



L.B.S.R.A. Newsletter

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FROM LBSRA PRESIDENT

Our biggest tournament and the biggest on Memorial Week end in the nation and LBSRA will be the head referee association for the tournament. Well over 550 games that week end so all of us will be busy as we get our games from Larry. Please respond to Larry and except or decline your assignments ASAP, He will be very busy. The games will not be posted until the week end before so it will take a lot of time and burning some mid night oil to get all these games assigned. We will be using 5 other associations to help out because of the magnitude of the tournament.

Please go to the tournament rules and print them out so you can take them with you. There will be tournament coordinators along with Referee coordinators but you need to have the rules with you. There will be some foreign teams and the rules will be different on substituting players in and out. If you have any questions, ask don't assume so you can be right on the rules of play.

We will be going over some of the information at our monthly meeting so you need to attend to get the info that is being passed on.

Most likely it will be hot that weekend so you need to bring plenty of water and snacks if you need them. The tournament is not there to give away food so if you need food from the snack bar buy it. The tournament is there selling so they can make money for the teams they represent, so if they give food away they don't make the money. We do not want to hear that you are asking for hand outs.

If you have not heard about the referee that died in Utah there is an article on page two telling about the incident? We at our last BOD meeting discussed this and our thoughts and prayers goes out to the family for a fellow referee but what could he have done to prevent such a tragedy?

First and foremost as always being instructed when issuing a card you always bring the player out of the crowd but stay 5 to 7 yards from the player. Next when booking the player do not look down away from the player always keep him in sight and that 5 to 7 yards from you. If he comes toward you, you have time to react to what ever he will attempt to do. Any questions on protecting your self in a situation like this contact our Head Assessor Ardy Saeidi

Good Luck out there in the tournament and hope to see you on the pitch.

Ricardo Portillo Dead: Utah Soccer Referee Punched By Player Dies

SALT LAKE CITY (Associated Press) -- Family members of a Utah soccer referee who died a week after a player punched him in the head called on athletes around the world Sunday night to hold their tempers in check so another family doesn't have to suffer. They spoke at a candlelight vigil held on the front lawn of the Salt Lake City home of Ricardo Portillo, 46. Wearing white shirts and holding signs that read, "In loving memory of Ricky," family and friends stood around a table that had a picture of Portillo raising his arms in victory, with flowers and candles surrounding it. Police have accused a 17-year-old player in a recreational soccer league of punching Portillo after he called a foul on him and issued him a yellow card. Portillo died Saturday night after a week in a coma. "He was a father, he was a friend, he was a grandfather, he left a whole family behind," said Johana Portillo, the oldest of his three daughters. "They should think before they do something stupid." The suspect has been booked into juvenile detention on suspicion of aggravated assault. Authorities will consider additional charges since Portillo has passed away. An autopsy is planned. No cause of death was released. Asked if she can forgive the teenager, Johana Portillo said she hopes to someday, but isn't ready yet. She said Sunday she doesn't care what the punishment becomes since it won't bring back her father. She only hopes he can't get out and do the same thing to somebody else, she said. "I feel sorry for him. I feel for his family," she said. "But if he was old enough to do what he did, then he's responsible to pay for it." The unaffiliated soccer league, Liga Continental de Futbol, updated its Facebook posting Sunday with a tribute to Portillo including a number of photographs of him refereeing and playing soccer. It also set up a bank account to accept donations for his family. Mario Vazquez, the league president who also was a friend and worked with Portillo, said Sunday everyone in the league had the greatest respect for him. He had a great sense of humor and loved refereeing, he said. The league plans to honor him with a tribute at next Saturday's games. "Our thoughts and prayers are with the Portillo family during this difficult time. Ricardo will always be with us," he said. Johana Portillo said she hopes her father's death leads to more security at sporting events and better self-control from players. She said her father had been attacked by players twice before in his eight years refereeing soccer matches - even having his ribs and legs broken. Pedro Lopez, his brother-in-law and a fellow soccer referee, called on soccer players worldwide to respect referees and remember it's a sport meant to relieve stress - not cause pain. "Remember that we are human beings, and we make mistakes," Lopez said in Spanish. "Don't take justice into your own hands." The former professional soccer player said he plans to continue working as a referee. He said leaving it behind would be abandoning his passion. He said he'll do so remembering Ricardo Portillo. Ricardo Portillo's daughters had begged him to stop refereeing in a soccer league because of the growing risk of violence from angry players. But, like Lopez, Portillo told his daughters he couldn't quit. "It was his passion," she said. "We could not tell him no." Now his three daughters are faced with planning his funeral after he succumbed to injuries late Saturday that had put him in a coma for a week after a teenager goalie punched him in the head. James Yapias, a longtime friend of Ricardo Portillo and youth soccer coach, said coaches and parents need to do a better job teaching children about sportsmanship and being non-violent. He also called for more police presence at games. Portillo's death is a reminder that life can change in a second. "We all love this sport," Yapias said. "But we all need to respect the rules." Accounts from a police report, Portillo's daughter and others offer further detail into what occurred. The teenager was playing goalie during a game at Eisenhower Junior High School in Taylorsville when Portillo issued him a yellow card for pushing an opposing forward trying to score. In soccer, a yellow card is given as a warning to a player for an egregious violation of the rules. Two yellow cards lead to a red card and expulsion from the game. The teenager, quite a bit heavier than Portillo, began arguing with the referee, then punched him in the face. Portillo seemed fine at first, then asked to be held because he felt dizzy. He sat down and started vomiting blood, triggering his friend to call an ambulance. When police arrived around noon, the teenager was gone and Portillo was laying on the ground in the fetal position. Through translators, Portillo told emergency workers that his face and back hurt and he felt nauseous. He had no visible injuries and remained conscious. He was considered to be in fair condition when they took him to the Intermountain Medical Center. But when Portillo arrived to the hospital, he slipped into a coma with swelling in his brain. Johana Portillo called detectives to let them know his condition had worsened. That's when detectives intensified their search for the goalie. By Saturday evening, the teenager's father agreed to bring him down to speak with police. Johana Portillo said she last spoke to him that night before he fell into a coma. She grabbed his hand and told him he was going to be all right. He held her hand tightly and said, "no." Within seconds, doctors ushered her out of the room and he lost consciousness.

She said Sunday night, with tears streaming down her face, that her father will always be in her heart.

"It's going to be very difficult," she said. "But I know he's going to help us from heaven."

BOARD OFFICERS

LBSRA Board of Directors will hold office until May of next year 2013.

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NEXT MEETING

Wednesday AT 7:00PM

May 15, 2013

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

Ladies & Gentlemen, as the new year for LBSRA approaches you should be aware of your obligations to the association. All current information must be correct on the roster & check register so the check can be addressed properly. In the past we have had checks returned due to a change of address not reported to the Secretary A J Patel or the Treasurer Larry Taylor. If you need to contact me my e-mail address is on the website. Remember this is the start of a new year June 1, everything has to be like a start of a new season (blank).

Larry Taylor

Membership Dues

We are close to the start of LBSRA's new fiscal year. This means everyone owes Membership Dues. Following are key points to note:

LBSRA fiscal year runs June 1st to May 31st;

2013/2014 Membership Dues is \$95;

To receive Youth games (below U18), all referees must be 2013 Cal South Registered and if you are over 18 years old, must be RM Approved. Your name **MUST** appear on Cal South's "2013 Registered Officials" list;

LBSRA will start to collect \$95 from any referee assigned games during the Memorial Weekend in May;

LBSRA will start to collect \$95 from any referee assigned adult games during May

If you are not receiving regular emails from our assignors for availability for upcoming games – means LBSRA does not have your current contact information. Anyone who has change of address, telephone numbers or emails – please send me an email (chitti@cox.net) so I can update the Membership Roster with your current information.

A J Patel
Secretary
LBSRA
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LBSRA members as a reminder, I need a copy of the W-9 form, which is on our website or @ any post office. Before we pay for any games we must have this form. Thank you for your cooperation. Since the IRS is looking into the financial situations of all youth sport programs. We at LBSRA must comply with the IRS in reporting earnings to the members. Any questions contact Larry Taylor our LBSRA treasure.

LBSRA is proud to provide referees to different leagues, adult and youth (Indoor & Outdoor). Credential Referees with experience , state referees in most cases have priority.

I have the privilege to know some names who are currently in grade 8 and 7 who I strongly recommend and encourage to step up and upgrade ,and some of you who are in 6 & 5 needs to get maintenance assessment towards 2014 Re-certification.

Summer Tournaments starting Memorial weekend, Fall CSL (Coast Soccer League) and SCDSL starting September, are ahead of us. There will be a number of 90 minutes regulation and assessable games available . Upon your request you will be assigned and given any support in which LBSRA can provide including mentoring and evaluation prior to your assessment . LBSRA will take part further more and evaluate you on site during your assignments.

To remind you all, Cal South will be conducting a physical & written test in May and November at Citrus College which will help you to wrap up your registration towards 2014.

Please let me know how can I help, if you need to be evaluated, mentored or assessed.

**Thank you,
Director of Assessment**

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

5/25 - 5/27	Cerritos Memorial Challenge Cup
6/7 - 6/9	XOLO USA Summer Classic (Boys)
6/8 - 6/9	Saddleback Summer Classic
6/15 - 6/16	XOLO USA Summer Classic (Girls)
7/13 - 7/14	Canyon PSA Invitational
7/27 - 7/28	Cerritos Premier Cup
8/3 - 8/4	FC Irvine Showcase (Girls)
8/10 - 8/11	FC Irvine Showcase (Boys) - PENDING
8/10 - 8/11	FC Long Beach Invitational
8/10 - 8/11	JUSA Friendship Tournament
8/10 - 8/11	FC Platinum Festival Kickoff (Youngers)
8/17 - 8/18	FC Platinum Festival Kickoff (Olders)
8/17 - 8/18	Toyota of Orange Classic
8/30 - 9/1	FC Platinum Labor Day Blast
Sep/Nov 2013	CSL Fall Season
Sep/Dec 2013	SCDSL Fall Season
Sep/Dec 2013	LBYSO Fall Season
Sep/Nov 2013	Junior Blades Fall
11/29 - 11/30	Surf Thanksgiving Tournament
12/7 - 12/8	Canyon PSA Winter Cup
12/14 - 12/15	Steve Bircsak Memorial Holiday Classic
12/14 - 12/15	OC Tournament of Champions

