

Livermore Referee Association

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Referee Calendar of Events



August 27th LRA meeting with Bill Miller



August 25-26 Livermore Boys Classic



September 1-3 Pleasanton Friendship Cup



September 12th Fitness Test Location TBD



Meeting Agenda



August meeting: The next meeting of the Livermore Referee Association will be held on Monday, August 27, 2001, 7:00 P.M. Our guest speaker will be Bill Miller, CNRA District 3 Director of Instruction. He will cover law changes for 2001, and also speak another topic of his interest. Bill, is a frequent speaker at our meetings and always presents an excellent program. (Editor's note: the ten minutes of instruction that Bill gave this brand new ref about four years ago at a Livermore tournament really clinched it that reffing was for me). Our meeting will be at the Livermore Police Department's Community Room at 1110 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore, CA.

Hey, a question for all you clever refs out there.

1. What three actions mean that being in an offside position is an offence?.
2. During KFTPM, a goalkeeper is injured and unable to continue. Can she be replaced by a substitute or only by one of the players on the field at the conclusion of the match?
3. Name the four bar shapes allowed for the goalposts and crossbar.

Answer on page 3



Keep your availability data current!

Referee season is here – the time to submit your availability information is now, and keep it current! It is very easy to do. Simply fill in the new and improved availability calendar at our website www.livermorerefs.org. Or return the attached calendars if you don't have internet access. Or send an email (assignor@livermorerefs.org or hintonref@home.com). Fill in the days and times that you expect to be available to referee, along with any teams you are associated with and any other relevant information. You can (and should) update your availability whenever your schedule changes or becomes clearer. How? By submitting an updated calendar on the web site, by email (assignor@livermorerefs.org or hintonref@home.com), or by calling John or Helen (447-2031). PLEASE DON'T DELAY! It takes time to enter the info into our assigning computer, and we need to start now. Questions? Contact John or Helen at 447-2031 or hintonref@home.com. Thanks!



Hey Ref! What are you gonna do?

1. It's been a fun game with about 10 minutes to go and you are patting yourself on the back about what a good job you are doing. You've awarded an indirect free kick to Green just outside the 18-yard box. The kicker kicks the ball towards the top corner of the net. At the last second a white defender (not the goalie) reaches up (with his hand) to deflect the ball over the crossbar out-of-touch behind the net. Everyone's yelling at you! OK! Let's get this one right!
2. *The following was inspired by an actual incident that occurred during the recent Livermore Girl's tournament.* You are AR1 and at the 35th minute at the far end of the field, the Referee is struck in the face and knocked unconscious by the ball, which bounces on and possibly over the goal line. The keeper immediately retrieves the ball and punts the ball toward the center circle. The attacking team is hollering, the ref's out cold, and the defenders are now rapidly counterattacking upfield. What to do, what to do?

See answer on page 5.



What was your call? (answer)

1. Interfering with play, interfering with an opponent, or gaining an advantage by being in that position.
2. The procedures, described on pg. 36 of the 2000/2001 Laws of the Game, allow substitution for a goalkeeper who has been injured during KFPTM, provided that the team has not used the maximum number of substitution permitted under the competition rules (the usual case in our youth games.) Thus, if there was still a substitution remaining, the coach could have brought in the substitute for the injured goalkeeper and then exchanged any player on the field for the new goalkeeper without infringing the Laws. If the maximum number of substitutions permitted had already been used, then the coach would simply convert one of the other players already participating in the KFPTM to goalkeeper and the other team would have to reduce their numbers to equate to the number of players remaining on the injured goalkeeper's team.
3. Square, rectangular, round, or elliptical.

Articles

Livermore AKA at UOP

Three Livermore Referees (Katie Gazzuolo, William L. Hoppes and William G. Hoppes) joined 65 of their colleagues for three days of intensive inservice training at the Advanced Referee Training Clinic held 3-5 August at University of Pacific in Stockton, CA. sponsored by California North Referee Association. Bob Martinez, State Youth Referee Administrator, was joined by Tom Starr, Director of Instruction of District 6, Bill Miller, Director of Instruction of District 3 (that's us), Stacy Kalstrom, from District 6 and other top instructors for a intensive program for referees with from 1-3 years experience. We began with classroom sessions Friday evening, followed by a field session Saturday morning and more classroom sessions Saturday afternoon and evening. Sunday wrapped things up with more classroom instruction. The focus of the clinic can be summarized as AKA: Attitude, Knowledge and Appearance (see next article). Of course the best part of the three days was swapping stories with refs from other districts and learning we all have the same problems and challenges, and also learning of the great reputation CalNorth referees have when they travel to other states. The field sessions consisted of a full review of AR duties (boy have I been doing some stuff wrong for years) and getting ready for set plays. One of the tips I picked up here was to change your position on corner kicks so that you 1) get different angles and 2) prevent the players from anticipating where you will be. Bill Miller gave a great presentation on fair and foul challenges. One piece of advice Bill gave was to watch the players' eyes when they are coming in to make a challenge or on 50:50 balls. You want to see if they are focusing on the ball or on their opponent. I tried this at the recent Livermore Girl's tournament and it worked just like Bill said it would. Next year the clinic will be for refs with from 4-7 year's experience and the following year it is back to the clinic for 1-3 year refs. The Clinic was a terrific learning experience for this referee. Bob Martinez and CalNorth do a great service in putting it on. If you get the chance, GO! The following article pretty much summarizes the three days.



AKA

This is the time of the year when you are getting ready for another season of recreational play. As you prepare, remember three key items that you should always have in your mental referee bag, represented by the letters A.K.A.: Attitude, Knowledge and Appearance.

Attitude - Remember that the game belongs to the players and you have the opportunity to share the field with them, not the reverse. Bring a smile and warm greetings for each player, coach and spectator. Soccer is the best of games, full of wonderful lessons for all concerned that transcend the game itself. Within that context, always remember that we are supposed to be having fun.

Knowledge - Learn and re-learn the Laws of the Game at every opportunity. Attend in-service clinics that are offered. The minimum passing score of 75% that earned you your badge in the first place means that you are liable to blow one out of four calls - the players, and you, deserve a better effort than that. Learn from every situation, ask questions of senior officials and when they answer, incorporate what you have been told into your bag of skills. There are no referees that know everything; always be looking to improve.

Appearance -What is perceived is what is believed. If you show up for a match in the proper uniform, clean and properly worn, those observing you gain the mind set that you know what you're doing. The proper uniform consists of a referee shirt (with badge), referee shorts (black with no markings), socks with three white stripes worn pulled up almost to the knee, and predominantly black shoes. (The primary color of the referee shirt currently approved by USSF is the gold shirt. All officials working together should be wearing the same color shirt with the same sleeve length. The alternate colors you can wear are red with black stripes and black with white stripes. Until January 1, 2002, it is still permissible to wear the old, solid black shirts or the fuchsia (pink). Look sharp!!

Have fun!!!

Stacy Kalstrom



Hey Ref, What are you gonna do?

1. The ball is in play as soon as it has been touched and moves, but a goal may not be scored from an indirect free kick until the ball has been played by a second player, someone (on either team) other than the original kicker. Thus, in this case, there can be no obvious goal scoring opportunity, as a goal cannot be scored until a second player has played, touched, or made contact with the ball. The correct decision is: Penalty Kick for the deliberate handling of the ball from the indirect free kick, possible caution/yellow card for unsporting behavior if the referee needs it for game control.

2. As AR1 the responsibility of the match is instantly transferred to you when the Referee is incapacitated. You immediately reach in your pocket, pull out your whistle (you do always carry it don't you), and blow it to stop play, drop your flag and sprint towards the far goal. Call for medical help from a neutral or team trainer and administer to the Referee. Since the Referee could not determine whether the goal was scored, ask AR1 whether the ball crossed the plane of the goal, if so, then award the goal and restart with a Kick Off. If, however, the ball stopped on the goal line, the restart is a drop ball at the point the ball was when you blew your whistle. If the Referee, after treatment, is able to continue the game you resume your AR duties, but if he is unable to continue, then you assume the responsibility of being the referee and pick a club linesman whose sole duty is to call ball over the line.

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