

L.B.S.R.A. Newsletter



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LBSRA PRESIDENTS NOTES

We just finished up the Fire and Police tournament held at Veterans Park on Friday, Saturday, semi and finals on Sunday. What an adult tournament very complete. The Finals in the Men's division was the LAPD vs LA County Sheriff which went down to the last two min's of the game and then the LA County Sheriff won on a PK.

We have a new sign in sheet that all you have to do is put your initials in the box of the month in this case February. This is how Cal South will be keeping track of your attendance. When I send the matrix to Cal south they will keep count of your attendance if you do not have 5 sessions minimum you will not be able to recertify and will have to make up the hours.

I would like to say the mentor group is doing a fine job in bring up the youth referees in the officiating ranks of LBSRA. If you know of any youth referees that would like to join the mentor group have them contact Ardy. He will have them in the pool of referees to be looked at by the adult mentors. They are getting complimented by the state officials at the different venues. Not only in appearance but how they are calling the games Everyone keep up the good work!!!

We still have referees not showing up on time or not showing up at all? LBSRA has charged \$25.00 in the past for these incidents, but we may be looking at to increase this amount if it continues. There is no excuses for being late if you leave early. Make sure you set your alarms if you need to or have one of your buddies call you. Please follow what 90% of LBSRA members do and that is to show up early!!!

We still have referees that don't have all of the uniforms for refereeing games. All the referees makes good money not to get up to date with the uniforms. We know they are expensive but buy one every other month or so. We still have referees with the old pin stripe jerseys that they need to get rid of and become a modern referee. It just don't look good with 2 referees with new equipment and one with the old jerseys. If you need help let us know and we can work things out with the uniforms

David Pecarich and his partner will have a presentation on Aflac at the end of our meeting for 10 to 15 minuets, about an insurance that may help some of you.

BOARD OFFICERS

LBSRA Board of Directors will hold office until May of next year 2015.

President /Newsletter
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NEXT MEETING

Wednesday AT 7:00PM

February 18, 2015

Grace First Presbyterian Church

3955 Studebaker Road Long Beach, CA 90808 Located at the intersection of Studebaker Road & Los Coyotes, diagonal just south of Carson Street

A reminder to all members, if they have changes in there email address, street address, name change or phone #'s I need to have these so I can update the roster each month or sooner.

Lee Harmon

NO CHECKS TO BE MAILED OUT PER LARRY, YOU MUST PICK THEM UP AT THE MEETING.

USSF Recertification Alert

December , 2014

All Referees that has not re-certified for 2015, This is a friendly reminder that your 2014 USSF certification will expire at the end of this month.

This means if you do not have your 2015 certification, you will not be allowed to officiate any games when the new year starts. Please remember that it normally takes up to 2 weeks to show approved from the time all your certification items are complete.

If you are missing in-service hours, this will be the only year we are providing you an opportunity to still register. We will forgive any hours you are still missing. Moving forward, please remember that you have the full 2015 year to participate in (5) in-service hours offered by local referee associations.

To recertify now, please follow the instructions [outlined here.](#)

YMG Notes!

The Referees involved with the Youth Mentor Group have made great strides in their Refereeing over the past 3 - 4 weekends doing Cal South Games in San Diego. As expected, there were referees with all levels of ability and experience.

All the referee's have been receptive to the guidance offered and have incorporated them into their game and have become better game managers. Some of the referees have grasped the information offered quickly and others have taken a more longer approach. We have had about 5-6 mentors on the field with the Youth Referees over the last 4 weeks. The referees have had an opportunity to hear from different mentors of all ages comment on their performance. All in an attempt to make them better referees and to prepare them to move up and take on more challenging assignments.

Doing the games under the Cal South Banner has been an eye opening experience for most of us. Cal South has been very picky about referees showing up on time and being the right Uniform. A referee from another association showed up 15 minutes before game time and was told he could not referee because he was late. A LBSRA referee was available to fill that slot. Another referee just didn't show up. Another LBSRA referee was able to fill that slot. This past weekend a new LBSRA referee showed up with Black Nike Basketball shorts and was made to purchase OSI Referee shorts on site. If you are wearing Referee Socks you must have on referee shoes. Cal South Blue Polo Shirts must be worn by all Youth Mentor Group Referees when they arrive every morning and must be tucked in. No hats allowed, No Sunglasses allowed. Referee Team socks all must match.

As the Cal South Tournament continues the teams are better and the games are more competitive. Referees need to be aware of the game situation and the temperature of the game in order to exercise proper Game Management. The players deserve the best and the Youth Mentor Group is quickly becoming the best!

My congratulations to the Youth Mentor Group members for all your efforts and dedication to the game of soccer and working diligently to become better game managers! Keep up the hard work!!

Make it a Fantastic Day!!

Rakesh

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February 11, 2015

2016 USSF Certification & Recertification Update

There has been a slight change in certification process for 2016. The following underlines the changes:

Grade 8 Upgrade:

Those Grade 9 individuals seeking to upgrade to Grade 8 will have experience requirements.

Game Experience – 20 Games for Cal South Affiliated League Games.

Grade 7 Upgrade:

Those individuals seeking to upgrade to Grade 7 will have experience requirements.

Grade Experience - Two years a previous Grade 8.

Game Experience – 40 Games as Referee & 25 Games as AR for Cal South Affiliated League Games for each of the two years.

Grade 6 Upgrade:

Those individuals seeking to upgrade to Grade 6 will have experience requirements.

Grade Experience – Two years as a previous Grade 7.

Game Experience – 40 Games as Referee & 25 Games as AR for Cal South Affiliated League Games for each of the two years.

To view each grade requirement please visit the Cal South website. Under the Referee tab, select “Maintenance and Upgrade Requirements”.

USSF ID Number Notifications

US Soccer is still in the transition stage of moving all information into their new registration system. Cal South conducted the first upload of referee information to US Soccer in January. It included all referees certified from July to first week of January. We will upload on a monthly base moving forward. We finally received those first USSF ID numbers for New Referees. We have sent out an email to all new referees to notify them of their full ID number. Please make sure to tell your new members to look out for that email. USSF will be mailing their membership cards soon.

Referee Association Flyers

Cal South would like to encourage local referee associations to market themselves to new referees. Entry referee trainings are great locations to recruit those who will soon be looking to get plugged in. Creating short flyers that outline association contact information and how much a referee can make will quickly attract new referees. Associations are more than welcomed to stop by an entry field training to pass out flyers or membership sign-up sheets after the training.

Cal South emails all referees a link to the full listing of referee associations as soon as they are approved. We also notify them of the association link in the welcome letter we mail out. However, it always helps to reach out in a setting where you're sure to find a whole group of new officials eager to get started.

Cal south approved youth tournaments for lbsra to service. 2015

Feb/March	State/National Cup Youngers
March/May	CSL Spring
March/May	SCDSL Spring
3/7 - 3/8	29th Annual Mayors Cup
3/14 - 3/15	So Cal Winter Cup
	More to come.....

Adult Leagues:

- City of Los Alamitos Adult
- City of Placentia North Orange County YMCA Adult
- City of Mission Viejo Adult
- City of Ontario Adult
- City of Eastvale Adult Coed
- City of Chino Hills Adult
- Fullerton Indoor
- Mission Viejo Indoor

