



L.B.S.R.A. Newsletter

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FROM LBSRA PRESIDENT

Good to be back doing what I need to do to service LBSRA. I had surgery may 7th and now 5 weeks later on the way to being back to normal. Would like to thank all the BOD members for there support and all of you that sent emails and the phone calls. Means a lot to some one who has gone thru some tough times to know people cares

Who can believe that the year is half over? Lots of things went on the first half of the year and we came thru as we always do. A few bumps and bruises to LBSRA but we all handled them.

Now getting into the next half of the year. We will be busier than ever with new tournaments, SCDSL, CSL, and all our leagues. Please go to AJ's page #6 and look at what he has done to show all the referees what they should look like. The BOD has been getting reports on referees who are not measuring up to the standards of LBSRA. We expect you as representatives of LBSRA & Cal South to look the part. This means no baggie shorts only referee shorts, no jewelry on the face what so ever, 3 striped sox's, and lastly a clean nice jersey. Some referees I have seen them take jerseys out of the bags and it looks like they have not washed them for six months. Referees there is no excuse that you can give the BOD or the mentors that are trying to help you of not looking the part of a referee. You all make good money thru out the year. We know what you make, we do keep and have records of all your tournament, SCDSL, CSL and league money that you make. **THERE IS NO EXCUSE**

Equipment is a must with LBSRA. We pride our selves in being the best equipped referees out on the pitch. Many coaches have commented about how well LBSRA referees look. So with that said if you need equipment contact me at walterrenken@live.com and let me know what you need, we may be able to work some thing out with our official sports representative to help with the cost of the needed equipment. If you don't let me know I can not help you. You can also contact one of the mentor group representatives.

We have added two voting board members starting as of July first. That is Lee Harmon and Ardy Saeidi. This will give a total of 7 voting board members. Congratulations to both Lee and Ardy. "Surprise"

We will be cleaning up our roster for 2012-2013. This means that if you have not done games for us in the last few month, we will drop your name off our roster. If you have not paid dues or not made arrangements with Larry T. to pay them you will be dropped. If you have been dropped and you want to continue refereeing for LBSRA you will need to go thru as a new member. Then you will need to contact AJ with the forms and a check for \$85.00 sent to Larry T. There will be 30 to 40 names that I have seen that unless they contact us you will no longer referee for LBSRA. Just to let you all know this will be the busiest year ever for LBSRA. We have picked up LBYSO out of long beach, Recreation, signature and club. Lot of soccer here to be played and with all these games they need referees. Any one who wants to do these games must join LBSRA. If you are not a member you will not be able to referee LBYSO.

BOARD OFFICERS

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

President /Newsletter
Vice President of Referee Operations/Assignor
Treasurer
Director of Administrative assistant & Human Resources/Referee Recruiting
Director of Instruction
Assessment Program/Assignor
Web Master /Assignor/Assistant Treasurer
Assignor
Assignor
Assignor
Referee Mentor Leader
Youth Referee Mentor Leader
Director of Assessment

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Roy Schwarzer *
Toros Kibritjian *
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

JUNE 20, 2012

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

Ladies & gentlemen of LBSRA

Please take note of the following ways to receive payment for the Cerritos & Copa Laguana tournaments:

1. Attend the June 20th meeting.
2. Send a self addressed envelope to LBSRA 10207 Golden Yarrow Lane Rancho Cucamonga, Ca. 91701.
3. Authorize the treasurer to deduct by e-mail \$1 for mailing purposes.
4. Make arrangement with the treasurer to pick up your check in the Rancho Cucamonga area.

Thank you for your patience in the process of paying all referees & other participates @ these tournaments.

Larry Taylor
LBSRA treasurer,

LBSRA BOARD MEETING 6/12

Larry welcomes Butch back to the meetings. Butch is still recovering but feels good and is in no pain.

This meeting will be a recap of the past few months Roy has taken a leave of absence to attend to personal matters. AJ Patel has stepped in to cover for Roy until he gets back

Butch thanks everyone for a job well done the past few months

AJ adult Mentoring - identifies new members from the roster and have identified problems and deficiencies with several members and have made suggestions based on their level of experience and ability

AJ reports he has made the roster available online to the Board only in Excel format. Butch reminds all that the roster is only for the Board and is not to be distributed to anyone.

YMG should have all youth referees in their group in a separate roster.

New referees are confused about the \$35 dues they paid when they joined. A few referees are asking why another \$85 are being deducted.

Larry reminds all departments to submit their budget to Larry Taylor by the end of the month.

John Bonifacio states he sent an email with his recent evaluations. There are sadly many referees that are not performing well. Lower Division games are becoming more competitive and the coaches expect more from these referees.

There will be changes to the fitness test for recert. Larry Taylor and John attended the LBYSO Jamboree and they were well received.

Larry Yee states there needs to be Action Plans submitted for problem referees. Larry Yee states we need to analyze ourselves. Clean shaven, Cal South or USSF, image is important.

YMG report - Chris states Memorial Tournament went well. 1 red card from YMG referees for memorial tournament. All fields were on time.

Chris reports he is comfortable in his transition to the YMG. 51 youth referees on their roster. Larry would like to see a plan for future tournaments and what the YMG plans to do. YMG plans to do debrief meetings at the end of the day for tournaments. Support all referees with transportation and hotel needs. Support YMG referees with the physical tests.

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Larry Yee

SCDSL - we donated a computer for them. Michele Romero is the Operations Manager. Michele may be Irvine Strikers Thanksgiving Tournament and LBSRA will be bidding. LBSRA will have all fields at CS Dominguez Hills (taken away from SSBRA). We are willing to walk away from CSL if needed. LBSRA will also be doing Showcase

CSL - Butch, Ardy, and Lee to attend meeting.

LBYSO - Sean Dixon will be recruiting 50 referees. They play t-w-th night and all day Saturday. Plus LBYSO Tournament in January.

Beach Cities - Jim Dixon has been given up to 2 fields the last two tournaments.

Tournaments - Chelsea has cancelled their tournament for June 30-July 1. We will be doing Platinum Tournament on this date but it's small.

Corey Dillbeck has been hired at FC Irvine - two weekends in August want Claude Baudin out and LBSRA in. We will be the primary for 2013.

Saddleback United - Toki looks like he will be removed as Tournament Director but it looks like our referee relationship is intact.
Copa Laguna - safe

OCSRA - we gave them fields for Saddleback.

Adult Leagues - Newport Beach Adult League , Los Alamitos League, Chino Hills is doing good.

August 18 - 7v7 Tournament in Cerritos. This is a new tournament that we just signed off on.

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

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

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



Referee Style

"how to look as good as you perform"

1. **Shoes** look best polished ... and **BLACK!**



2. Three stripe black **LONG socks**... and they look great **PULLED UP**.

3. **BLACK** is the first choice for **SHORTS**. The second choice is also **BLACK**. **Official Sports brand is preferred**.



4. Your **SHIRT** looks best **TUCKED IN** at all times. Friends don't let friends referee looking like this. →

5. Mr. T looked cool with a lot of "stuff" hanging around his neck, but a referee doesn't.

Please use a **digital WRIST watch** to keep time.



6. Regarding **WHISTLES**...see NUMBER 5 above. Finger whistles or wrist lanyards work best.

7. See how **clean-shaven** this guy looks? You get the idea.



8. Our instructors taught us to use **crisp, clear signals**.

9. I don't know about you, but I wanna ref and look like these guys!



The Assessment corner

The trademark of a good Referee is: **confidence, courage and character:**

Lets talk about Confidence;

Confidence is believing in yourself and in your abilities to officiating matches. Confidence it's a state of mind that you will use in the best of your abilities during the game. At the same time you cannot be confused with arrogance, and also be overconfident, these state of mind, will work against you during the game. Soccer confidence is belief that you are capable of officiating up to USSF standards.

In order to have confidence, you have to be familiar with the laws of the game and understand the spirit of the laws. Plus the experience gained in previous matches, should help you out in the control of the match.

Lets talk about Courage

Courage means making the right calls when needed irrespective of where the match is being played, who the player involved is or who the coaches are.

As e referee do not ignore to call faults, for the fear of not getting the next assignment. Assignors and Coaches, appreciate referees with courage.

Courage occurs on the spare of the moment, if you are self confident of your abilities as a Referee.

In conclusion, if you develop all of these qualities, you will ha an enjoyable time on the Field of play.

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Thank you

John Bonifacio

LBSRA Assessment program Coordinator

Youth Referees,

The LBSRA is taking positive steps forward to ensure we provide the best referee experience not only for the costumer, but for you! Chris Huyhn and I have done a full over-looking of the YMG program and decided that it time to revamp the whole program. Affective June 12th, 2012 the following changes and agendas will be implemented:

YMG Plan

LBSRA's goal is to improve on referees and their development. Therefore it is only smart if we categorize referees by the department that most relates to them. Therefore:

-All Youth Referees (12-18) must join the YMG. From now on, whether you send availability to Larry, Chris or me, you will be doing games with your fellow youth referees.

-Everyone Mentored: Every referee will be mentored. It is our job as an association to make sure that everyone is mentored and given feedback. We learn something new every game and the YMG is here to influence your learning and showing you the right route

-Fitness: Fitness is a key component of refereeing. Referees will now be pressured to meet fitness requirements. Its our job to be fit for players. The YMG will be partnering with John Bonifacio (LBSRA Director of Assesment) to provide referees with fitness tips and advice to make sure we all stay on top of play.

-Upgrade Referees: Youth are the future. The YMG wants to make that we are progressing at our potential. Therefore, Chris and I will be seeking referees to upgrade. But as your support group, we will not let you go through this alone. Working with Mr. Bonifacio and AJ Patel, the YMG will make sure that you train, prepare and go through the upgrade process with your fellow referees. Show us what you got!

-Support: As your mentor leaders, Chris and I know that we must also play the part of "Big Brother". We are here to support you through your young adventures. Going far beyond the field, LBSRA has set money out for you to be comfortable. If you ever need a ride, hotel, money, equipment, etc. it is YOUR job to let the ymg / board know. We will work with you to make sure you are comfortable. We are your support beyond the field... how you utilize us is up to you.

-Pass On: Upon your 18th birthday into adulthood, the YMG will pass the torch to our mentor leader, Mr. AJ Patel. Our goal is to have you at a grade 7, RM approved, and mentally ready so that AJ and John may work into supporting you as an adult referee.

Tournament Plan/ Agenda

The following will be enforced at every tournament to ensure referee integrity and preparedness for the job.

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-Assigning: YMG Leaders will be sending out an availability email and expect a reply within 36 hours of original email. This is crucial as we need to assign as soon as possible to leave time for emergency changes. We also HIGHLY encourage referees to bring ANY youth referees over from ANY association, LBSRA welcomes any referee as a guest.

-Equipment: its as simple as it sounds. You must have the correct equipment when ever you are a referee. The YMG board will send out an email asking if anyone needs any gear. It is your job to reply back letting us know what you need. YMG will purchase the gear for you and work out a payment method (most likely at a discount). But you must let us know! Failure to provide proper gear will result in a **\$21 fine.**

-Mentoring: All referees will be mentored. This is our job as a development and mentor program. Mentoring will be conducted either after or during the half time of your game. Furthermore, you will most likely be given a full debrief during the dinner or through the email reported mentor form

-Debrief: We will have a debrief after every set of games. When everyone is done, you are required to attend a LBSRA sponsored dinner where we will debrief with all referees and talk about common struggles. We will provide an instructor whenever possible to gain referees hours required by Calsouth

-Evaluation: Working with our director of assessment (John Bonifacio), we will provide a referee evaluator on some games where referees will be coached on where they should progress in and how to get closer to an upgrade.

These changes are in an effort to make sure that LBSRA keeps improving on referee development. We are an elite soccer referee association and we expect the best from every referee that we hire. These policies will insure that we meet our goals.

To start off, the YMG Board is hosting a **Mandatory** youth referee meeting from 7:30-8:30 the day of the general meeting (June 19th, 2012). This meeting is **MANDATORY** for youth referees (12-18 years of age). We will have a sign in sheet. If you cannot attend, you must send me and email so we can agree on a time that you can make up this instruction.

Yours in soccer,
David Lyday

Youth Mentor Leader
LBSRA YOUTH MENTOR GROUP
David Lyday
562-292-8656
ymg@lbsra.com

At the Cerritos memorial day tournament, the YMG assigned and mentored all referees on the YMG fields. We saw outstanding performance by all referees in the YMG but there is always area for improvement. I am very pleased to say that all our games were kept on time and some even finished early! We also had no major incidents. Great job ladies and gentlemen! I would like to give some advice to all youth referees, when your refereeing a match, your voice is an important tool just like your whistle. USE IT! Im not saying make negative comments but for example say "easy #9". When talking to coaches, they are human beings too, although they disrespect you, approach them in a nice, professional manner. Last piece of Advice, know how to use your whistle. Some of us blow it too softly while others blow it too long or too loud for simple fouls. David and I will send out your feedback via email or we will call you directly. We find that some referees absorb more information when we verbally tell them and some absorb more when they read it in an email.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

It is summer now and Lbsra has many tournaments. The YMG will be getting fields and busier than ever. Make sure you respond ASAP when me and David send out emails. We recommend responding back to us within 36 hours so it allows us time to properly schedule referees in. We also have a YMG meeting on June 20. David and I highly recommend that all youth referees attend this meeting. If you cannot attend, please email me or David.

Once again, outstanding performance at Cerritos memorial challenge cup.

Yours to serve,

Chris Huynh
Assistant Youth Mentor Leader

John,
[here is the information for the Fitness practice test](#)

Arcadia HS - 180 Campus Drive Arcadia, CA 91007

Thursday June 21 at 7:00 p.m. Here is the link for directions:

http://maps.google.com/maps?hl=en&bav=on.2,or.r_gc.r_pw.r_qf.,cf.osb&biw=1920&bih=932&um=1&ie=UTF-8&q=arcadia+high+school&fb=1&gl=us&hq=high+school&hnear=0x80c2dbc5d3b8ca2b:0x4ca850dbd2ae298b,Arcadia,+CA&cid=0,0,12485310465777657144&sa=X&ei=UIPbT7vKL8H42QWYuPCEBg&ved=0CHwQ_BlwAA

The track is West of Santa Anita Avenue and on the South side of Campus Drive

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

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

