




Livermore Referee Association

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Referee Calendar of Events

-  LRA Meeting April 23, at 7:00 PM at the Livermore PD conference room.
-  April 29th -30th, U14-19 State Cup Tournament, Robertson Park, Livermore
-  June 16th Assignor's Clinic sponsored by District 3 1:00pm - 5:00pm.
Get the location from their website at D3RA.CO



Meeting Agenda

 **April Meeting:** The next meeting of the Livermore Referee Association will be held on Monday, April 23, 2001, 7:00 p.m., at the Livermore Police Department's Community Room at 1110 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore. This the night for "War Stories". We want your best story from the past season, what went wrong, what went right, the best parent story, the best coach story. We will all be there to offer advice, condolences and kibitzing.

Ten new referees minted at March Clinic

Under the marvelous tutelage of Duane Rueppel and Michelle Kuiee, all ten aspiring refs who took the March Clinic passed their exam. (All on their first try yet!). They are all now busily pricing out the cost of jerseys. Join us in welcoming them into the fold. If the newsletter editor could find his list of the new refs, he'd list it here, but you know who you are! If you missed this clinic, there will be another in May, watch your newsletter.

Want to save some trees?

We are trying to send the newsletter via email as a PDF file. This let us get it out sooner and saves us about 75¢ per newsletter. Since we send out about 150 newsletters per month, we have the potential to save about \$100 each month. If you are still getting this newsletter via snailmail and you are willing to get it electronically, please take a moment to drop the editor an email at hoppes1@earthlink.net. If you do not have a copy of Adobe Acrobat Reader that allows you to read PDF files, your can get a free version at <http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html>. Thanks

CYSA District 3 Clinics and Fun Runs (Upgrading) are coming throughout 2001

Fun Run #1 5/23/01 7PM Pleasanton Middle School
Fun Run #2 9/12/01 7PM (tentative - no site yet)
Fun Run #3 10/21/01 8AM Foothill High School
Fun Run #4 12/9/01 8AM Foothill High School
Assignor's Clinic 6/16/01 10AM Venue TBA
Grade 8 & 7 Clinic 12/9/01 10AM Venue TBA

Hey, a question for all you clever refs out there. Answer on page 3

Name at least seven similarities between goal kicks and corner kicks.

Articles

Watch those throw-ins to goalkeepers!

As of the 1997-98 Laws of the Game, Law 12 prevents the goalkeeper from handling the ball directly from a throw-in by a teammate. An indirect free kick must be given from the place where the handling occurred (subject to the usual special circumstances within the goal area). As with the restriction on handling if the ball is received from a teammate's kick, questions have arisen regarding the proper action to take under several scenarios.

- A thrown ball is apparently going toward goal and the keeper reaches out to parry or punch the ball away. A violation of Law 12 has clearly occurred but, since a goal cannot be scored directly from a throw-in, there is no misconduct. Only the technical foul is punished with an indirect free kick.
- Starting with the same scenario as above, suppose the handling by the goalkeeper is unsuccessful and the ball continues directly into the goal. First, a violation of Law 12 has occurred but, as with any other violation of Law 12, the referee would apply advantage and allow play to continue. Second, the goal would count since it was not scored directly from the throw-in.
- Suppose another teammate (not the goalkeeper) reaches up and touches the ball. If the handling is successful, the player has violated Law 12 (penal foul) and a penalty kick restart must be awarded if the handling occurred within the penalty area (otherwise, a direct free kick). This foul has not prevented a goal (a sending-off misconduct) since a goal could not be scored directly from the throw-in. Likewise, if the handling had been unsuccessful and the ball went into the net, the goal would be counted, as the referee would apply advantage to the offense (a caution might be considered for unsporting behavior, bringing the game into disrepute).

Referees must carefully study these situations and their expected outcomes so that decisions are rendered quickly, authoritatively, and accurately in the fast paced environment of a match.

New guidance on celebration of goals

The celebration of goals is a natural part of soccer and is not ordinarily an occasion for misconduct by the successful team. To keep such displays within reasonable limits, however, the practice in the past has been to caution players who take off their jersey or who leave the field to approach the spectator seats. The International Board, at its recent meeting on March 10, 2001, has indicated that automatically punishing such specific acts should be discontinued. Instead, referees must look beyond the behavior of players celebrating goals and consider as misconduct only those actions which are provocative, obscene or insulting, or which unnecessarily delay the restart of play.

What was your call?

How many did you get?

1. The ball must pass completely over the goalline, not between the posts, to award either restart.
2. Both are restarted by kicking the ball.
3. The ball must be stationary in both cases.
4. A player may not be offside if they receive the ball directly from either restart.
5. A goal may be scored directly from either restart, but only against the opposing team.
6. The kicker may not play the ball a second time until it has been touched by another player.
7. Both restarts are awarded to the team opposite the team last touching the ball.



Hey Ref, What you gonna do?

1. An Attacker is dribbling the ball toward the goal on the defenders' side of the field. A defender rushes her and fouls her by pushing her. You yell, "Play On!" as the attacker has an advantage. The attacker maneuvers the ball a few more feet but is confused by the call and lets the ball roll ahead. The defender then takes control of the ball and clears it to her forward. What's your call?
2. During a penalty-kick in extended time, the goalkeeper traps the ball so that it stops moving forward, and then immediately throws the ball into the goal in jubilation. What's your call?
3. You've given an injured player permission to leave the field and he is sitting just over the touch line recovering. An opposing player is on a break away down the sideline. As the attacking player nears her, the injured player sticks his foot out onto the field of play and trips the attacking player. What's your call?

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1. No call. No whistle, let play continue. The attacking team got the advantage, but through an error of the player with the ball, subsequently lost possession. The referee can wait a few seconds and then enforce the original foul if the advantage does not develop. However, this rule does not seem to apply here because the loss of possession was (a) after the attacker had continued a few steps and (b) through her error, not any action of a defender. The laws are not written to make up for the errors of players. No call

2. A penalty-kick is considered completed in the event of a match being extended when the kick is stopped. In this situation the period has ended when the goalkeeper takes control of the ball. No Goal.

3. Even though this player is off the pitch, he is considered a player, and as such is subject to all LOTG applicable to players. So the trip itself should be considered a foul just as if the offending player were on the field. Further, decision of the FA Board says, "A player who commits a cautionable or sending-off offence, either on or off the field of play, whether directed towards an opponent, a team-mate, the referee, an assistant referee or any other person, is disciplined according to the nature of the offence committed." Since this player is guilty of at least two and perhaps several offenses 1) Violation of Law 12, tripping; 2) Violation of Law 12, Disciplinary Sanctions, Cautionable Offences (yellow card), re-entering the field of play without the referee's permission; 3) Violation of Law 12, Disciplinary Sanctions, Cautionable Offences, unsporting behavior. Whistle to stop play, issue a yellow card caution to the offending player for either re-entering the field without my permission or for USB, restart with a DFK.

Thanks to "Ask the Ref" website



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