

Livermore Referee Association

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Referee Calendar of Events



July 23rd LRA Meeting with Bob Martinez



July 22nd CNRA-District 3 In-Service Clinic-Dublin



July 31st Assessment requests for upgrade due



August 11-12 Livermore Girls Festival



August 25-26 Livermore Boys Classic



Meeting Agenda



July meeting: Our guest for July will be Bob Martinez. Bob is one of the most highly respected individuals associated with USSF in Cal North – 26 years and thousands of games experience at levels including professional, international, and NCAA; National Emeritus rank; State Youth Referee Administrator for the past 7 years. He is a frequent speaker at our meetings. Bob is interested on answering questions on situational soccer. Specific situations that you've had trouble handling or want to know how to handle. We'd like to get questions into Bob in advance so please email your question to Michelle Kuiee (your editor already has) at mmmk@osisoft.com. Our meeting will be on July 23, 7:00 p.m., 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. Name the five basic items of clothing that players are required to wear.
2. At what point can the goalie legally touch the ball with his hands.
3. When and where can a defender be closer than 10 yards from the ball on a "ceremonial" free kick.

Answer on page 3



Send Your Availability Data Now!

Referee season is rapidly approaching – the time to submit your availability information is now! Livermore hosts two older high-comp tournaments in August: the Girls Festival (11-12 Aug.) and the Boys Classic (25-26 Aug.). League play for house teams starts Mon, 20 Aug. In order to assign you to matches, we **MUST** have your availability data.

It's 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. It helps to include the name of your team's coach. If you are a player, coach, or spectator for a team, **YOU DON'T NEED TO KNOW YOUR TEAM'S SCHEDULE** in order to submit availability. We will automatically know when your team plays, and schedule you to matches that not only avoid conflicts, but are convenient.

You will be assigned matches based upon the information you provide and level of experience. We try to assign newer referees to younger (U10-U12) matches with experienced mentors to get you off to a confident start. We try to get assignments to you 1-2 weeks ahead of time – sometimes more, sometimes less. Assignment periods range from a weekend (for tournaments) to several weeks. You should expect to referee during the times you say you are available. Make a copy of your availability calendar so you can avoid conflicts. 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!





District 3 Inservice Clinic is coming soon



The District 3 inservice clinic is scheduled for 22 July from 9 AM to 3 PM at from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Dublin Civic Center. If you are a registered referee, this is an ideal opportunity to maintain the recommended minimum yearly formal training or are considering an upgrade (which requires a minimum of 5 hours of yearly training).. Topics at the clinic will include: Rule changes, upgrading, uniform clarification, send-off reports and registration issues. For more details check the LRA website.

Hey Ref! What are you gonna do?

1. 81st minute, red v blue, U-19B, and you have your hands full! Red #6 loses ball to Blue defender #4, then grabs Blue #4 and spins him to the ground. You call the foul and intend to caution Red#6, but Blue #8 immediately returns the ball to play. At the next stoppage, you caution Red #6. Did you do it right?
2. You are the center referee. On a corner kick for the red team, you notice the red team positions their largest player in front of the Blue goal keeper effectively blocking the keeper's view of the kick. You observe that every time the keeper steps to one side or the other, the red player repositions himself in between the keeper and the view of the corner. The red player is making no physical contact with the keeper. Hmmmm, this could get interesting, time to step in?

See answer on page 5.

What was your call?

1. Shirt, shorts, socks, shinguards, and footwear.
2. As soon as any part of the ball touches the penalty area line, the goalkeeper may legally handle the ball.
3. Defenders (including the goalkeeper) may be closer than ten yards from an indirect free kick restart only if they are standing on the goal line and are between the goal posts.



Articles

How a Young Ref Earns Respect-2

Many young referees find it challenging to gain the respect of parents, coaches, and sometimes even the players. Here we will discuss how the young referees performance is perceived in game situations. Often the most critical time in a game is the first five to ten minutes. Set the tone early. Let the players and coaches know what you will not tolerate by being in position to make what could be the call that sets the tone for the rest of the game. The ability to do this could very well turn what would have been a difficult game into an easy one. During the game think about your movement on the field. Do you have the ability to sprint and keep up with play or are you constantly making calls from far away. Is your positioning such that the ball is between you and you AR or do you constantly find your back is to your AR. When moving from one place to another on the field, do you move quickly and efficiently or just kinda wander over. These things can all greatly effect the way you are perceived by everyone. Dealing with players is another way to earn the respect of anyone who truly has an interest in the game. When a player commits a hard foul, do you just call it and not say anything to them. Or do you take the extra step to say something to them, and if necessary even caution the player. These type situations can often be referred to as the Moment of Truth. The moment that tells whether the referee has the courage to deal with the situation or let the players take control. Dealing with coaches is yet another way the referee can earn respect. Past the usual greeting and handshake before the game, coaches can often become very involved in the action. Often they will cross the line and it is the referee who has the authority and must deal with them. The best way to learn how to deal with an adult coach is to get a coach you know to let you practice on them in a set up situation. This experience, along with some feedback from the coach that helps you, will give you the confidence needed to keep the next unruly coach from ruining the game for everyone. Another good way to practice dealing with players or coaches is to use a mirror at home. Players practice their technique, the referee should practice as well. So remember, the first ten minutes, movement on the field, dealing with players, and controlling coaches are all areas that will help you earn respect.

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Hey Ref, What are you gonna do?

1. Oops! Back to class. Law 5 empowers the referee to take disciplinary action against players guilty of cautionable and sending-off offenses. He is not obligated to take this action immediately, but must do so when the ball next goes out of play. If the referee has applied advantage and delayed punishment for misconduct until the next stoppage, he must normally act quickly to prevent play from restarting when the next stoppage occurs so that the punishment will be recorded and the proper card displayed. In cases of serious misconduct where a sending-off will be ordered, the referee must be certain that he has the full opportunity to take the necessary actions despite any apparent loss of advantage due to a quick restart opportunity being denied. However, if the misconduct was less serious and the team that suffered the misconduct wishes to put the ball back into play quickly, the referee should weigh the value of the quick restart against the necessity to deal with the misconduct. If a quick restart is in the best interest of the game, then the referee should not interfere. In such a case, the referee must remember that by giving an immediate restart he no longer has the authority to caution the offender. However, he should take the next opportunity to warn the offending player about his conduct.

2. Not yet, a player may take up any position on the pitch. If however, after the kick, he is taking a position and subsequent positions only to impede or interfere with the goalkeeper, then the attacker can be called for impeding and an indirect free kick given to the goalkeeper's team.

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