

L.B.S.R.A. Newsletter



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FROM LBSRA PRESIDENT

To all referees assigned to SCSDL show case games in San Juan Capistrano. There will be a sign in sheet at the table in front of Field #4. You must sign in 20 minutes before your game time; failure to sign in 20 min. prior will result in a \$25.00 fine payable before you leave that day. If the fine is not paid you will not be assigned at the show case until the fine is paid. Uniforms, you must have at least 3 official sports uniforms Yellow, Green, and Red. You must have these uniforms by October if not will not be assigned to showcase games. No other uniform will be acceptable. All 3 referees must look the same. You can wear the 3 stripe sox or the two stripe USSF logo sox. Shorts must not be faded. I will have the 3 stripe sox available for purchase every week end at the showcase for \$10.00.

To All LBSRA Members by BCC,

LBSRA is offering a Grade 8, 15 & 16 recertification test on 9/18 at First Presbyterian Church 3955 Studebaker Road, Long Beach, CA 90808. Time 6:30pm sharp.

Sign up for the recertification class online at www.calsouth.com. You may be able to just show up and register and take the test. Bring cash or check. I believe Cal South's fee is \$45. Grade 15 & 16 is \$80.00. Take advantage of getting your 2014 badge now so you can focus on refereeing the rest of the year.

AJ Patel
Secretary
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Over the weekend Cal South sponsored an Assessor/Instructor clinic which reviewed the recent changes to Law 11 and provided updates for both instruction and assessments. Here is a brief summary of what was discussed.

Offside

- a. The wording of the law has been slightly changed and redefined to indicate when a player should be penalized for offside. With the videos and presentation, we were shown various examples. The key change is “intend to play the ball by deliberate action” or was the action a deflection? DELIBERATE or DEFLECTION is in the opinion of the referee. If deliberate, then the opponent must NOT be penalized for offside. If deflection, then the opponent must be penalized for offside.
- b. Under the old law an attacker making a pass to a teammate who was in an offside position when the ball was played and a defender stuck his foot out in attempt to play the ball but it “deflected” to the opponent in the offside position, the player was penalized for offside.
- c. Under the new interpretation, the pass in the above example would no longer be considered offside as it is now deemed that the defender made a deliberate attempt to play the ball by touching it. Thus, the opponent should not be considered offside and a new offside sequence begins.
- d. This same methodology applies to an attacker who passes the ball in the air and a defender deliberately makes an attempt to play (by touching the ball) with their head and the ball goes to an opponent who was in an offside position. The opponent in this case should not be penalized for being in an offside position and a new offside sequence begins.
- e. A “deflection” is when the ball hits/deflects off the defender who did not make an attempt to play the ball (did not move) and the ball subsequently goes to an opponent who was in an offside position. In this case the attacker should be penalized for being offside. The restart being an IFK.
- f. The word “save” by the goal keeper means the goal keeper saved the ball from going into the net and is thus the goal keepers actions should be considered a deflection. If the ball is deflected to an opponent who was in an offside position at the time of the kick, the attacking team should be penalize for offside. The restart being IFK.
- g. If however the keeper instead “parries” the ball by using his hands (fist), then the ball is considered to have been “played” and even if the ball goes to an opponent who was in an offside position at the time of the kick, the team would not be considered to be offside.
 - i. The referee also needs to consider if the defender could he have played the ball if he wanted to but allowed deliberately go to his opponent who was in an offside position. If in the opinion of the referee this is the case, the player cannot be considered offside. This statement refer’s to a defender who allows the ball to go between their legs and the ball goes to an opponent in an offside position. The attacker should not be penalized for offside. In this case, the player moved/took deliberate action which is considered active involvement in playing the ball.

Recert – Grade 8 (should also include 16 and 15 but waiting for confirmation)

- h. All recert classes will be setup by the association via the Cal South website.
- i. If the referee registers for the class in time, pays in advance the \$45 USSF registration fee and passes the test, will receive their badge before they leave the class.
- j. Referees need to register for the class a minimum of 60 hours before the class starts. Cal South will automatically close the class at the 60 hour mark.**
- k. Referees will need to pay their \$45 USSF registration fee prior to closing of the clinic if they want to be shown as paid on the roster**
- l. Walk-ins will not be allowed. Only those referees who are registered and on the roster will be allowed to take the test**
- m. Cal South will only be sending the instructor enough tests for those that have registered and enough badges for those who have completed all of the registration requirements.
- n. If the Referee registers for the class but does not pay the USSF \$45 registration fee, their name will appear on the roster however their will be an indication that they are not to receive a badge even if they successfully complete the test. The referee will be asked to turn in or mail to Cal South a self addressed envelope for Cal South to send their badge once they’ve paid their fees. This also applies to referees who pay their \$45 USSF registration fee after the class has been closed.

On-line Courses

- o. New on-line courses have been developed for grade 9, 8, 7 and 6. These courses can be accessed via US Soccer website.
- p. The new on-line courses and on-line tests will be incorporated into clinic instruction
- q. A new course is specifically being developed for grade 7 referees and a different one for grade 6 and 5 as well.
- r. All new Entry Level Clinic's will start with grade 9 instead of grade 8.
- s. The intent of US Soccer is to increase the number of grade 9 referees and reduce the number of grade 8's. US Soccer is also developing a new path that should make the process smoother to upgrade from 9 to 8, 8 to 7 and 7 to 6.

Assessments and Upgrades

- t. Updates will be made soon to the Cal South website that will describe the new process for upgrades and maintenance assessments.
- u. Assessments will require payment by the referee via the Cal South website in advance
- v. All assessments for 7 to 6, 6 maintenance and or 6 to 5 will require State Assessors. There will be a new program for referees who wish to go from 6 to 5.

5. Re Certification

- a. LBSRA will host a recertification clinic for all grade 8 on September 18 .
- b. Must register on line, pay \$45 fee ASAP.

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

September 18, 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.



SHOWCASE

Rule highlights for referees

All referees are to show up and check-in at the League Headquarters Tent no later than thirty (30) minutes prior to their first assigned game time.

If you are caught in traffic or running late you must call the following

Butch Renken 562-972-8360

All game times are listed below. Games must start on time per schedule.

Substitutions – Spirit and flow of game

Player Substitutions are according to FIFA with the exception that the number of substitutions for the following age groups will be as follows:

U9-U10 Unlimited substitutions

U11-U13 One re-entry per half, per player. Each half stands on its own.

U14-U19 No re-entry in the first half and one re-entry in the second half per player Each half stands on its own.

REFEREES ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONTROL OF SUBS. IT IS UP TO THE COACHES TO CONTROL AND ENSURE SUBSTITUTIONS ARE DONE CORRECTLY.

Substitutions may only take place during the following.

Your throw-in (if opposing team substitutes, you may substitute)

Your player has an injury

Either team may sub on goal kick

Either team may sub on kick-off

Yellow cards optional for player receiving yellow card only

**NO Substitutions on any dead ball Free kick
(direct or indirect) Corner kick
Penalty kick**

When a player is injured on the field that requires attention, **they must be substituted off the field of play**, except for the goalkeeper. Players may exit the field and re-enter the game at next dead-ball, with the referee's approval.

Substitutions shall be made at midfield line. The substitute player shall not enter the field of play until the player substituted has left the field of play.

Player, Coach and Administrator Registration

All players must be registered with Cal South, and to the SCDSL and have a Cal South Player ID Card, before participating in any scheduled SCDSL game.

All coaches must have a laminated Cal South Administrator Card with a Coaching License Level and Risk Management Clearance printed on the card.

All Team Managers must have a current laminated Cal South Administrator Card with Risk Management Clearance to act as a manager, but cannot act as a coach, unless also properly certified as a coach under this Section.

Referee Fees for Showcase games

Each SCDSL team shall be responsible for paying one-half of the total referee fees per age division as follows:

U19	\$136.00 (90 Min)	U15	\$120.00 (80 Min)	U11	\$90.00 (60 Min)
U18	\$136.00 (90 Min)	U14	\$106.00 (70 Min)		
U17	\$136.00 (90 Min)	U13	\$90.00 (60 Min)		
U16	\$120.00 (80 Min)	U12	\$90.00 (60 Min)		

Each team pays 1/2 total game fee on field prior to game.

1 Referee & 2 Assistant Referees = 100% of Game Fees

1 Referee & 1 Assistant Referees = 80% of Game Fees

1 Referee & 0 Assistant Referees = 60% of Game Fees

*For **all** SCDSL games including Showcase games, teams will sit on one side of the field and the spectators on the opposite side. The Home team will have choice of bench. It is the responsibility of each team to monitor their spectator decorum during each game. Home team can't be responsible for the behavior of the opposing team.*

Coaches are responsible for the sideline behavior of all players.

Referees

Referees will dress in appropriate referee attire and will wear a **Current USSF badge**. Referees will change jersey if in conflict with either of the teams they are officiating.

Referees must be registered for the current year through USSF and have completed Live Scan if over the age of 18. All referees must be on the Cal South's Official Referee List and possess a Cal South identification card.

When asked, referees must provide their name and proof of registration (as listed below). Failure to provide this information will result in the game being abandoned and the referee (s) not being paid.

Center referees must be at least 4 years older than the age of the teams playing.

REFEREE GAME RESPONSIBILITIES:

- > Check player's equipment (FIFA Law 4): cleats, shin guards, and other uniform requirements.
- > Any player without proper equipment will not be allowed to play.
- > Check that each player on the lineup sheet has a valid Cal South player pass/card.
- > Check that each player and coach is affiliated with the club.
- > Check that player's jersey numbers and names are listed on the lineup sheet and that no two players on a given team have the same number.
- > Insure that all players being checked-in match the picture on each players card.
- > Check that each team has a coach with a valid Cal South coaching pass. A minimum of an "E" License is mandatory for all competitive coaches.

Any team that does not have person with a valid Cal South coaching pass shall forfeit the game.

At the start of the first game on a field the referee crew will be given a set of Nike game balls for use for all games on their field. It is the referees responsibility to control and pass on to the next crew for the field the Nike game balls.

Safety of all players is the paramount concern in SCDSL games.

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Larry Taylor

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

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

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

