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FROM LBSRA PRESIDENT

The Challenge of the game? What gets referees in trouble is the knowledge of Laws of the game. If you don't know the laws you are going to get in trouble. When you are challenged and you don't know the answer your temperature rises and you have to think of a way out. This will cause you problems.

Some of the test scores that I have seen from last year was really bad. In other tests you have to get 90% right to pass. I would say half of you would not be refereeing any games if that were the case. You have to take out the book and read and go to classes to learn. When I see only 35 officials at our monthly meeting it tells me you are just in it for the money. Well as I have said in the past these teams pay a lot of money to get in these tournaments, they have to pay for hotel rooms if coming from afar, they have to pay for food, they have to pay for transportation. All this adds up for the cost of the teams participating in a tournament.

You ask why am I repeating all this info to you as a referee? Say you were stopped for what the police calls speeding. You know you weren't but you get the ticket anyway. You go to pay the fine and it's a \$1000. You are furious, You tell everyone the cop didn't know what he was doing. You still have to pay that \$1000 unless you take it to court and fight it, a player in the game can not do that he has to accept what you call right or wrong.

Same thing in your game as you are the referee (police) you call a foul and the player says you don't know what you are doing. Even better you call a foul in the penalty area, where it ends up as a pk and the team scores. After you find out it was not a pk. You still have to live with the call but more so how about the players that you made the bad call on.

Recertification is coming up starting in August. So you as the referees need to get that book out and start reading. I still remember one top level referee who was an instructor tells the class that he had a book sitting in the bathroom and would read one of the laws of the game every time he went in to sit down. He had a book by his bed and one in the den so when ever there was time he would read one of the laws. This is how he became a top level referee and instructor. Not a bad thought is it?

Good News Update from Larry Yee

Welcome to Long Beach Soccer Referee Association new soccer business year starting 6/01/2013 to 5/31st/2014. Very important to express appreciation to all active and guest referees LBSRA assigns to keep our happy Cal South youth tournaments going. Tournament coverage along other adult games, both indoor and outdoor is why keeps soccer referees busy at LBSRA.

These days, many soccer referees are members of other Cal South soccer referee organizations. Most of the year, there is never a shortage of referees to assign. Very important the referee stay's in touch with the association's Assignor. Open honest communications and letting assignor know of your soccer officiating needs is a positive environment in getting assigned games.

No matter what, all of us are members of United States Soccer Federation, out of Chicago. We are one big happy family of soccer officials, working a common goal to call soccer game, fair, firm and always protect the player's. Now a days, LBSRA is so honored and proud of the many young referees ages 13 to 18 being assigned to important play-off games and finals.

Lots and lots of pressure from coaches, parents, and player's keeping our young soccer officials on their toes. Future LBSRA Youth mentor group is strong, positive, and exciting to see when they work together with positive mentor input from our field site evaluator's.

So goes our youth referees so goes referees in the age group of 19 to 35. These are soccer officials who wish to move to USSF State referee Badge.

Dealing with adult games in general is tough, tough, tough. A soccer official doing these games needs to be fair, firm, and apply good verbal gamesmanship skills without being pressured and forced to suspend games in general.

Encourage any soccer official to get upgraded is always constant.

Adult games going on or will be happening: 6/23, 1 ref. system ladies tournament games city of North Orange county YMCA 6/29

1 ref. system men's games tournament in city of Santa Ana and Irvine, Ca.

Indoor arena soccer, YMCA sites in city of Mission Viejo, Fullerton, and newest one, Santa Ana (toughest games here).

City of Los Alamitos week-nite and Sunday men's/ladies games.

North Orange County YMCA adult soccer games

Eastvale/Corona /Ontario adult soccer games

7/7 begins city of Chino Hills adult summer league.

Many times soccer referees take the verbal heat from player's personally during the game when all it is player gamesmanship at its best.

Continue working and calming down these adult passionate player's.

Continue to be available for summer youth tournaments, LBSRA is responsible for.

Here is the summer youth tournament schedule. Number of fields is unknown.

7/13 7/14 PSA Canyon North Orange County areas

7/27 7/28 2 youth tournaments in cities of Long Beach and Los Alamitos and Cerritos areas.

8/3 8/4 FC Irvine Girls tournament

8/10 8/11 will be very busy with JUSA Recreation, FC Irvine Boys, and FC Long Beach

8/17 8/18 Orange Soccer Club

8/24 8/25 Huntington Beach Strikers, Girls side only and proposed city of Anaheim youth tournament

8/31 9/01 JUSA Chelsea Club youth tournament

As you see, LBSRA looks busy depending of number of tournament fields and adult leagues.

Pretty soon year 2014 USSF Registration will begin Sept. 2013 to 3/2014.

Keep the good work out there and attend as many monthly referee meetings within Cal South referee groups.

Larry Yee

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NEXT MEETING

Wednesday AT 7:00PM

July 17, 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).

Don't get ambushed during the game by the coach

Ever have coaches start to question most all of your calls or lack of calls? How about it gets worse when their team is losing and they think you are not calling the game fair? How about one of them sees every contact against their player as a foul? You are being ambushed, a complaint is likely and with a little preparation you could have avoided all this.

If you want to have a better outcome next time, on your drive home replay segments of the game in your head and try to figure out why the coach was criticizing the ref team. What could you have done or should have done. You might be thinking I was right and the coach was wrong. Yes, some coaches just don't know any better but some are also playing gamesmanship, and yet others have fair criticism of us. So how will you adapt to get a better outcome? Here's some tips:

- Command authority and respect before you walk on to the field. Look like a referee, properly dressed, look clean and crisp, walk with shoulders square and create an air of authority, but don't be bullish;
- Perception and image are huge – be physically fit and then don't be lazy during the game. Hustle;
- Recognize the problem players early and be on their tail – talk to them early, speak to them loudly (not rudely!) so that others can hear and see that you are looking to manage the game –practice tone, choice of words and how your face will look in the mirror at home – angry look or voice is NOT the way to handle younger players, stern look and stern voice works better for older players;
- When talking to team officials, shake hands, ask for paperwork, fees etc. Don't be smart and get drawn into gamesmanship such as “ref, you know how to call offside right, because we play a tight offside line?” One response might be, “smile” and say “I am familiar with offside”. Now move away and recognize you might have a difficult coach so get with your AR's and discuss how you will handle;
- Set the tone before the game – AR to tell coaches to stay in technical area, if none, don't let them step on the field or get in way of AR to see down the line. Always be firm but polite, for many of you this is an area of growth – it takes courage, but set the tone early. Again, practice in front of mirror at home what you might say, use the handy record button if you have a smart phone and listen to how you sound, also check the mirror to see your facial expression – you should not shout or have an angry demeanor;
- Don't give the coaches an excuse to talk to the center referee during the game, how? – before the game starts, AR's to tell coaches that when they want to sub, coach must let AR know ahead of time and to not yell to CR “sub”. AR will then notify CR at next sub opportunity. CR should only look to AR's for standard sub signal on every dead ball and not in response to hearing “sub”.
- AR to ensure all spectators are at least 3 yards back from touch line where field space permits you to do this. Give them an inch more and they'll take a yard, so set the tone before the game starts. If you're not sure how to do this, go watch Carlos Kirsch, he does it consistently every game with a smile and has no problems with spectators;
- Adjust the way in which you will call fouls based on the game level and gender. Generally, in boys games, coaches and spectators seem to accept more of the physical play. However, in girls' games below U14, in my experience, there seems to be more resentment against physical play. So keep an ear open for the sideline and if you hear rumblings, don't wait for thunder and lightning, tweak what you call and then be consistent. I am not saying you ignore the LOTG, but maybe, contact is too “aggressive” and calls need to be made to tone the game down – it's about flow and control.

Consistent application of the above will help ensure for positive outcomes for all and leave you feeling a job well done.

AJ Patel

cal south youth approved youth tournaments for lbsra to service. 2013

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

