

Livermore Referee Association

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Referee Calendar of Events



June 25th LRA Meeting "Offside" tape from MLS



July 10th Referee training clinic begins



July 23rd LRA Meeting Bob Martinez



July 31st Assessment requests for upgrade due



Meeting Agenda



June Meeting: League play is coming sooner than you think. It's time to hone your skills on one of the most important and difficult calls we make OFFSIDE. Parents don't understand it, coaches don't understand it, players don't understand it, but you need to know it perfectly. We'll go over the MLS offside tape for a refresher on this key topic. This is especially important to our newer refs who will be out there running lines this fall making these calls while they are getting all kinds of advice from the touchline. Our meeting will be on June 25, 7:00 p.m., at the Livermore Police Department's Community Room at 1110 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore.



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.

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

1. Apart from the ball leaving the field of play, when else is it considered "out of play"?
2. Name the five standard responsibilities of the assistant referee.
3. There is no offside offence if a player receives the ball directly from what three plays?

Answer on page 3



Are you looking to move UP? Finally going to try for that Grade 7?

Well you better get your **request for an assessment in by 31 July**. Call or email Michelle for more details. You also better find out if you are in shape for that physical test.

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| Fun Run #2 | 9-12-01 | 7 PM | (tentative-no site yet) |
| Fun Run #3 | 10-21-01 | 8 AM | Foothill High School |
| Fun Run #4 | 12-9-01 | 8 AM | Foothill High School |
| Grade 8 & 7 Clinic | 12-9-01 | 10 AM | Venue TBA |



Don't know what the physical test is? Even if you aren't planning on upgrading, this is a good test to see if you are reading for the demands of the upcoming season.

Referee Class 1 (Grade 7)

| TEST | AGE | TIME/DISTANCE |
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| Endurance Test (run in 12 minutes) | Under 38 | 2200 meters |
| | 38-45 | 2000 meters |
| | over 45 | 1800 meters |
| Speed Test (50 meter dash, run once) | Under 45 | 9.0 seconds |
| | Over 45 | 9.5 seconds |
| Speed Test (200 meter dash, run once) | All | 40.0 seconds |



Start looking for that availability form!

The season is getting close. You need to be thinking of your availability for the upcoming season. Keep checking the LRA web site since the electronic availability form will be online soon. Check the website at <http://livermorerefs.org> and record your availability.



Hey Ref! What are you gonna do?

A goalkeeper catches the ball and injures himself when he falls down hard on the ball. The referee stops play to allow a trainer to administer to the goalkeeper. Assuming the goalkeeper stays in the game, can the goalkeeper punt the ball away?

See answer on page 5.

Last Referee training clinic before the season

We need new referees. There is a constant loss of referees from season to season, and we need to keep bringing new refs into the fold. LRA will be sponsoring another USSF Instructor-led class to train and register new referees. These classes are scheduled to be held at the First Presbyterian Church School classroom in Livermore from 7:00-10:00 PM on the following nights.

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| Tuesday & Thursday | July 10 th & 12 th |
| Tuesday & Thursday | July 17 th & 17 th |
| Tuesday & Thursday | July 24 th & 26 th |
| Field Session | Separate session will be held at a time and date to be determined. |

If you are interested in becoming a USSF – registered soccer referee, please contact by email or phone one of a great training coordinators: Michelle Kuiee (925-606-6074) or Mike Wallace (925-449-3169). If you are already a registered referee, please pass this information on to persons you know are interested.

District 3 Inservice Clinic is coming soon

The District 3 inservice clinic is scheduled for 22 July from 9 AM to 3 PM at a Dublin location to be determined. Topics at the clinic will include: Rule changes, upgrading, uniform clarification, send-off reports and registration issues. More details in next months newsletter, at the June meeting, or check the LRA website.

What was your call?

1. Whenever the referee has stopped play.
2. Ball out of play, the side entitled to a corner kick, goal kick or throwin, offside, managing substitutions, and misconduct outside the view of the referee.
3. Goal kick, corner kick, throwin.

How a Young Ref Earns Respect

Many young referees find it challenging to gain the respect of parents, coaches, and sometimes even the players. In this four part series I will discuss the main things that affect how a young referee earns respect. They are Appearance, Speech, Game Situations, and Being Worthy of Respect. The focus for this issue will concentrate on the young referee's Appearance. Appearance is obviously the first thing that is noticed of a referee. Without ever meeting, speaking, or shaking hands, appearance has a big impact on how the referee is treated before, during and after the match. With that said it's easy to see how a first impression and the ref's appearance go hand in hand. The ref's appearance can have a big effect on their first impression. It's been said that it takes over twenty subsequent encounters with a person to reverse a first impression. It's easy to understand how it can last through the whole game. A young ref can make a big difference in their appearance by wearing the referee uniform like an adult. The socks should be pulled up and either tight enough or secured with elastic to prevent them from falling down. With the socks pulled up, shorts that are oversize tend to make a referee look shorter. Oversize shorts will almost meet the socks and make the ref look shorter or smaller. In order to project a more adult like appearance, the referee should always wear proper size, and all black, shorts. It should go without saying that a referee should be well groomed with hair that doesn't look like they just woke up. And always observe the "No's". NO Jewelry, NO Hats, and NO sunglasses. Another aspect of appearance is the first part of the word itself, Appear. Appear at the field at least 30 minutes prior to game time. Showing up late makes you appear unorganized, undependable, and untrustworthy, not to mention what it does for your first impression. When you've showed up on time and are looking good, make it a point to do a pre-game stretch. This gives the impression that you are preparing for the match and take it seriously. Now you're ready to greet the coach. When approaching a coach, walk with a purpose. Don't just wander over to them. Remember the Ups. Stand Up (straight), hold your Chin Up, and keep your Head Up. When greeting a coach to shake hands, always try to be the first to extend your hand. This will allow you to maintain eye contact and not look down for the coach's hand. Give a firm handshake, maintain eye contact, and introduce yourself in a firm, friendly voice with a smile. Greeting a coach without a smile could tell them you really don't want to be there, causing them to have a lack of respect for you. By practicing these aspects of appearance, a young referee can benefit from a positive first impression a certain amount of respect that comes with it.

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Hey Ref, What are you gonna do?

After the referee stopped play, the ball must be put back into play with a drop ball. If the referee does a drop ball with an opponent present, the goalkeeper can participate and handle the ball after the bounce if it occurs in the penalty area. Hopefully, the referee will do a drop ball with only the goalkeeper present, allowing play to continue as if it were not stopped. The law on drop balls does not mandate the drop ball be performed in the presence of both teams.

Thanks to "Ask the Ref" website

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