, **payment must be made by halftime**, even if you have to collect from parents.
 - Digital payments (VENMO, PayPal) are acceptable **only if the referee agrees**.
- **Failure to Pay:** If referees are not paid by halftime, the game is considered a **forfeit**, and the home team will incur **ASA forfeit fees**.
- **Missing Referees:**
 - If a certified referee(s) does not show, **do not pay** for that position.
 - The referee may ask the home team to provide a **club linesman** (volunteer) to call out-of-bounds.
 - If two ARs are missing, the away team may also be asked to supply a volunteer linesman.

2. Weather-Related Game Interruptions

- **Rain-Outs Before Halftime:**
 - The game must be **rescheduled**. The referee crew gets paid for the rain-out game.
 - A **new referee crew** must be paid for the rescheduled match.

- Referees will be paid ½ by each team for the new reschedule due to Rain-Out –
 - Each team is responsible for making sure the referee crew is paid
 - **Referee Authority:** The referee decides if play continues based on the **Laws of the Game**.
 - **ASL Rule 7.5.1:**
 - If a game is **abandoned due to weather or darkness** *after* the **first half is completed**, it is considered a **completed game**.
 - If the **first half is not completed**, the entire game must be **replayed before the end of the season**.
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3. “Meet in the Middle” Games

- If teams agree to play at a **neutral site**, the team listed **first** on the schedule (i.e., the **home team**) is **still responsible for referee payment**.
- **ASA covers the field rental**, if there is a charge.