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COVID Protocols for Club AR's

The main responsibility of Club Assistant Referees (club ARs) is to help the referee determine when the ball is completely out of the field of play, whether over the touchline or the goal line. Club ARs should wear a mask, as their movements are much less physically intense.

- We suggest that you carry Clorox wipes, or another type of disinfectant, to clean your flags before and after each match.
- Avoid using Assistant Coaches as club AR's as they may be inclined to coach from a more advantageous position on the field.
- Though it may be more difficult for the referee, the safest thing to do is to not use club AR's at all.

2021 Grassroots Referee Recertification is Now Open!

2021 Referee Recertification is now open for all 2020 registered Grassroots Referees, Regional Emeritus Referees and National Emeritus Referees.

Please review and follow the instructions [here](http://www.epsarc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Instructions-to-Register-for-2021.pdf) to register for 2021. (<http://www.epsarc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Instructions-to-Register-for-2021.pdf>)

Let's Review: 2020-2021 Laws of the Game Changes

Have you read up on the newest Law changes that went into effect last month? There were a lot. Some more important than others!

- Law 1 – The Field of Play
- Law 2 – The Ball
- Law 4 – The Players' Equipment
- Law 10 – Determining the Outcome of a Match
- Law 11 – Offside
- Law 12 – Fouls and Misconduct
- Law 14 – The Penalty Kick

Keep up to date and follow this link to U.S. Soccer's Box Account that shows you all of the changes to the Laws of the Game -

<https://ussoccer.app.box.com/s/ruqcsf0671k1bcf6dzwf/file/683846624324>

You can find the updated 2020-2021 Laws of the Game by clicking [here](#) or going to the url - http://www.epsarc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/IFAB-Laws-of-the-Game-2020_2021.pdf

The Laws of the Game now fit in your pocket! The International Football Association Board (IFAB) has put together a great iPhone and Android app with the Laws of the Game and more...definitely worth downloading!

Simply go to the App Store in iOS or the Google Play Store and search "Laws of the Game".

All EPSARC Update emails are archived as pdfs on our website by clicking [here](#) or visiting <http://www.epsarc.org/news/epsarc-update-emails/>

For the Good of the Game.
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