



L.B.S.R.A. Newsletter

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From the President LBSRA

I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. This is the time to spend with family and friends. This is the time to look back and reflect years past the good times and yes maybe not so good times. I know this past year has been hell for some of you in loosing your jobs and maybe even homes. Hope that this coming year 2010 will be more prosperous for you and your family. We at LBSRA wish you well and are striving to have more tournaments and games for you to officiate in the coming months. So with all said and done have a very good year 2010.

The uniform deal for the LBSRA officials turned out better than expected. We had 1900 uniforms purchased at a reduced cost. My goal was to achieve at least 60 to 70 % of the membership to get uniforms as it turns out it was up around 85% of the membership got uniforms. To all of you that did get the uniforms congratulations. At some of our last tournaments you all look great out there on the pitch with the uniforms looking all the same. Keep up the good work out there and it will pay off for all you officials.

Information

CSL and State Cup Information

Good day everybody, Coast Soccer Season is over for LBSRA, for the most part everything went well. However there was on major issue. The handing of game report, there were 150 game reports which Coast Soccer League states they never received from us. This is not acceptable. **PLEASE LOOK IN YOUR BAGS OR WHERE ELSE YOU MAY PUT THESE REPORTS AND IF YOU FIND A REPORT PLEASE MAIL IT TO CSL NOW.**

Next year we will handle CSL game reports a little differently. We will require that each referee mail his or her reports to CSL, also before mailing the referee will be required to make a photocopy. This photocopy will be retained by the referee so that in those cases where CSL contacts us asking for a copy we can provide one.

Coast Soccer is our Client, it is important that we provide them with the service they have requested. Again make sure you do not have any game reports, if so mail it NOW.

STATE CUP

State Cup will be beginning the 1st week of February. I will be assigning these games. **IF YOU WANT TO BE ASSIGNED TO STATE CUP GAMES YOU NEED TO CONTACT ME BY E-MAIL NOW SO THAT I CAN SET UP THE DATA BASE.**

My e-mail address is kent@kirklandsys.com.
Kent Kirkland
714 588-0511

For those of you have become recent members of our association, I want to congratulate you for joining the finest referee association in Southern California

We pride ourselves in recruiting and training future high level referees. It is our goal to promote those who want to move up into the upper levels of soccer officiating. The Long Beach Soccer Referee Association, and Cal South, look forward to the opportunity to advance the careers of any referee who aspires to higher levels of officiating.

If you wish to promote to upper levels it is important to always present yourself as professionally as possible. Not only do you represent yourself professionally, you represent your association and the United State Soccer Federation. This means being on site early, being in full professional uniform, and presenting yourself, on the field, as an expert in your field.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, and the membership, we thank you for your service to the great game of soccer. Vern

Seasonal Greeting to all.

Just a reminder that we have a few tournaments left before the end of the year.....all of your help in covering these matches is appreciated.

De-briefing/Mentoring is going great and from both mine and your BOD, our membership is "second to none". Our membership has "raised the bar" for other associations. And when you step onto the field as a member of Long Bch., people are always looking.....and very seldom (if any) are they disappointed.....KUDOS to you for a job well done.

Our de-briefing/mentoring has even reached out to other associations to provide leadership in assisting in development of their members as time and availability permits due to need first with Long Bch.

Welcome back John Bonifacio to Long Bch. John has gladly agreed to become part of our de-briefing/mentoring team.....he will be a tremendous asset to all of us.

Are you ready for State Cup? National Cup?

If you have aspirations do officiate this level of matches starting in Jan. 2010, contact your assignors. It is through your assignors and feedback from Toros and our de-briefing/mentoring team members if you are in fact able to do these very exciting and challenging matches.

Don't miss out if you feel you are ready for this level. And if you are not sure, let us observe you and give you our feedback to get you ready. But remember, it is up to you to make us aware of your interest.....that is the FIRST STEP.

High school season is upon many of us so please stay fit, dress warm, keep dry, and do not take on too much at a time.

We need you fit and able to do the best job every time you step onto the pitch.

Happy Holiday's to every one of you from myself and your BOD.

Do not forget to contact Toros or myself regarding our observing you. Let us help you reach your goals. Let us help you get to the next level and the next and the next.....

Regards-

Mike Holguin

BOARD OFFICERS

Your LBSRA Board of Directors will hold office until May of next year 2010.

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Vice President of Referee Operations/Assignor
Vice President of Adult Referee Mentoring/Training
Treasurer
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Director of Instruction and Assessment
Director of Human Resources/Referee Recruiting
Director Debriefing/Mentoring
* Denotes Voting Board Member

Butch Renken *
Larry Yee *
Kent Kirkland *
Tony Urrutia
Roy Schwarzer *
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Vern Geiger
Mike Holguin *

NEXT Meeting WEDNESDAY AT 7:00PM

December, 16 2009

Grace First Presbyterian Church
3955 Studebaker Road Long Beach, CA
90808 Located at the intersection of Stude-
baker Road & Los Coyotes, diagonal just
south of Carson Street

ACADEMY NEWS

The Academy is on hold for the time being. Once we find out if we will be able to continue the Academy we will let you know. We have a new SRA and it will be up to him and his staff to allow us to continue. For the new positions at cal south go to page 4 it has all the listing of the SRA, SYSRA, SDI, SDA and other committee members.

Guest speaker for December

We are going to be honored by having our SRA, Mr. George Noujaim, as our main speaker. This is a great opportunity for our members to know their leaders and the direction we are taking.

I will also discuss the new mentor program, and how it is working with advance referee development program to bring all the referees under one umbrella. Toros

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year

I would like to say that at this point most of our membership has fulfilled their requirements in becoming Registered and Live Scanned for the 2010 season. This task as an organization has been as new to us as it has been for you as a member.

The Registered List that is on the Cal South web site only shows a portion of what will be listed at this time. An updated list will be added every two weeks from Danielle Bryant and Lisa Wolf.

As always, LBSRA leads the way as a organization with its standards and professionalism; largely thanks to Mr. Renken who came thru for you the members of LBSRA With new uniforms at a special price. In 2010, our members again will lead the way in how we look on the field.

In order to be a referee this will be your responsibility.

Here is what we have to look forward to in 2010:

- 1) Members to be registered thru Cal South
- 2) Members Live Scanned thru Cal South
- 3) Training will be consistent thru direction from Cal South instructors.
- 4) **Must have 10 sessions of training in the calendar year for 2010 for registration in 2011.**
- 5) To obtain all 10 sessions you may attend other associations with a different training night.
- 6) Please, if you are to go to another association for training **GET A SIGNED SLIP FROM THE INSTRUCTOR WITH THE DATE IN ATTENDANCE TO MR. RENKEN.**

if YOU HAVE UPGRADED YOURSELF IN THE PAST TWO YEARS, PLEASE SEND ME THE GRADE YOU HAVE OBTAINED BY E-MAILING ME. RGSCH@VERIZON.NET

YOURS TO SERVE, ROY SCHWARZER SECRETARY OF LBSRA



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Referee Risk Management FAQ

What Is the Cal South "KIDSAFE" Risk Management Program?

It is a one-time Live Scan digital submission providing the quickest way to submit and process background checks through the Department of Justice. This program notifies Cal South when subsequent arrest activity occurs and allows Cal South to make decisions that will minimize risk and keep kids safe, while protecting the best interest of our members, leagues and clubs.

Why is Cal South requiring Live Scan for referees?

It is the intent of Cal South to provide an environment that fosters the well-being and safety of all its players and members.

Are all referees required to have Live Scan done?

All USSF certified referees, 18 and older, who wish to officiate Cal South sanctioned youth matches will need to go through the Live Scan Program.

When will the program be implemented?

This requirement will be effective January 1, 2010. Referees should complete the ONE-TIME Live Scan process to ensure eligibility for youth match assignments.

How much will the cost be and who will be responsible for paying the service?

The cost is \$15.00 when the Live Scan is performed at an event scheduled through Cal South or at IBT (Integrated Biometric Technology, LLC), the exclusive Live Scan provider for Cal South. The 25 IBT fixed locations can be found at <http://www.L.lid.com/IBT> . The referee will be responsible for paying for the service. It may cost up to \$35.00 at independent retailers.

Referee associations may contact Lisa Wolfs, Cal South's Risk Management Coordinator to set up Live Scan sessions for groups of 20 or more individuals. Her email is lwolfs@calsouth.com, or you can reach her by phone at 714.451.1520.

What do I need to have Live Scan done?

You will need a Cal South Live Scan form, an official government ID (driver license, passport) with photo, and \$15.00.

If someone was fingerprinted for their job, will they still need to go through the process for Cal South?

Yes. Due to the privacy act, information may not be shared from one agency to another. You will have to do the process again through Cal South.

If I already have a Risk Management ID with Cal South as an administrator, will I have to go through the process again?

No. All you have to do is contact Lisa Wolfs at Cal South. She will look you up in the online database and update you as a referee. Her email is lwolfs@calsouth.com, or you can reach her by phone at 714.451.1520.

What course of action will Cal South take if referees refuse to participate in the Live Scan procedure?

The referees will not be available to referee any Cal South youth games until they have completed the process.

Who will be the person/persons at Cal South who will process the information from the Live Scan screening, and what safeguards will be in place for the referee?

The chairperson of the Risk Management Committee is the only member involved in the notification process, along with the referee in question.

What criteria will be used to determine if a referee is disqualified as a result of Live Scan screening?

The Risk Management chairperson reviews the notification and determines if the data represents a risk to our youth members. A negative determination is appeal able by the referee.

What happens if an association assigns a referee to a match who has not been Live Scan qualified?

Upon confirmation of the assignment of an unqualified official, the assignor will then be notified by the SRA. Appropriate training and direction will be given to the assignor to prevent future occurrences.

Does the referee receive notification letting them know they have been approved?

The referee can go to www.CalSouth.com, where an updated Approval list can be found after October 31st 2009.

How will the assignors get access to the approved list?

All assignors will have access to the Risk Management approval list.

Contact Information:

www.CalSouth.com

Lisa Wolfs, Risk Management Coordinator

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Are you Fit?? Are you Dressed Right???

Uniform as in Dressed Alike !!!!

Do you know how to start out a season right? Are your shoes polished? Are your socks looking like they will fall down at any time? Are your pants a gray color because it has been washed too much? **Are your shirts the wrong ones to start out for 2010?** Do you have a good watch, whistle, 2009 badge, and the good record of your match. (Ask Toros if he has any more booking pads left)

If the answer to any of the above is no, here's what you should do.

- 1) LOOK AT YOUR UNIFORM
- 2) LOOK AT YOUR EQUIPMENT FOR A MATCH
- 3) LOOK LIKE YOU WANT TO BE PART OF A TEAM

GET THE POINT!!!!

New uniform can be bought from OUR PRESIDENT at a fraction of anyone's PRICE

NEW STYLE OF SHIRT TO BE WORN IN 2010

Buy one shirt get one FREE. You pay \$25 for a long sleeve and get the short FREE
Need Pants \$25.

IT'S TIME TO BE LOOKING AT YOUR E-MAIL FROM LBSRA.....

Do we have your correct e-mail for LBSRA?

Are your phone's numbers correct for LBSRA?

Are you registered for 2010?

Have you taken the Re-Cert test for 2010?

Do you have a live scan YET!!!! ?

GOT THE POINT!!!!

Thank you for reading my message. Part of your TEAM, Secretary Roy Schwarzer

TO ALL FELLOW REFEREES OF LBSRA

We have a lot going on in LBSRA we need to get the word out that a lot of information is being distributed to members of LBSRA. Spread the word ask your fellow officials at the games if they are reading the emails and newsletters that are going out to everyone, if not tell them that's how you get the information as to what is happening and what is going on with in our association.

I need some officials that are camera picture taking artist to get me pictures of there fellow referees at the games. We need to put them on the web site so every one can look at them, even a cross the county. Be proud that you are a LBSRA member Show the US what we can do. Just email jpeg to me and I will have them put on our web site.

Butch (News letter editor)