

Livermore Referee Association

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Referee Calendar of Events



LRA Meeting No meeting in May!



**June 16th Assignor's Clinic sponsored by District 3 8:00am - 5:00pm.
Pleasanton Library. Call Michelle if you are interested.**



June 23-24. June Cup, Kellman Fields



LRA Meeting, Monday June 25.

Meeting Agenda



May Meeting: Hey, you've worked hard, take the month off. With Memorial Day weekend in the mix, there will be no monthly meeting on May 28. Our next meeting will be on June 25, 7:00 p.m., at the Livermore Police Department's Community Room at 1110 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore. Our tentative guest for that night will be Bob Martinez, speaking on fitness for referees. 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 6 years. He is a frequent speaker at our meetings. More details in the June newsletter.



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

1. Of six offences that result in a direct free kick, if committed in a manner that is careless, reckless or using excessive force, which three include a failed attempt to offend?
2. How many players of the defending and attacking team are allowed inside the penalty area at the taking of a goal kick?

See the answers on page 4.



Are you in shape for upgrading? Find out

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

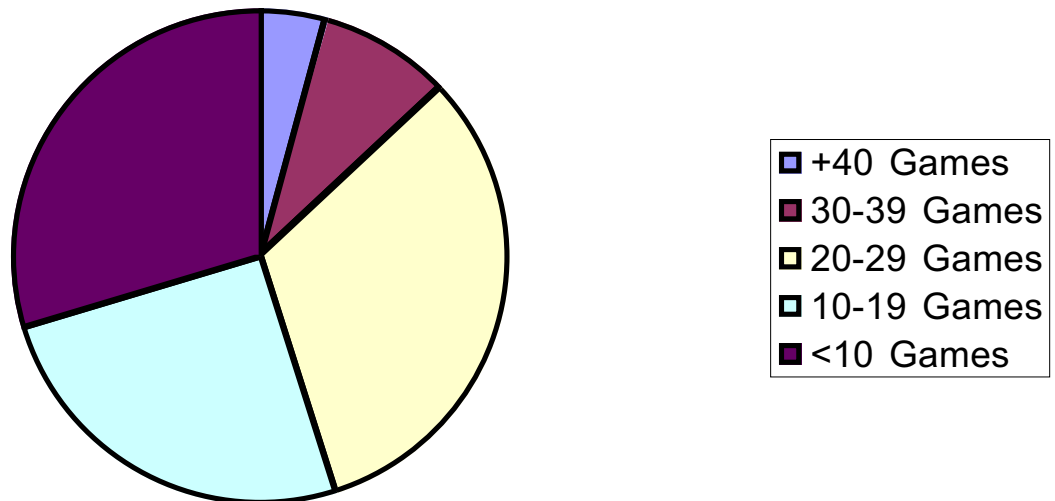


Articles

You refs are picking up the load!

Results of the 2000 season show that more Livermore refs are doing more games. As recently as the past couple of years, the majority of refs in the LRA did fewer than five games a season. This past year over 70% (65 of 91 refs) did at least ten games, almost half did 20 games or more and less than 20% did five or fewer games. And these numbers do not include tournament games. This is a trend we like. More games means better coverage for the kids, and more experience for referees. As an association, we covered nearly 1600 league games last year. When you add the tournaments in that's probably close to 2000 games. That's a terrific record, both for you refs, and our assignors. If you are wondering who those nuts are who did forty or more games, they were: Jeff Wagoner, William G. Hoppes, Michelle Kuiee, and Karen Nunes.

**LRA 2000 Season
Activity of 91 Referees**



Keep managing that Wall!

One of a referee's most difficult tasks is managing the wall on free kicks near the penalty to help ensure that the defending team gets no unfair advantage. Referees should rightly focus their attention on the defenders and be attentive to possible misconduct by members of the defending team. This is certainly an extremely important element in the referee's mechanics for handling free kick restarts. But, what about the attackers? Is it also possible that they may be guilty of misconduct in such free kick situations? You bet. That is what I want to stress, in keeping with a memorandum of 26 January 1999 by Alfred Kleinaitis, Manager of Referee Development and Education. When defenders are forming their wall- after the referee has ensured they are full ten yards from the ball- one or more attackers may attempt to break into the defensive formation. This is, of course, a legal action, but the referee must be alert for illegal actions by these attacking players and must be in the appropriate position to watch for any misconduct by them. Increasingly teams are adapting a tactic wherein an attacker joins the wall and, at the moment the free kick is taken pulls or pushes a defender who is in the wall so as to create an open space through which the ball may pass. Referees should always be aware of this possibility and be prepared to take the appropriate action when an attacker commits this or some other misconduct or foul. Even more important however, is the need for the referee to take a position at the taking of free kicks, which will enable her/him to see such unfair play. This behavior frequently involves holding or locking arms behind the backs of players in the wall. Experienced referees know that proper positioning often serves to prevent actions of this sort from occurring. Soccer is a game of many dimensions. An effective referee will attempt to keep these various dimensions in mind when she/he sets out to officiate a match.

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Hey Ref, What you gonna do?

1. A player hits the ground hard with their head. They stay down and you stop play. They do not get up and you motion the coach to enter the field. The coach kneels over the player and after about 5 minutes stands the player up. As referee you tell the coach to sub the player off, but the coach says the player will stay on and play and that you can't make him sub. Now what?
- 2 Team A is attacking. They shoot and a player on Team B, in the penalty area, handles the ball. Just as you are blowing your whistle, Team A shoots and scores. What's the restart?
3. A player (# 6) from the blue team runs across the touch line, off the field of play, to retrieve a ball last played by a member of the red team which is ahead 1-0 with 3 minutes remaining in the game. The ball is kicked away by a spectator who is then struck by Blue # 6. Holy Smoke! What do you do?

See the answers on page 4.

What was your call?

1. Kicking or attempts to kick, striking or attempts to strike, and tripping or attempts to trip.
2. No attackers, but any number of defenders as long as the ball leaves penalty area before being played.

Hey Ref, What you gonna do?

1. Yes, the coach was partly correct and yes, the referee can force the player to leave -- but not through substitution: The referee cannot force the coach to make any substitutions at any time during the game, nor can he force a player to leave even if the team wants sub for him. However, according to Law 5, if the referee believes a player to be seriously injured, he will stop the game and if the player requires treatment, the referee can order the player to be removed from the field for that treatment.
2. No goal, PK. The referee cannot award the goal in this case, as he had already decided to stop play for the infringement by the defender. This is a good case for hesitating just a second longer before making a final decision on a matter of such magnitude.
3. There is no "foul" since a player on the field of play must commit the act against an opponent when the ball is in play. Anything else, no matter when or where it occurs, is misconduct. In this example the misconduct is Violent Conduct, which may occur anytime whether or not the ball is in play, anyplace on or off the field of play, and against anyone, opponent, coach, spectator, referee, or team-mate so you must send off Blue # 6. Play is restarted with a throw-in for the Blue team since the restart is determined by the original reason for the stoppage. You might consider adding time in such a situation. Boo! on the spectator!



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