



# L.B.S.R.A. Newsletter

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## FROM LBSRA PRESIDENT

### **Biggest Tournament of the year next month!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

You never know when I will show up to a site to see if our referees are performing well out on the fields. In a couple of recent site visits I was somewhat disappointed in our referee performances. Our referees showed up late to the game. Both teams were waiting on the field ready to go at 8:00AM start time. Referees showed at 8:02 this is not acceptable.

When you check in teams all you need to do is get the id cards and match the name on the game card to the picture id. That is all the teams are interested in, they are not interested in how great you are as a referee. They don't care if you are a national, state 5 or state 6 just that you are there to officiate the game. What ever you tell them besides no jewelry or they must have shin guards is a waste of time, so please stick to the basics.

**For the Cerritos tournament next month last weekend of May Representatives from the tournament will be at our May meeting so we need to make sure we reserve that date for our LBSRA Monthly meeting. This will be time for you to ask questions of the tournament.**

Dues will be taken out unless you have made prior arrangements with Larry Taylor the LBSRA treasure. This year you will have \$85.00 removed from tournaments. Please see Roy's article in the news letter.

First I want to emphasize that when you arrive at your fields seek out the coordinator for that venue and let them know that you are there to get the games started on time. Most LBSRA coordinator which will be wearing bright **GOLD** Polo's.

We had some problems last year wear referees were to quick on RED cards in the Cerritos tournament. We are saying not to give the RED cards if deserved, but talk first instead of going right to the cards. If you are having problems seek out the LBSRA coordinator or tournament field marshal to help out with parents or coaches. This is a highly recognized tournament in southern California with many teams coming from out of state. We as referees cannot afford to screw the games up so these teams do not comeback the following year. If the teams don't come back we do not have a tournament next year. These teams are paying a lot of money to come to this tournament. Just think what it is costing the French and Canadians teams to be here for a week. Probably more that some of us make in six months to a year.

Be courteous out on the fields this is a money maker for the club so their teams can also play in the different tournaments in southern California. Please bring plenty of water, food and snacks what ever you need to get thru the day. **Do not ask the tournament for food and water.** If they offer you food or drink make sure you thank them.

When you are assigned to your field be there 30 minuets before the start of your game so the LBSRA coordinator can go over information with you. Go to the Cerritos tournament web site so you can print out the rules. If you are doing international teams the rules will be different. Make copies and bring them with you be pro active and look at the maps so you know where you are going no excuses for being late remember 30 minuets before you start time or fines will be imposed.

Most of all if you have question ask don't wait until something happens be proactive.

## BOARD OFFICERS

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

President /Newsletter  
Vice President of Referee Operations/Assignor  
Treasurer  
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Director of Instruction  
Assessment Program/Assignor  
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Assignor  
Assignor  
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Ardy Saeidi  
Lee Harmon  
Mohammed Nikpour  
Leo Umaña  
Mike Holguin  
AJ Patel  
David Lyday  
John Bonifacio

\* Denotes Voting Board Member

**NEXT MEETING**  
**Wednesday AT 7:00PM**  
**April 18, 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**

The treasurer has held checks from the Mayor's Cup in Orange, Spring Cup in Anaheim since last month. These checks will be available @ the monthly meeting on the 18th of April. If you can not make the meeting, send a self addressed stamped envelope to LBSRA 10207 Golden Yarrow Lane Rancho Cucamonga, Ca. 91701, and I will mail ASAP

**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!!!!!!****

## 2012-2013 Changes with LBSRA

We have expanded your Board of Directors with LBSRA for 2012-13. In the past two months LBSRA welcomes AJ Patel and Leo Umana to the association. AJ who will head the Mentoring of referees for all new members who join, and Leo Umana will be an added assignor to assist Larry Yee.

Your assignors for 2012-13 will use the LBSRA roster that I keep up to date with names, addresses, email addresses, and phone numbers, so you will have games throughout the course of the year. Now with that said, every year LBSRA asks if you will send Roy your personal information changes that you may have made recently. [rgsch2012@live.com](mailto:rgsch2012@live.com)

New members who join LBSRA will now meet with Roy at our general meetings and have them bring all of their referee equipment to assure LBSRA of having what they need to start refereeing. If Roy is not at one of our general meetings AJ Patel will assist in checking for proper equipment. All processes that are listed on the application will still remain the same as far as what Roy does, having to send the application to Roy, paying a fee that will be part of their membership fee, and a personal phone interview. Reason for change here is because LBSRA has noticed that some of our new members are not uniform equipped when assigned games.

LBSRA will highly recommend the use of Official Sport's Referee equipment, so that we look professional on the field. If you are not wearing what is acceptable you may be asked to upgrade your uniform from one of our mentors. What would you think of a police officer who shoes are not shined, or his uniform faded or it did not match his partners uniform?????????

Dues for 2012-13 are as follows: ALL DUES ARE \$85.00. If you are doing adult games, dues will be deducted by Mr. Taylor in the amount of \$85.00 sometime in May. The dues for the remainder of the association will be deducted from your tournament checks in late May, of the Cerritos tournament or the first tournament you have availability in the month of June. **It is your responsibility to be a member in good standings.** If you are not going to work tournaments please send a check to Mr. Taylor in the month of May. Once you have paid your yearly dues, a fee of \$45 will be deducted from another tournament in June to pay for Cal South 2013 registration. This will apply only for grade 8 referees.

LBSRA'S reason for deducting the additional fee is that with hard times among us its hard to save and come up with the fee when needed. If you are assigned games this is an easy task and it's just a two game fee basically, and we will save it for you.....LBSRA will pay for your registration when you take your 2013 test. Testing will begin maybe as soon as July. Please watch for 2013 listing on the Cal South website to register to take the Test.

[www.CalSouth.com](http://www.CalSouth.com)

If you are a grade 7-6-or 5 referee you should already know your responsibility **to maintain as a member in good standing.**

Any questions regarding the changes, please bring them to the general meeting on April 18th and any of your board of directors should be able to answer them.

Thank for your time and dedication with LBSRA.

Regards, Roy Schwarzer, Secretary and Director of Recruiting

## From the Largest Room in the World

There has been a flurry of games with tournaments and now the Spring season. LBSRA has been busy mentoring referees on every game. We have made good progress with new members learning what is expected of them. We are excited to see referees eager to receive feedback and are seeing a lot of experienced referees participating in mentoring.

### Here are some tips for Mentors:

Always be respectful and seek to understand the experience of the person being mentored.

Try to give at least three opportunity areas for the person being mentored – be as specific as possible. i.e. as an AR, your flag should always be in your right hand when giving a signal, except for a throw in where you would also use your left hand.

Explain why to reinforce learning – in the above example; if you use your left hand to signal off side, then the CR will not have clear eye contact with you.

Try to identify at least three areas the person being mentored is doing well and should maintain.

### Here are some tips for those receiving feedback:

Always be respectful even when you may not agree.

Ask questions to ensure you understand the opportunity areas and why they are important.

Ask what three things you do well and why they are good to maintain, ask how you can do them even better.

Remember, in order to referee effectively, one must devote sufficient time to attain a certain degree of skill, and learn how to manage interactions with players, coaches and fans. If at any time your experience as a referee is not always entirely enjoyable – ask yourself why and make adjustments for the next game.

On a lighter side, ever been told you're not coming off the diagonal or running too much along the center? The field below should help you correct this.



Interested in mentoring? Contact A J Patel, Director of Referee Mentor Program – LBSRA. 714-785-9207. [chitti@cox.net](mailto: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? ( They are on the website [www.lbsra.com](http://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 are dates to become a new referee that is listed on the Cal South website. [www.Calsouth.com](http://www.Calsouth.com)

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

In these past few months, the YMG program has built up its momentum and is now making great progress not just throughout LBSRA but also within Cal south and other associations. These past few months the Youth Mentor Program has worked with referees from up to 5 different associations, mentored referees to proficient levels, recommended some to upgrade and even have a selected view assisting Cal south assignors with State and National Cup games in Lancaster, San Bernardino, and Bakersfield. The board and I are honored to have such an elite group of referees who are willing grow and learn from each game experience.

### **What's Next?**

LBSRA is proud to host the biggest soccer tournament in the nation on Memorial Day weekend. To cover the amount of fields that the association has been given, I will need all hands on deck from both mentors and referees alike. The YMG will have fields and I am expecting a great amount of youth referees to come join from all over southern California. These are highly competitive games, which is a great time for my experienced mentors to work in the fundamentals of refereeing to all you young aspiring referees. So as an end note, (first) make sure you keep the weekend from the 26-28 of May open for games, LBSRA will be providing rooms to those who need as well as lunch, (second) if you know of any youth referees from *any* association they are welcome to join but must first send me an email to [YMG@lbsra.com](mailto:YMG@lbsra.com), and last- make sure that all of your equipment and gear is ready as every referee will be mentored, checked, and talked to on the individual bases by my mentors and my self at the debrief meeting following the games in this tournament.

Good luck out there guys,  
Your Youth Mentor Leader, LBSRA  
David Lyday  
[ymg@lbsra.com](mailto:ymg@lbsra.com)  
562-292-8656

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### **LBSRA Referees:**

**Upon our request, LBSRA was blessed with few 90 min regulation games on the week of April 14 & 15 at San Bernardino Complex and Lancaster.**

**John Bonifacio and myself, assigned 15 referees base on their priority .**

**This is a huge step in one weekend towards helping our referees meet their requirements.**

**Since we are close to the final days of state cup, and not many full length game a head, to upgrade 8 to 7, 7 to 6 and all grades maintenance,**

**let us know of your interest and availability for the following weekends.**

**Ardy Saeidi  
LBSRA, Assignor  
(909)952-2289**

**John Bonifacio  
LBSRA, Assessor Program  
(562)244- 1852**

## THE ASSESSMENT CORNER

### Ten items that assessors most likely will look for

As referees begin to upgrade and seek higher grade, the assessor begin to look more intently at their performance. The following are few of the reasons that, at one time or another there was a low grade on an assessment.

The dynamic positioning was not that great.

Positioning on static plays (restarts) was predictable and unchanging (such as on a corner kick.)

Referees not deviating from a rigid diagonal, to a more efficient positioning by follow the play.

Not recognizing **SERIOUS FOUL PLAY** and then not having the courage to address and correct it.

Allowing encroachment by a defender on a restart and not establishing a defensive wall position when the restart is inside the 25 yards of the opponent's goal.

Missing the off- the- ball fouls and challenges, or where the Assistant referee either misses these actions or fails to inform the center referee of them.

Reluctance to issue a second caution to a player who persist in further caution able offenses

AR's not concentrating on the game, they become distracted because of inactivity, or sideline incidents and are **NOT following** the ball all the way to the goal line.

Referees and AR's are not working together; no eye contact on dead balls situations.

Side line, bench control and substitutions are frequently casual, ignored ore careless.

Also the center referee too often assumes this task and loses some control over the field while doing what the AR's should do. (See pre-game instructions).

Certainly there are many more actions and non- actions that can have an impact on an assessment. These 10 are among the most common and also the most correctable. Officials who work on these points will usually come out of a game with a satisfactory assessment score.

Have a good Assessment

Yours in soccer

John Bonifacio

LBSRA Assessor Coordinator

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

|               |   |
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| Feb - March   | State/National Cup Youngers             |
| March         | CSL Spring Starts                       |
| March         | SCDSL Spring Starts                     |
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| 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              |

