



L.B.S.R.A. Newsletter

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FROM LBSRA PRESIDENT

Wow here it is almost April and going into our busy summer schedule for tournaments.

We have picked up five brand new tournaments in March and June thanks to Leo Umana who has joined LBSRA as an independent assignor. We at LBSRA will work with Leo as a support association for his tournaments as well. These tournaments are the Barca Club tournaments and the Arsenal Club tournaments. So a lot of good things happening to LBSRA and that means putting referee to work officiating games.

The last two tournaments Orange Mayors cup and the Anaheim were successful. A few complaints but over all good officiating on behalf of LBSRA referees.

Our biggest tournament coming up at the end of May which is one of 3 largest tournaments in California. The **Cerritos Memorial Challenge Cup**. We had our meeting with the directors and finance this week.

I want to let all officials know the most important part of the meeting was at the end. This information comes from a professional player, a top level coach which I want to pass along his input to the tournament.

He as a coach it is most rewarding when a referee comes up to a coach in the game and tells him that he may want to have one of his players come out because he is getting careless and maybe close to getting cards. Also when a referee talks to a coach or player and tells them to calm down or that more drastic action may take place.

At the end of the day the tournaments needs to have teams and clubs back next year if they don't come back then they do not have a tournament and we don't get to officiate. If we throw coaches and players out at the first time they say anything we are doing an injustice to the game and players.

We at LBSRA have taken pride that every year we have improved our officiating at the Cerritos Tournament. This year will be no exception, I want of you to understand that you need to talk, talk, and talk to players and coaches. If you are close to tossing a coach get one of the coordinators over to the field to talk to the coach. Players talk to them and tell them come on guy calm down, cool off why don't you go out for a while till you calm down, tell the coaches; maybe you need to pull your player off and talk to him.

There will be more info at the meetings and we will have the directors at the May meeting to talk to our members.

Lbsra is moving forward in developing "mentor referee program" for referee's just joining lbsra of 1 year or less. This time frame is very crucial for referees in general to break into positive Referee culture. Basics needed to be done are: preparing doing assigned games. Reviewing game, league, or Tournament web page. Getting referee gear in place. Getting water, fluids, and snacks in order to keep hydrated and Nourished.

Showing on the field by at least 30 minutes. Meeting your fellow assigned referees for rapport and pre-game reasons. Stretch out, do physical warm-ups if possible, look excited being there, must have a good attitude in front of everyone.

Do not have a chip on your shoulder. Why be there if you are in a bad mood. Apply good gamesmanship with everyone. Work well with your referee partners.

Collect game fees if games pay on the field. Keep good track record what u were assigned for referee payment from lbsra treasurer.

Officiate the game, in good physical control; always call first fouls to avoid player confrontation.

Fill out required paperwork depending on the game or league itself.

lbsra is pleased to announce a.j. Patel , director of mentor referee program his past soccer administration experience and goal to become ussf state referee brings a lot of game field soccer officiating experience to all referees at lbsra.

he will organize a staff of field site mentor leaders to assist the above.

referees in general will have an opportunity to understand what aj's mentoring : room to grow philosophy is all about.

cal south state cup game younger's are going well with fields given to lbsra to assign. performing well for these young talented soccer players is highly appreciated. keep the good work out there for referees being assigned out there.

ardy saeidi and john Bonifacio is preparing list of grade 8 or 7 or 6 to be assigned their required 90 minute games for year 2013. process of getting their field site evaluations and field site assessments starts now, since getting 90 minute games is based on supply and demand.

lbsra hopes to get a lot of 90 minute games from cal south assignor, leo umana during month of April into early may 2012.

always attend as many soccer cal south monthly meetings in year 2012. each referee is required 5 meetings total . so plan accordingly.

be prepared for June(Jusa chelsea) and 5/25 to 26th to 27th(massive Cerritos so. calif. infinity) memorial week-end.

regards from larry yee

The Largest Room in the World

If you don't believe in yourself, then why should they?

It's the 20th minute of play in a typical tournament match and you just whistled for a penalty kick. As you walk to the top of the penalty area, you find yourself surrounded by the defending team vehemently challenging your call. Your lead AR is standing on the touch line, in line with the top of the penalty area. The defending team coach and side line are yelling in disagreement. Yet in your mind, this was without doubt a law 12 violation and a just penalty kick.

Then why doesn't everyone including your lead AR believe you?

There are so many clubs in Southern California and each one is trying to attract and develop skilled players, coaches and administrators. Many of these clubs raise funds by running tournaments and some tournaments are more popular than others because a coach or team believes the tournament provides better developmental opportunity or competition or is well organized or some other belief. The club running the tournament calls upon the services of us referees as they believe we will apply the laws of the game. They trust us implicitly. They spend months in planning from advertising the tournament, field permits, marketing, safety, schedules, volunteers and so forth. So much time and energy is put into planning to ensure the tournament is a success such that teams want to come back next year and as news spreads other teams want to enter next year.

Referees are a huge part of the tournament and we have a big impact in its success or otherwise. If you accept the referee assignment, be it as a center or AR and show up late, or show up improperly dressed, lacking equipment such as pencil/pen or you have pens but they are protruding from your breast pockets, you don't have a flip coin and decide who kicks based on the highest jersey number of each teams Captain; you are telling everyone around you that you don't believe in yourself or that you don't believe in the tournament or the game and so on.

What if you don't know the rules of the tournament, what if you don't print them and have them with you, what if you decide this is a U9 game and will call it from the center circle, what if you don't have a pre-game discussion with your AR's even if this is the 10,000 game with them; people around you are watching and it quickly tells them you don't believe. Players, coaches and spectators lose respect and it becomes easy for them to question your authority, after all, you don't believe, so why should they?

Call or email with any questions, comments, suggestions or if you're curious why the AR did not believe in the CR's call.

AJ Patel Director of Referee Mentor Program LBSRA 714-785-9207 chitti@cox.net

In our busy days Ahead

As we are moving ahead into the first of the year there are many areas of commitment to make decisions as a referee.

- 1) Have I completed my registration?
- 2) Do I need to be Live Scanned this year (are you turning 18)?
- 3) Have I looked at the calendar for upcoming scheduling (CSL spring, and SCDSL spring leagues) to begin in March?
- 4) Do I know when the next tournaments are in March? (two are on the website www.lbsra.com)
- 5) Am I in good standing with my association?
- 6) Have I changed my address or phone numbers in the last few months and contacted Roy?
- 7) What grade will I be this year and how do I change and make that effort?
- 8) What am I doing to become a better referee? For example, asking questions, learning how to apply the Law's of the game, working well with others.
- 9) How many meetings will I attend and where will I obtain my required hours of instruction this year?
- 10) Can you get others involved with our association? LBSRA

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Long Beach Soccer Referee Association

Here is a date to become a new referee that is listed on the Cal South website. www.Calsouth.com

Grade 8 West Covina March 24 & 25, 2012	Edgewood Middle School, West Covina	Referee Class	3/24/2012 3/25/2012 Cal South Soccer
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There may be some dates sooner but are not listed as of now.

LBSRA depends on YOU to become the BEST, as we are today.

Your Board of Directors will continue to provide you the best service for you to be the BEST.

Yours to Serve, Roy Schwarzer, Secretary and Director of Recruiting

BOARD OFFICERS

LBSRA Board of Directors will hold office until May of next year 2012.

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Director of Instruction
Assessment Program/Assignor
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Larry Taylor *
Roy Schwarzer *
Toros Kibritjian *
Ardy Saeidi
Lee Harmon
Mohammed Nikpour

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday AT 7:00PM

March 21, 2012

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

REMINDING THE REFEREES OF THE PAYMENT @ THE MONTHLY MEETING, OR SENDING A SELF ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE TO LBSRA 10207 GOLDEN YARROW LANE RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA. 91701.

To every one if you have a problem with a check please let us know ASAP. The longer you wait the more difficult it is to resolve the problem. Also if you don't want your fees let us know and we will put it in our youth fund to help other referees being mentored. **Cash your checks don't hold them!!!!!!**

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Mentoring Program for our Youth

The Long Beach youth referee mentor program (YMG) is off to a great start this season. With the help of the LBSRA Board and great mentors stepping up, this year is looking promising to all youth referees and those who have been asked to mentor. Most recently, the YMG has covered tournaments and has sent some of the best youth referees out to do State Cup games in Lancaster; these young referees have been growing over these past couple of weeks and im excited about the direction we are moving in. Just to point out two of the many outstanding referees LBSRA is proud to have, i would like to give a shout out to both Chris Huynh and Hector Perez Jr. These two referees have took on the role of giving back to their referees by staying well after their own games to observe referees and provide them with the support and guidance to become a great official. So much thanks to those too and plenty other referees who have done their part in making sure LBSRA remains one of the most elite groups of Soccer Referee Associations.

On a final note, it is great to see that we have a high number of new referees both from other associations and new to the refereeing world as a whole. These referees have been doing an awesome job and although there is always progress to be made, i am proud of what they have accomplished in these short couple of weeks. If you would like to be apart of this growing program with promising leads, please email my self, David Lyday, at ymg@lbsra.com , Lee Harmon or Larry Yee, we welcome all youth referees no matter what level you are at or association you are from, this is an open program for ANYONE.

Again, great job to the youth referees who are making LBSRA look great out there,
Your Youth Referee Mentor Leader,
David Lyday
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ymg@lbsra.com

The Assessment Corner

During last week end Tournament I had the pleasure to observe a good number of youth referees. I'm glad to report that in our association we have a terrific group of young officials with excellent bases to become good referees.

As an Assessor I visualize their performance in a different way than an instructor or a mentor butl can honestly say that these young officials, when the times comes to be upgraded, they will be successful. All of this will be possible because of the programs that we have in our association.

I'm very confident that the Mentor Program and the Assessment program are the keys for this success; therefore for all of you young official I encourage you to take a full advantage of these programs in order to achieve your dreams.

Please answer back to my e-mail regarding your decision to be upgraded or not; it is very important for us to know your decision in order to schedule you to a full 90 minutes game.

Thank you
Yours in soccer
John Bonifacio
LBSRA
Director of assessment

cal south youth approved youth tournaments for lbsra to service. 2012

Feb - March	State/National Cup Youngers
March	CSL Spring Starts
March	SCDSL Spring Starts
3/3 - 3/4	Orange Soccer Club - Mayors Cup
3/10 - 3/11	ASA/ASC California Spring Cup IX
April - May	State/National Cup Olders
June	Chelsea SC Champions Cup
5/26 - 5/28	Cerritos Memorial Challenge Cup
6/9 - 6/10	Copa Laguna
6/9 - 6/10	Saddleback Summer Classic
7/14 - 7/15	Canyon PSA Invitational
7/28 - 7/29	Cerritos Premier Cup
7/28 - 7/29	Pyramid Cup
8/4 - 8/5	Madrid Summer Fest (Wildoomar 2 fields)
8/11 - 8/12	ASA/ASC California Cup 2012
8/11 - 8/12	FC Long Beach Invitational
8/11 - 8/12	JUSA Friendship Tournament
8/18 - 8/19	Orange Classic
September	CSL Starts
September	SCDSL Starts
11/23 - 11/25	Surf Thanksgiving Tournament
11/24 - 11/25	Anaheim Thanksgiving
12/8 - 12/9	Canyon PSA Winter Cup
12/15 - 12/16	OC Tournament of Champions

