



L.B.S.R.A. Newsletter

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FROM LBSRA PRESIDENT

The LBSRA board would like to thank Roy for years of dedicated service. Roy put in some long hours to service his job with us. Also along with Roy to thank his wonderful wife for helping out. Both worked together to make things happen for LBSRA. I will miss him much because now I don't have him calling me and telling me about all the fish he caught while on vacation. Please enjoy your retirement and as I said in the memo that went out to all members we will miss you my friend.

LBSRA is moving forward with the addition of AJ as Secretary and the new officials joining LBSRA it is all good. We have more tournaments coming up where as a lot of associations are not doing that well. They have there referees sitting at home wondering when they will get games. Keep up the good work out there on the pitch.

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 Ken Valencia at All OUT SOCCER just mention that you belong to LBSRA and he will give you 15% discount on what you buy. Address is 402 W. Arrow Hwy Suite #3 in San Dimas. Phone number is 909-394-4565 email alloutsoccer@yahoo.com. With the money you all make there is no excuse for you to be out on the pitch with grey short and faded jerseys. If you are in this category I would subject that you contact Ken. If the coordinators see you this way they will report to the board and we will address the issue.

Some issues that we are hearing about are as follows:

They ask why does not the referees call The same fouls in the penalty area in the second half as they do in the first half. This is what we call be consistent in the game it should not matter a foul is a foul no mater at what time and should be dealt with as a foul.

Another question is why AR's do not call an attacking player offside when they comeback from the offside position to get the ball. There is no defense for this question if you don't call it. If you as a referee do not know the answer ask, there are many board members and mentor personnel that can help you out. Know the laws of the game, you are getting paid good money to do these games. It's a shame that you collect the money when you don't do your job as the official in the center or an AR in the game. You would be out of a job at work if you did not know what you were doing. You would not last very long.

KNOW THE LAWS If you don't know ask, ask, ask and LISTEN to what you are told.

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

July 18, 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

To All LBSRA Members,

As in the past we have advised all members to receive your checks from the tournaments you may send a self addressed stamped envelope to:

LBSRA 10207 Golden Yarrow Lane Rancho Cucamonga 91701 or pick up the checks @ the monthly meeting.

LBSRA is middle of Cal South youth tournament schedules where LBSRA is primary referee group. Weather is getting Hot which means moody player's and coaches. Every Referee assigned needs to be prepared for this environment and deal with cool, calm, and being composed.

Summer adult soccer leagues: Corona Coed, city of Chino Hills, City of Los Alamitos and North Orange County YMCA are in

Full swing. These adult players play seriously and each referee needs to control the game from the beginning.

Too much play on causes friction and flare-ups causing un-necessary un-sporting behavior, let alone violent conduct.

Referees need to identify these situations to avoid stupid yellow and red cards.

All of us should email or call Roy Schwarzer for a Job well done as LBSRA Secretary for last 4 years. Even though he is resigning, he has left a strong benchmark for A.J. Patel(newly appointed Secretary for LBSRA) to work from Roy, when available is still able to mentor referees out in the field . LBSRA appreciates all Roy has done.

Field site mentoring of referees is going well. So many names to mention of their accomplishments.

Like to say Big Thank U to all involved.

Referees need to pay attention of USSF Registration is coming up. Referees need to take a re-certified written test

Referees wishing to upgrade need to secure Cal South requirements. Its up to you to get the job done.

LBSRA is preparing for youth tournaments in August, 2012:

8/ 4 - 8/5	FC Irvine
8/11-8/12	FC Irvine
8/11-8/12	FC Long Beach
8/18 to 8/19	Orange Toyota Classic

After Labor day week-end begins Fall Season Soccer.

I hope to get some tournament fields to assign from other assignors for last 2 week-ends of August.

If not, Referees can go where they want making sure they get games in general.

Regards from Larry Yee

From the Largest Room in the World

It's a hot summer. We have serviced a number of tournaments in the last four weeks and have mentored quite a number of new members. Thank you to all our hard working members, in particular Dan Heston. We have identified opportunities and delivered the feedback in a positive and encouraging way and are already seeing improvement. Kudos to our referees and dedicated mentors.

This month I'd like to raise the awareness of some pre-game responsibilities;

Pre-Game Responsibilities

Inspect the Field

- Look for holes or depressions that could cause twisted or broken ankles and see if holes can be filled. All rocks, twigs, debris on the field should be removed.
- Nets should be securely fastened to the goal posts and netting pulled back so as not to interfere with the goalkeeper.
- Goal posts must be securely anchored to the ground. Sandbags on the frame towards the rear are acceptable. Posts don't have to be in the ground, but they must be anchored.
- Corner flags are in place and are not dangerous to players (at least 5 ft high).
- Entire field is properly lined.
- If anything is needed, the home team is responsible for fixing field problems.

Any issues with the field should be noted on the game report.

Check in the Players

- Home team players/coaches should be checked first but it's not a requirement. You should start with the team that appears to be most ready for inspection.
- Make sure that all jewelry, earrings, watches, etc. are removed. Medical ID must be taped to the player's chest or taped to the wrist with the info showing. (Earrings must be removed. Covering them with tape does not make them legal.)
- All players must wear shin guards and socks must be pulled over shin guards.
- Player's shirts are to be tucked in.

Check in players and coaches as per the requirements and the Rules of Competition for that league.

We several more summer tournaments stay hydrated and have fun out there.

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Dear Members,

Changes are afoot at LBSRA. As I step into the role as Secretary and Membership Coordinator I wish our former Secretary, Roy Schwarzer all the best and thank him for his valuable service.

Part of my responsibility is to keep information on our Members current so that LBSRA can communicate timely about upcoming activities. It is important that you help by advising me of any changes to your contact information including mailing address. We will be adding a place on our website where you can simply submit your updated contact information, until then, email me at chitti@cox.net.

Another area is processing new member applications. We have updated the application form on the website to make it easier than ever to sign up with LBSRA.

2012 Cal South year has come to a close. Cal South will soon start processing 2013 referee renewals and applications. Next month, LBSRA's newsletter will include an easy to follow chart on the various steps needed to be ready for 2013.

Anyone with questions, concerns or comments are encouraged to contact me.

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The Assessment corner

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 a 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 call the foul.

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 Director of Assessment

Youth Referees:

The LBSA YMG continues to move forward in its pursuit to develop referees both on the field as well as socially.

Recently introduced both the YMG Secretary (Johnny Mollindo) and up and coming assistant with Chris Huynh, Jeremy Harmon. We along with Lee Harmon met as a board to work out the struggles that our department as well as youth referees struggle with. After hours of discussion and decision-making, we are taking more steps forward to make sure that referees are affectively being mentored and are retaining that information. Programs such as one-on-one evaluations, game observations, and QA sessions are going to be rolled out and executed by the next tournament in Cerritos. We expect your full cooperation in making sure that lbsra supplies nothing but the most elite referees in Cal south. The board and I work very hard to plan events and welcome any referee with open arms to also be mentored into a great official.

Having our board grow and large amounts of new referees joining, the board and I are in the process of planning and event that will allow everyone to get to know each other a little better. We recognize that we do spend a lot of time together but only on the soccer field. Creating a social event will give everyone the opportunity to join closer together as a family and furthermore make us far more comfortable working on the pitch together in the future, during tournaments. Paintballing, go-cart riding, carwash, etc. are all in the thoughts; stay tuned and be available to meet people just like you in lbsra.

Your YMG President,
David Lyday

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YMG

The Youth Mentor Group performed very well at the platinum tournament in San Bernardino. Although there where few complaints, the referees pushed themselves through long, vigorous hours and very hot weather. The YMG didn't just receive complaints though, many coaches thanked us for our work and said the referees performed well. After the games on Saturday, David, Jeremy, and I debriefed about the day, areas of improvement and areas that the referee is strong. With that being said, we would like to congratulate Mr. Chris Lozano for being the most improved referee of the weekend! Congratulations Chris! One of our female referees centered her first Center above Under 13's! We would also like to congratulate Ms. Amber Hatchell! Amber did very well! Lastly, We would like to thank the adult mentors: Mr. Dan Heston, Mr. Leo Umana, Mr. Lee Harmon, and Mr. Toros Kibritjian! With their help and support, referees get more feedback, better answers, and a more one on one approach. This extremely experienced mentor staff helped referees learn and progress. Thank you all!

On a closing remark, I would like to introduce to you Mr. Jeremy Harmon who will be the assistant youth mentor group leader when David Lyday leaves to college in August and I will take over David's position. Jeremy brings with him a great personality and a lot of experience. A, I will be the youth mentor group leader.

Yours to serve in soccer,

Chris Huynh and Jeremy Harmon

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

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

