

**NEW CLUB MEMBERSHIP STANDARDS:**

This document will detail the minimum standards for clubs looking for membership into the Soccer Alliance of Arizona.

*Note: The league technical committee will make the ultimate decision on membership based upon the below standards.*

**TECHNICAL STANDARDS:**

- Have a Director of Coaching charged with technical oversight of all teams and coaches within the club
- Director of Coaching with at least a “B” license or equivalent
- All coaches have at least a USSF grassroots license
- Club curriculum: Have a written, age-appropriate, developmental curriculum outlining the skills and concepts to be taught at every age group that is reviewed on an annual basis to identify areas for change and improvement.

**STRUCTURAL / ADMINISTRATIVE:**

- Be a registered corporate entity, either for-profit or not-for-profit, in good standing according to federal and state law, and have a club logo.
- Have a mission statement identifying the primary purpose for the club’s existence and its goals in player and personal development of its players. The mission statement should be realistic based on the club and community resources.
- Have either a formal governance board or an advisory board to provide guidance and assistance in financial, legal, real estate, and other general business matters
- Have a minimum of *three teams* in the same gender to be considered a “club” for that gender of players (based on research).
- Have a player and parent code of conduct.
- Have an annual player registration process managed by a club registrar / administrator.
- Every club having a licensed referee assignor
- Every club to host annual referee course
- Every club must be able to provide a registry of referees associated with the club with a minimum requirement of 1 referee per team participating in the league. Referees must be USSF certified for the seasonal year.

**FACILITIES / FIELDS**

- Have access to at least one high-quality competition field (minimum of 50% of assigned games yearly) that allows the ball to run smoothly which is appropriately lined per FIFA rules with benches for players and restrooms or port-a-potties. Turf or natural grass is acceptable.
- Clubs must have field availability for games on Saturday & Sunday
- NPL gameday standards
  - Tents and benches
  - Athletic Trainer
  - Club Staff designated Site Director.

**OTHER**

- Clubs must be a member of US Club Soccer
- Geographical location of the applying club will be taken into consideration