

L.B.S.R.A. Newsletter



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LBSRA PRESIDENTS NOTES

Big Month of May is upon us!!!!!!! Lots going on.

Everyone please try to attend this months meeting on May 21 at 7:00 PM

We will addressing the **CERRITOS Tournament**. A lot of information will be given out at the meeting. This tournament will be on May 24,25, and Monday 26th.

Dues will be taken out unless you have made prior arrangements with Lee Harmon the LBSRA treasure. This year we will have an increase to \$100.00. .if you are asking why the increase then look at what LBSRA does for the members in the way of mentoring, hotel rooms at the tournaments extra referees, Gas cards for the referees at the different sites for the tournaments. This all cost money. This is why we get a lot of tournaments because we service the tournamentst. Any questions contact one of the board members.

First I want to emphasize that when you arrive at your fields seek out the coordinator for that venue. The tournament this year wants all the referees to stay by the Field Marshals that are running the tournament venue along with the LBSRA coordinator which will be wearing bright Green or GOLD Referee Jersey.

Second we had some problems last year wear referees were to quick on RED cards. 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. This team 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.

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 minimum \$25.00 fines will be imposed.

BOARD OFFICERS

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

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NEXT MEETING

Wednesday AT 7:00PM

May 21, 2014

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

NEXT MEETING

We will be in Hall for the month of May

all LBSRA member's.....review the many Cal South soccer youth tournaments....we are responsible to assign Good performing soccer referees.

Larry Yee

HOW TO BECOME A BETTER REFEREE OR ASSISTANT REFEREE

Are you able to judge the situation, assess the severity of the foul, and able to make the crucial decision? You must judge immediately and decide whether it was Careless, reckless, or Excessive Force...

Always remember the following

SIX Commandments and believe me, you will reach to the top.

CONFIDENCE; in yourself, in your fellow referees. Complete knowledge of the laws and be physically fit.

COURAGE; to make the right decision, in your judgment, even though you know it will cost you your future in that association due to political / financial reasons.

CONSISTENCY; there are two teams playing on the field who deserve fair and tough decisions from you. Sometimes, some players may be difficult to control...**DO NOT** punish the rest of the players to satisfy your personal ego. And this brings us to use **COMMON SENSE**...

COMMUNICATION; Use your whistle ...the tone of each whistle must say something very important; was it a serious foul or careless foul? Using the correct language loud and clear dealing with players, coaches and spectators and parents will help that particular game. Good

Communication with your teammates...is crucial. Do not allow others hear your conversations whether the foul was committed inside the penalty area. Or, should it be a red or yellow card. And last but not least,

CONTROL....

This will be achieved only if you follow the five Commandments I mentioned above.

Thanks for listening,

Toros Kibritjian

All new referees interviewed in the last 3 months are asked to comment on their experience in the field. This could help future referees to learn from their games on the pitch. We all should work together to make LBSRA a better association through communications. Any questions you can also call or email Larry Taylor.

Guidelines For Mentors

- Remember that we can improve too. Try to get better each time you mentor.
- Remember we are here to help referees “I think it would be better if you tried...” as opposed to “You’re doing that wrong. It’s easy everyone else can do it.”
- We want referees to be happy, if a referee is having a hard game make sure to stop by at half time to tell them what they are doing right; boost confidence for the second half. Remember, it is better for us to step in and motivate them before an AR tries to bring the referee down even more.
- Don’t be negative, we want to be constructive: 3 good points 3 bad is a good place to start.
- If a game is going smooth first half don’t mess with it, you can instruct most things after the game if there is time.... Of course if you see something super simple mechanics wise feel free to help... quickly.
- If there is not much time between games you will have to mentor at halftime... be quick and make sure you don’t ruin the consistency of the game, just polish it and keep it safe.
- Finally, smile, be confident, be open, always help the referees, always protect the players.
- Any mentoring is to be summarized in an email to the entire board.

AR Mentoring Sheet

- **What is the AR's name and badge grade level?**
- **Is the AR interested in upgrading?**
- **Does the AR know the rules of competition?**
- **Does the AR look professional?**
- **Is the AR running all the way to the goal line?**
- **Does the AR side-step?**
- **Can the AR keep up with play?**
- **Does the AR have crisp signals?**
- **Does the AR do anything special? i.e. good communication with referee or good sideline management**
- **Is this AR doing appropriate level games?**

Referee Mentoring Sheet

- What is the R's name and badge grade level?
- Is the R interested in upgrading?
- Does the R know the rules of competition?
- Does the R look professional?
- Did the R do a pregame?
- Is the R correctly positioned?
- Can the R keep up with play with good fitness?
- Does the R practice crisp signaling?
- Does the R check in with Ar's regularly? (especially after a goal)
- Does the R practice good game management?
- How is the R's foul recognition?
- Did you see anything special/exceptional?

Advices from your humble mentor leader for the up coming Tournaments.

The Moment of Truth

We All know that, in most games, a critical situation occur that have a direct effect on the match.

Most of the time, the Referees have to make a call on the incident and therefore become directly involved on the game's outcome.

Because of his decision that incident is referred to as the “**Moment of Truth**” or (**M.O.T**)

During the course of the game, moments like these can happened, for e Referee it is very difficult to explain what a **M.O.T.** is, because it is a very large concept.

We have the “significant, dramatic occurrences” That they are very apparent violations of the law of the game, they are serious foul play, and violent conduct, that should result to an ejection of the offender.

The following are some samples;

A defender denying a goal scoring opportunity by an attacker

Foul by a defender in the penalty area that result in a penalty kick

Deliberately striking an opponent

Tackle from behind that is dangerous and can cause injury to an opponent

In each of the above cases the offense it's so blatant that the Referee or at least one of his Assistants should called.

It is very important that that us Official be prepared to officiate any kinds of game and also be a student of the game because when we go on the field we have to prepared for everything that it is happening on the field on any given time.

In order To be ready to recognize the potential M.O.T. situations,

You have to follow these very important points:

*Know the laws of the game

*Be physically fit

*Do your home work

*Pre-game instructions

There are very rare games when an M.O.T. event does not happen, but you need to be prepare to make the best possible choice when it does.

Have a good Game

John Bonifacio

LBSRA

Mentor Leader

New Certification Process

Association: Long Beach SRA

Dear Butch Renken,

This Email Update is being sent out to all Referee Associations, Assignors, Assessors & Instructors.

As everyone knows, Cal South SRC has been working on a new process for both the USSF registration procedure and administration of courses. In today's email both will be explained in detail.

New Registration Process:

Interested individuals will register online and pay their USSF registration fee. (\$45)

They will next register and pay for a 4 hour field training they wish to attend. (\$10)

The will then have to complete the USSF Grade 8 online modules and exam.

USSF is providing Cal South the online module test results on a weekly basis. We are able to verify if the whole module was viewed, any failed attempts and their passing score. Cal South will use this report that is generated on Wednesdays to verify if a registered member completed this pre-course assignment. Upon verification, each individual will be emailed to confirm they are allowed to attend the field portion of the course scheduled for that weekend. **Absolutely no Walk-in's will be allowed.**

Field portions will be held at each location in two sessions, a morning session and afternoon session. This will allow a more flexible timeframe from which individuals can choose from. At the end of their field session, they will be given their badge. The field sessions will have bigger turn outs and Cal South will provide a team of instructors for each.

Returning referees will register online and pay their USSF registration fee (\$45/\$50)

They will then complete their online modules and exam.

Verification of online test taken will be done once a week on Wednesdays. Both modules and payment will need to have been done by this time in order to be approved and have badge mailed out.

If either is missing by this time, they will have to wait until the following review (Wednesday) to be approved. Updated Registered Officials List will still be uploaded every Thursday evening.

Maintenance requirements: 5 hour in service training

We conducted our upgrades for 2014 at the end of last year in 2013. We will not be holding another upgrade session for the 2014 registration year. Those who missed any of the three upgrade sessions will need to wait until we hold them again for the 2015 registration year. 2013 State officials can either choose to register as a Grade 7 this year or go Emeritus, with the chance to resume their state grade in 2015.

Please make sure to review a full detail of all requirements for each grade by [clicking here](#).

For those interested in registering for a New Entry Grade 8 please [click here](#)

New Administration Process:

Cal South will be hosting and administering all Entry Grade 8 courses. Host clinic request forms will no longer be needed. Everyone will need to register for one of the sessions provided on our Calendar Events page. Locations have been selected based on previous years requested locations and our best efforts to strategically select locations within a reasonable travel distance for all.

Should you have any questions with regards to any of the new requirements or procedures please do not hesitate to contact the following SRC members:

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5/24 - 5/26	Cerritos Memorial Challenge Cup
6/7 - 6/8	Xolos Summer Festival
6/7 - 6/8	Joy Fawcett Classic
6/21 - 6/22	ASC California Spring Cup
6/28 - 6/29	Pateadores HB Classic
7/12 - 7/13	Anaheim Surf Invitational
7/26 - 7/27	Cerritos Premier Cup
7/26 - 7/27	Pats Cup 2014
7/26 - 7/27	Pyramid Cup
8/2 - 8/3	8/2 - 8/3
8/9 - 8/10	Strikers MV - Boys
8/9 - 8/10	JUSA Friendship
8/9 - 8/10	FC Long Beach Invitational
8/16 - 8/17	Toyota of Orange Classic
8/23 - 8/24	Strikers Cup
8/30 - 8/31	Chelsea Cup
Sep/Nov 2014	Sep/Nov 2014
Sep/Dec 2014	Sep/Dec 2014
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