

L.B.S.R.A. Newsletter



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FROM LBSRA PRESIDENT

Tournaments

We still seem to have problems getting to the tournament fields on time. We have problems finding the fields. Larry gives you the field coordinators cell phone numbers, print them out and carry with you so if you can not find the fields or you are late call and let the coordinator know. When you get to your fields check in with the coordinator. Most of the time; there have more than a couple of fields so they run around looking for referees that should be there. When you get there look up the other referees, don't go off by yourself get with your team so they know you are there also to figure out what color jersey the whole team will be wearing.

If you are late you will be fined \$25.00. We LBSRA don't want your money that you have earned but if you want to give it to us we will take because that is some of the money we use to pay the extra referee that we have to have to cover our behinds for referees that are late. I can not express how many times by having extra referee we have done a fine job in covering for those referees that are late or don't show at all, **NOT EXCEPTABLE!!!**

We will have SCDSL coming up again in the fall as well as CSL. Some of these games are hi level game that we have in San Juan. You must be prepared to do these games. Some of you may have a long drive, so you must leave early because of traffic depending on where you live. The 5 freeway can be a bear in the afternoon going to ward the beach cities down in that area. Also the 405 can get backed up. There are working on the 405 which will go into next year. Find out if there is road closers the night before. Don't wait until you get on the freeway and go oh crap I have to detour which will take another hour to get where you are going.

We will have quite a few checks to pass out at the meeting. Remember we are not mailing the checks out. You have to make arrangements with Larry T.

I received some sad news yesterday that one of our long time members pass a way a couple of months ago. His name was Chuck Roath. Chuck had been with LBSRA since the beginning.

Calls that affect the game on the field

I also have been a coordinator for the last few tournaments and I have to say that most games the team of referees 80% of the time get it right. But it's that 20% that get's everyone in trouble. If you don't know the laws of the game you should not except any games until you do?

SITUATION

Girls U11 game which should not be that difficult but if you don't know the laws you as a Referee team can destroy the game.

Referee coming down the field about 30 Yards out of the penalty area? The ball is shot by the attacking player which the ball goes thru the defense out over the goal line. The ar raises the flag to indicate to the center referee that the ball has gone out over the goal line but the center is watching the players in the penalty area and sees a nasty foul and calls a penalty. Blows the whistle and points to the spot for the penalty. Still the center referee does not look at the AR which still has the flag up. When the center referee gets everyone out of the penalty area the AR goes and takes her spot on the goal line instead of calling out to the center referee. Center referee has the attacking team take the penalty shot and makes it for a score. The center referee signals that it's a goal by whistling and pointing to the half way line.

At this Point the AR motions for the referee to come over. She tells him that the ball was over the goal line before the foul a cured and that there should not have been a penalty. Talking to each other for several minutes then the center referee goes out and picks up the ball and brings it back and gives the defense for a gold kick.

You can imagine what both side lines coaches & Parents said after all this took place. This all could have been avoided by knowing the laws of the game.

First of all the AR should have got the referees attention before the penalty took place this would have solved the whole situation and just not stand there and do nothing. After the penalty was taken the AR should have let it go and this also would have solved the situation. So all the wrongs just kept piling up?

What would you do in this same situation if you were the center referee and or the AR in this game?

This situation was discussed between 4 state referees which and after much debate we came up with an answer. We will let every one know if we were correct or not at the meeting on Wednesday.

HOPEFULLY SOME ONE WILL BRING THIS UP AT THE MEETING TO GET THE ANSWER FROM OUR INSTRUCTOR

TOROS

Coordinator and President LBSRA

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

August 21, 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

This is a reminder from the Treasurer, all checks for past tournament will be available at the August Meeting. No checks will be mailed out. You can make arrangements to meet the treasurer in RC to pick up your check if you can not make the meeting. All checks will be held for 60 days according to the authorization of the bank and LBSRA board. Thank you for your cooperation
Please cash your checks and don't hold them ASAP. If you go over the 60 days the banks will not cash them. You are out your money LBSRA will not make out a new check to cover your loss. Be responsible and cash the checks.

Missed Call...or Not

The past two weekends I acted as field site coordinator for a new tournament awarded to LBSRA. The weather was hot. I watched a number of games and observed one fairly major controversy during the game that I think deserves discussion and analysis.

The white team's goalkeeper gained possession of the ball. He punted down field into blue's end. Given the field was a little small, the ball bounced a few yards outside the penalty area. The blue team's sweeper, who was pretty much alone in the penalty area was running back, right shoulder toward his own goal and left shoulder toward the opponents goal. The CR was a few yards past halfway, pretty much in the middle of the field.

The ball came down just beyond the defender and hit the ground. When I spoke to the CR at the end of the game, the CR thought the ball bounced up and hit the sweeper on the side. The sweeper played the ball out of his penalty area. Naturally, a few of the parents on that end of the field were screaming "hand ball!", which generally goes ignored since they scream that every time a hand gets anywhere near the ball.

The CR glanced over at the near AR and he/she was not showing any flag, although I suspected she had seen something based on her expression. As the CR turned to follow the ball, he/she again glanced over at the AR and saw no signal.

After the game, I asked about that particular play. AR said the ball had indeed bounced off the ground and hit the sweepers palm (sort of like a basketball dribble). We didn't really have time to discuss it further as we were preparing for the next game and already running late.

I thought about this event on the way home and came to a couple of conclusions.

CR position could have been better. If he/she had moved a little wider, he/she might have seen the suspected handling or more importantly to sell the non call. It is imperative CR's hustle and get into proper positioning to see the play – no excuses especially when field is small.

CR needs to improve pre-game. Make it clear that if an AR sees a "game changing event" that I missed, I want it signalled and they should hold that flag until I see it. I wonder if this AR was **absolutely sure** it was deliberate handling.

Based on the description by the AR, I'm not convinced it was deliberate handling in the first place. We are talking about U-11 and a ball that may have bounced up and hit the hand, rather than being deliberately handled.

I guess this event should serve as a reminder for us all. Things happen when you least expect them to happen! This sweeper was all by himself, playing a routine goalkeeper distribution. Also, make clear to your assistants how you want this sort of thing handled (no pun intended). Personally, I want to make the right call and I expect my assistant referees to flag infractions that they feel I would have called had I been able to see it.

AJ Patel

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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



LAW 18 & 19

USSF has 17 LAWS, which every referee must apply on any game.
Then unofficial Law 18 was suggested, used to be called:

LAW 18, COMMON SENCE,

When referee with respect to the laws, interpret, adapt and apply, makes a judgment
Fairly to protect the laws, game and players.

When a yellow or red card should be issued, referee decides to a fair judgment, TALK, WARN
then CAUTION.

When injured player is on the ground, stop the game no matter where the ball is unless within
penalty area close to goal scoring opportunity.

When in a hot temperature, unhappy player is noticed, referee notice, understand the situation,
and send the player out for cooling time with out before he/she commits a regretful misconduct.
before issuing any card.

When referee understand the touch line (coaches,) problem, approach to calm them rather using
un necessary card.

Now, after long time officiating, I like to add one more law,

LAW 19, AWARENESS:

During the very first few minutes of the game referee should be able to analayz, evaluate and
identify the problem on the field. YOU MUST BE AWARE of your surroundings before, during and
at the end of the game.

What is the problem?

A player who consistently infringes, argue any call

A player, who is rough, fouls repeatedly.

A player who is angry, argumentive and insulting.

A coach who is disputing any of your calls

A coach who is encouraging his player to play rough.

Very noisy, disrespectful touch line (parents,)

Ars, one or both are not helpful

Cultural/racial conflict

How to deal:

Stay calm, keep your composure

Must immediately deal it before getting out of the hand. TALK, WARN, CAUTION.

Approach the player/coach discuss if you could calm them down.

Use your authority to send that player out for cooling period.

Approach the coach, let him replace that player before he /she gets caution.

Approach the coach if he/she could control the touchline.

Approach the ARs, short talk to keep up with the pace of the game.

Approach the ARs, consult if your calls are appropriate, or missing any thing, so referee get
the chance to adapt with the flow.

Shadow the trouble player through the game, let him/her feels your attention.

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LBSRA Referees:

To assist referees to upgrade or do the maintenance, upgrade clinic on [every Monday of August, 6:30 to 8:30 pm](#) has been set up.

Toros, Wayne Merrick are the instructors, respond to any question or concern .

Those who are attending the clinic will have priority to be assessed, will be assigned within September to Mid November 2013.

LBSRA will be very busy in the fall, handling three major league sinoultaneously, LBYSO, SCDSL and CSL.

By the first week of September, CSL (Coast Soccer League) fall 2013 will begin.

These games (Boys/Girls,) under 10 to 19 will be in full length, which the fee will be paid cash on the field by both teams (half & half).

We will be scheduled few 90 min U17-19 games, which will be assigned to those who are attending the upgrade clinic every Monday night 6:30-8:30 pm in month of August.

*Referees who have their user name and password, please log in www.coastsoccer.com/referees and update your information.

*If you are new or don't remember yours, please let me to assist you

Email me your:

Full name, home/cell phone number, email address, grade, and home address.

*A valid, active cell /home phone number and a computer is needed to communicate, check the message, accept the game. Once you are emailed your assignment, must log in and accept your games.

*Please make sure your referee equipment's are complete: (whether you are center or assistant), four (black, green, red and blue) shirts, black referee short, Black watch, set of flag, booklet, yellow/red card, black shoes and a coin

*If you need to upgrade or do the maintenance, be flexible, give me three dates, which would be convenience for us to assign.

In regards to and CSL program (concern, question, sending availability,) please use;

cslgames@lbsra.com

Please log in the CSL fall, to update NOW, and if you need username / password.

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You will be assessed based on three categories:

1) Personality

Referee should show and demonstrate great deal of personality, to approach assistants, coaches, and players and touch line.

*How you command these groups, will help to manage the game firm, fare and professionally.

Introduce yourself to your assistants, and every one all to the coaches and captains; listen to them if they have any concern prior to the start of the game.

During the game keep your composure to talk, negotiate, address any issue short, effective and positive with a big SMILE.

Argument with touchline, coaches and players is sign of weakness and lack of command.

2) Know & apply the Laws and rules of the game:

Review & follow the rules of the game.

Apply the Laws of the game.

With a sufficient, effective and positive pre-game, have your assistants to protect and preserve the spirit of the laws.

3) Game management:

a) Be relaxed, calm, and rely on your assistant's support, knowledge of the rules and laws of the game

b) Identify your area of the difficulties (rough, unhappy & constant complaining player or coach) during the game deal with that immediately as early as the first offense.

*** TIPS:**

TALK - to explain the issue short & effective to calm the situation

WARN-That is enough, it should be stopped.

CAUTION ACCORDINGLY (yellow or red)

C) Knowing the teams and players will help you to be prepared to manage.

*** Remember issuing yellow/red card doesn't necessary control the game for you, it only protect the LAW.**

Assessor is expecting you to apply the LAWS (foul recognition, offside, cards, advantages) of the game, allow a reasonable, FARE & SAFE game flow along with support and awareness of the assistants, respond and deal with issues occurs during the game on the field and touch lines.

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