

# L.B.S.R.A. Newsletter



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## FROM LBSRA PRESIDENT

May this Christmas end the present year on a cheerful note and make way for a fresh and bright new year. Here's wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!  
Butch LBSRA President

Next Wednesday will be the last re-cert clinic offered by LBSRA this year for 2014 season. You have a few days left to register for the 18<sup>th</sup> clinic. If you don't attend this clinic, most likely you will have to travel out of the area to become re-certified. LBSRA is requiring that you be certified by 12/31/2013 to receive game assignment for 2014.

We have more tournaments this year in 2014 than 2013. LBSRA will be very busy in that we have signed off on 5 brand new tournaments to our association. All of this because of our referees hard work this past year. We still have some work to do as referees out there on the field. We still have referees that must learn what offside's are. We still have referee's that need to hustle on the lines as AR's and keep up with play so he or she can judge the offside's. When you are 10 to 15 yards behind play, it's difficult to call the offside's and this is why some parents and coaches get angry and yell and scream at AR's.

Have seen the last situations in tournaments. You as referees need to know the laws of the game. If you are out there just to collect money, take a look at your self to see what you can improve upon.

The weather is getting cooler so make sure that you dress warmly for the game especially if you are doing games in the evening and at night. Wear warm clothing and long sleeve jerseys with long sleeve under shirts to keep warm.

We have had some changes on the board of directors. More information will be coming in the January news letter as to what changes have been made. Hopefully these changes will make the improvements we needed to make things run smoothly for LBSRA.

## BOARD OFFICERS

LBSRA Board of Directors will hold office until May of next year 2014.

President /Newsletter  
Vice President of Referee Operations/Assignor  
Treasurer  
Director of Administrative assistant & Human Resources/  
Director of Instruction  
Assessment Program/Assignor  
Web Master /Assignor/  
Assignor  
Assignor  
Assignor  
Referee Mentor Leader  
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AJ Patel  
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Leo Umaña  
Mike Holguin  
AJ Patel \*  
Ardy Saeidi\*  
Larry Taylor

\* Denotes Voting Board Member

**NEXT MEETING**  
**Wednesday AT 7:00PM**  
**December 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**

LBSRA

Will be holding are last clinic for year 2014 on are meeting night December 18th at our regular meeting place. If you miss this clinic or if you have to retake the class again you will have to find another class and may have to travel out of the area. We have an extra room set up for the testing..

### Grade 8: Entry Level Referee

The referee is expected to demonstrate the following skills:

Has an elementary knowledge of the game.

Recognizes obvious fouls and misconduct but may not recognize subtle fouls, Such as persistent infringement and tactical fouls.

Keeps his assistant referees (AR's) in view while running the diagonal system Of control but often has a diagonal that is rigid and rarely does the referee go Wide or deep into the corners or enter the penalty area when the game Demands it. Does not recognize the need for a flexible diagonal.

Has basic fitness but often runs at a constant pace or walks and doesn't Demonstrate sprinting to recover from deep positions, when required.

Gives a basic pre-game briefing which usually focuses on mechanics and Signals for proper communication.

Main focus is on fouls and lacks the personality to manage players when the Game demands it.

The referee is in proper uniform and gives a good first impression upon Arriving at the pitch.

Applies the Laws of the Game as written with little or no understanding of the Spirit of the Game.

Deals with violent conduct and serious foul play for game control but lacks the Experience to always recognize when they occur.

Generally ignores coaches and doesn't have the courage or understanding to Ensure they behave and are not abusive.

### Grade 7: Referee – Intermediate level Expectations per Grade

Referee is expected to demonstrate the following skills in addition to those found In a Grade 8:

Demonstrates fitness to run a flexible diagonal for the entire game and always Keep the AR in view.

Has a work rate that varies from a jog, to light sprint, to a full out sprint when The game demands it.

Has a firm grasp of the Laws of the Game and understands when to invoke The Spirit of the Game vs. the Letter of the Law while managing the game and The players.

Demonstrates some personality in managing players and uses some Preventative mechanics to avoid problems during the match.

Demonstrates self confidence in decisions and is willing to be approached by Players who have questions.

Demonstrates a strong presence with the use of the whistle, appearance, and Body English.

Demonstrates the proper use of advantage.

Demonstrates foul recognition and foul discrimination.

Makes good use of cards for game control and demonstrates good card Mechanics.

Makes effective use of assistance given by AR's on offside, and misconduct.

Often ignores dissent rather than deal with it.

## Grade 6: Referee – Adult Level Games

Referee demonstrates all the previous grade skills plus the addition of higher Level skills in managing the game and players:

- Demonstrates an understanding of subtle and tactical fouls.

- Demonstrates a high level of fitness and dynamic positioning to ensure a Proper view of challenges.

- Demonstrates proper mechanics and positioning for static restarts.

- Uses personality to help defuse flash points and to manage players.

- Demonstrated consistency in fouls recognition, foul discrimination and use of Cards.

- Demonstrates the ability to read play and anticipate rather than react to game Situations.

- Demonstrates good eye contact with AR's on all dead ball situations and Makes good use of their assistance on offside decisions and fouls, as Appropriate.

- Demonstrates knowledge of the Laws of the Game, proper mechanics and Procedures, knowledge of recent memoranda, and proper restarts for all Situations. Is beginning to develop a solid and thorough understanding of the Most recent teachings and directives from U.S. Soccer.

- Demonstrates some preventive refereeing skills.

## \*Maintenance and Upgrade Requirements

A registered referee must meet the following criteria:

- 1) Pay registration, according to grade.  **NOTE:** Grade 9 = \$40 | Grade 8 = \$45 | Grade 7 = \$50 | Grade 6 & Grade 5 = \$80
- 2) Complete the requirements, according to grade.  **NOTE:** This is considered the date registered because registration is officially completed.
- 3) Appear on [Registered Officials List](#)  **NOTE 1:** To do youth games, Risk Management Status must be APPROVED; applies to referees 18 years or older.  **NOTE 2:** Report is uploaded Thursday nights; please allow 3 weeks for your request to process.

### [Cal South 2014 Re-certification \(Maintenance\) and Certification \(Upgrading\) Requirements](#) (click to view requirements for all grades)

#### > [Grade 9 \(Entry Level\) - Recreational Youth](#) (click to view requirements for this grade)

The purpose of the Grade 9 Referee Course is to prepare officials for the small sided and recreational youth game.

#### > [Grade 8 \(Entry Level\) - Competitive Youth](#) (click to view requirements for this grade)

The purpose of the Grade 8 Referee Course is to prepare officials for the competitive youth game.

#### > [Emeritus - Grades 13, 14, 15 and 16](#) (click to view requirements for this grade)

The purpose of the emeritus grades is to allow officials to retire from the game at the highest referee grade they attained. It may not be used to circumvent any registration, certification or recertification requirements mandated by U.S. Soccer or the State Referee Association.

#### [Emeritus Application](#)

#### [Grade 7 - Adult](#) (click to view requirements for this grade)

The purpose of the Grade 7 Referee Course is to prepare officials for the amateur adult game.

[Upgrade Application](#) | [SAMPLE Upgrade Application / Portfolio](#)

Download Templates to create Portfolio: [Cover Page \(Word\)](#) [Log of Games/Tournaments/etc. \(Excel\)](#) [Final Page \(Word\)](#)

Upgrading Sessions (click for registration page): [Ventura 11/2/13](#) [Citrus \(Glendora\) 12/1/13](#) [San Diego 12/7/13](#)

#### > [Grade 6 - State Referee](#) (click to view requirements for this grade)

The purpose of the State Referee Course is to prepare officials for the most competitive matches within their state and region.

[Upgrade Application](#) | [SAMPLE Upgrade Application / Portfolio](#) | [FIFA Sprint and Interval Test](#)

Download Templates to create Portfolio: [Cover Page \(Word\)](#) [Log of Games/Tournaments/etc. \(Excel\)](#) [Final Page \(Word\)](#)

Upgrading Sessions (click for registration page): [Ventura 11/2/13](#) [Citrus \(Glendora\) 12/1/13](#) [San Diego 12/7/13](#)

Maintenance Sessions (click for registration page): [Ventura 11/2/13](#) [Citrus \(Glendora\) 12/1/13](#) [San Diego 12/7/13](#)

To: [State Referees](#) □ From: Cal South SRC □ Re: Grade Designation & Discontinuation Announcements □ Date: Oct. 23, 2013

U.S. Soccer will be changing the Grade 5 designation from State Referee to National Candidate effective July 1, 2014. This change will result in all State Referees being registered as Grade 6 and U.S. Soccer will oversee the registration and selection of future National Candidates. This change results in U.S. Soccer clearly defining the Zone 2 referee population as Grade 5 National Candidates and Grade 4 National Officials. This also means that Zone 1 will now encompass Referee Grades 9, 8, 7 and 6. U.S. Soccer will also be discontinuing the Grade 12 designation effective July 1, 2014. Again, these requirements won't go into effect until July 1, 2014, but State Referee Associations may implement them sooner if interested. □□ **Cal South SRC will start implementing these changes immediately and we will therefore, no longer have a clinic to upgrade from grade 6 to 5. All grades 5 and 6 will now be consolidated into State referees.**

> [Grade 5 - National Candidate](#) □ (click to view requirements for this grade)

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To: Registered Grade 5 Officials □ From: U.S. Soccer Federation □ Re: 2015 National Candidate Declaration Process □ Date: Oct. 30, 2013

This email is to provide all current grade 5 referees and State Referee Administrators with information specific to the 2015 National Candidate Declaration process. **Prospective 2015 National Candidates:** □□ The 2015 National Candidate Application window will be open from November 1-30, 2013. Grade 5 officials interested in upgrading to National Referee/Assistant Referee for 2015 are to complete their application and administrative requirements by November 30, 2013. □□ 2015 National Candidates are Grade 5 officials whose upgrade to a 2015 National Referee/Assistant Referee badge are pending and will be based upon their body of work from November 1, 2013 - November 30, 2014. □□ Documents and forms are accessible here: [2015 National Candidate Declaration](#) □□ Questions can be directed to Nicole Ward, Referee Identification and Training Coordinator, at [nward@ussoccer.org](mailto:nward@ussoccer.org).

## Assessment fee

**MAIL PER DIEM CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$75 TO (must be received a week before the scheduled assessment date):** □□ Cal South Corporate Office □ c/o Referee Assessment Request □ 1029 S. Placentia Avenue, Fullerton, CA 92831

For payment by credit card, please fill out [this form](http://www.calsouth.com/data/Downloads/Referees/2013/REFEREE-CCAuthorization_2013.pdf) [http://www.calsouth.com/data/Downloads/Referees/2013/REFEREE-CCAuthorization\\_2013.pdf](http://www.calsouth.com/data/Downloads/Referees/2013/REFEREE-CCAuthorization_2013.pdf)), and either [email here](#) or fax to 714.451.1016.

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To requesting assessor:

**Lee Popejoy,  
(858) 748-6520**

Hello referees,

Congratulations to all for making our leagues so successful and to Toros and John for all the great mentoring. Now we must move forward to the tournament season and continue our development as an association. My name is Nicholas Almaguer and I am leading the LBSRA Youth Mentor Group while David Lyday is away. I have been refereeing for 6 years and just passed by state grade 6 test. I have been involved in mentoring referees for the last 3 years and over the summer worked with the YMG a lot. I am now attending Cal State Long Beach as a Math major.

As we finish league and move into our tournament season it is important we continue our development as an association especially with our youth referees. YMG has the sole purpose of youth development for LBSRA and aims to move our young grade 8's to 7's by the time they are out of high school. One thing I want to make very clear is that if you are in YMG your assignments will be through Larry or myself, the only difference is that with YMG you receive on field mentoring so we can develop you to make the big bucks.

If you are under the age of 18 please send an email to [ymg@lbsra.com](mailto:ymg@lbsra.com) with your name and age so that we can add you to our contact list and help earn you assignments. Please don't pass up on this opportunity to develop yourself and remember the more time you put in to your development the more you will receive from your refereeing career no matter how long or short.

--Nicholas Almaguer, YMG Youth Mentor Leader

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

12/14 - 12/15	Canyon PSA Winter Cup
12/14 - 12/15	Steve Bircsak Memorial Holiday Classic
12/14 - 12/15	OC Tournament of Champions

