



# Spring 2025 Field Guide

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\*updated 12/30/24

## SAFETY FIRST

- Keep matches under control; avoid injuries and fights
- Questions or issues? Contact Dustin or Alissa. **If any kind of violence or severe injury occurs, contact Alissa immediately.** Alissa 512-994-6126  
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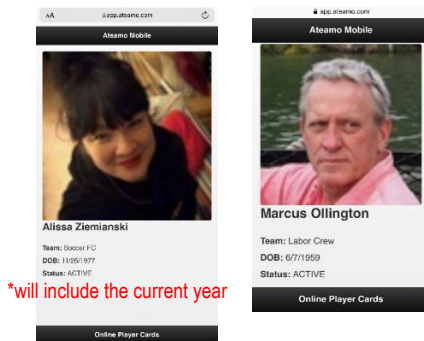
**ABUSIVE AND DISCRIMINATORY BEHAVIORS**—physical, verbal, psychological—defined as any language and/or action used that is intended to insult, degrade, threaten, frighten, harm or harass any participant of an ACSA activity (players, referees, spectator, etc) will not be tolerated by our community (including but not limited to (racism, sexism, homophobia, transphobia, ableism, ageism, xenophobia, etc).

**At the beginning of each match, captains must provide refs with a Spring 2025 Ateamo printed photo roster and \$50.**

**MATCH REPORTS** should include game score, full player names for any cards given with infraction details, plus guest players (and their primary team), and injuries. Send to [refreports@ACSAsoccer.org](mailto:refreports@ACSAsoccer.org) at the end of each match day.

## PLAYERS MUST BE CURRENTLY REGISTERED WITH AUSTIN COMMUNITY SOCCER ASSOCIATION

They show this by appearing on a printed roster or displaying their player card from Ateamo.com on their phone (not a screenshot). To access their online player card, they need to login into Ateamo.com and click “Online Card” on the home page (under the “My Registrations” box on the right). List their names AND their primary team on the match report.



## PAGE 59 FROM IFAB “LAWS OF THE GAME”

*“Decisions will be made to the best of the referee's ability according to the [laws] and the ‘spirit of the game’ and will be based on the opinion of the referee, who has the discretion to take appropriate action within the framework of the [laws]. The decisions of the referee regarding facts connected with play, including whether or not a goal is scored and the result of the match, are final. The decisions of the referee, and all other match officials, must always be respected.”*

## ACSA COMPLIES WITH IFAB LAWS OF THE GAME WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS:

**PLAYERS:** The ten (10) field players may consist of more than five (5) women, but no more than five (5) men (**there is NO exception to this**). The goalie may be male or female and does NOT count towards field player allocations. Gender fluid and non-binary players self-select their field identity with their captains and if there are any questions, captains should be pulled aside to privately resolve. We respect gender identities. There is no guest player limit. **REQUIRED MINIMUM TO START A MATCH** is 6 field players and 1 goalie—at least 1 of the field players must be female-identifying.

**MATCH TIMES:** Match clock starts at match time. Matches are 90min with two 45min halves and 5min halftime. Water breaks may be given in each half if both captains agree prior to kick-off. Water breaks should not exceed 1-2 min and the game clock keeps running.

If a team does not have the required minimum to start a match 15 min after scheduled game start, the team must forfeit and pay full ref fees (\$100). All matches must end at least 10 minutes before the next match. If necessary, reduce halftime and shorten both halves equally to end on time. If there is no following match, play the full 90min.

**SUBSTITUTION** is open/unlimited, but can happen ONLY during goal kicks (both teams), throw-ins on possession (if possession team subs, both teams can sub), kick-off (both teams), for injury (both teams), and returning from water breaks or halftime (both teams).

**SCORING GOALS:** ALL GOALS ARE 1 POINT. No player may score more than 3 goals a match.

**NO SLIDE TACKLES BY FIELD PLAYERS:** A sliding/slide tackle is a tackle in which a player deliberately leaves their feet to slide along the ground and take the ball from the opposing player. Slide tackles result in direct free kick.\*\*

A player may slide as long as there are no other players involved, impacted or nearby. e.g. keeping a ball in play. A referee may stop play for sliding if they feel the slide was too close to other players or created a dangerous situation.

*\*playing the ball while on the ground is not permitted and considered dangerous play.*

*\*\* A penalty kick is awarded if a player commits a direct free kick offence inside their penalty area or off the field as part of play as outlined in IFAB Laws 12 and 13.*

**JEWELRY:** Best practice is for players to leave jewelry at home. If this is not possible, they should remove dangling items that could get caught or cause injury to others.