

Livermore Referee Association



Referee Calendar of Events



November 24-25th Livermore Thanksgiving Invitational
November 26th LRA Meeting
Fun Run December 9th 8 AM Foothill High School
December 10th Annual LRA Meeting Round Table on Stanley

Meeting Agenda



November meeting: The next meeting of the Livermore Referee Association will be held on Monday, November 26th, 2001, 7:00 P.M. It's video time again, this is an excellent one on fair and foul challenges and managing set plays. Our meeting will be at the Livermore Police Department's Community Room at 1110 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore, CA.

December meeting: Our annual meeting will be on December 10 at the Roundtable Pizza on Stanley (in the Warehouse/Kmart) shopping center beginning at 7:00. The pizza is on the association, so how can you beat a deal like that. This is the meeting where we review the ups and downs of the past season and elect officers for the coming year. So please be there, eat and vote.

Wrapping up some lose ends

All the game cards have been turned in. If there are games you did that you think you weren't paid for, particularly if they were early in the season, give Michelle an email.

Make sure that shinguards cover 1/2 the shin or no play; apparently micro-shinguards are becoming some sort of fashion statement in the older age groups.

It's not too early to start recruiting, the next ref clinic will probably be in March 02.



Questions for all you clever refs out there.



1. Name six things a referee should consider when determining whether to elevate a foul to misconduct.
2. We all know that an AR communicates important information to the CR with his flag, but describe four instances where the AR communicates important information simply by his position or movement.
3. How many sides does a soccer ball have?

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**Hey Ref!
What are you gonna do?**



1. It's one of those games. The U12B team, the Breakers is pounding the Clash 11-0 and shows no sign of letting up. As the Breakers' star forward weaves through the PA to try for his sixth goal, a desperate Clash defender trips him. As everyone sets up for the PK, the beleaguered Clash goalkeeper comes up to you and says, "if they want goals so bad they can have this one. Do you mind if I just stand over here by you while he takes this kick." You give this some thought, and then you answer

2. There are two minutes to go in the second half of overtime in this hard fought, scoreless U16G final between the Ajax and the Storm.



After a long run, the Ajax striker is slow getting back and is in an offside position as the Storm sweeper collects an errant pass and sends it forward. Instead of a long clearing kick, the Storm sweeper miss-hits and pounds the ball into the back of a retreating Ajax midfielder. The ball rebounds right to the Ajax striker who puts it in the net with a beautiful chip over the leaping Storm goalie. PANDEMONIUM ensues. You look over at your AR; she is looking back at you with a slight shrug of her shoulders. OK, OK, you can get this right, think it through.

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Remember that you will make mistakes, it's an occupational hazard of an avocation that calls for a multitude of split-second decisions under very stressful conditions. *From "The 25 most important things to know about officiating".*





ARTICLE



Ken Aston, Soccer Referee Who Originated Red Card, Dies at 86

By RAY CORMIER, NY times

Ken Aston, the referee for one of the most infamous World Cup soccer matches and the originator of the cards used to indicate that a player is guilty of misconduct, died Tuesday in Ilford, England. He was 86 and lived in Ilford.

Aston, a longtime British referee, officiated the opening match of the 1962 World Cup finals in Chile. In a subsequent game between Chile and Italy in Santiago, he replaced the scheduled referee because of building tension. Claims that Italian journalists had written disparaging remarks about Chilean women riled tempers in Chile, and Chile's 2-0 victory in front of 66,000 rabid fans was marred by such rough play that armed police officers entered the field to help Aston keep control.

After retiring from refereeing, in 1964 Aston became chairman of the international referee committee of FIFA, the sport's governing body, and then its chief referee instructor. In 1966, after confusion at a World Cup game concerning disciplinary action by a referee, Aston came up with and pushed for the idea of showing a yellow card for an official caution and a red card for an ejection. He said the idea came to him while stopped at a traffic light. The cards were introduced at the 1970 World Cup finals and are used universally.

From 1980 to his death, Aston took his love for his sport and for children to the United States through an association with the American Youth Soccer Organization. He instructed referees and their instructors, and preached a philosophy that competition among children should be secondary to having fun. In 1997, he was named a Member of the Order of the British Empire for his "service to U.S. soccer."



It's that time of year again.

It's time to re-certify for 2002! All referees need to recertify each year if you haven't received your forms yet, you can go to the Cal North Referee Site on the Web at <http://www.cnra.net/> and download them. Instructions for filling out your form and submitting it can be found there as well.





**What was your call?
Answers for you clever refs**

1. a. point of contact (foot, thigh)
 - b. direction of contact (front, side, back)
 - c. timing of contact
 - d. severity of contact
 - e. intent of contact (tackle or intimidation)
 - f. result of contact



2. 1. Staying even with the second to last defender (or ball) says "I am in charge of the offside".
 2. Running up touch line after goal communicates, "valid goal"
 3. Standing at attention at corner flag after a goal is scored communicates "infraction before the goal was scored."
 4. Walking toward corner flag after signaling a foul in PA communicates "PK".
3. Two, inside and outside

Hey Ref, What are you gonna do?

1. We can be a little helpful. Law 14 tells us: "Position of the Ball and the Players: The ball is placed on the penalty mark, the player taking the penalty kick: is properly identified and the defending goalkeeper remains on his goal line, facing the kicker, between the goalposts until the ball has been kicked" While referees should never threaten players with punishment, the intelligent referee might suggest a few alternatives to the goalkeeper: (1) substitute out or exchange places with another player, (2) stand on the line, as required by Law 14, or (3) be cautioned for delaying the restart of play. If, after being cautioned, the goalkeeper still refuses to take up his proper position on the line, then he would be cautioned again and sent off for receiving a second caution in the same match. In no event may there be no goalkeeper on the goal line, between the goalposts and facing the kicker, at the taking of a penalty kick. If the goalkeeper and the team are unwilling to accept alternative 1 or 2, then alternative 3 must be followed.



2. Offside! The ball traveling to the Ajax striker in the offside position (and actively involved in play when she gains the advantage through being in that position) was last touched by a teammate, the Ajax midfielder from whom the ball kicked by the Storm sweeper rebounded. There is no need to decide if an attacking player in an offside position gained any sort of advantage because she clearly interfered with play. There is no need to decide if her teammate intended to pass the ball because Law 11 only requires that she touch or play it. Deflections off an attacking player are considered the same as any other play for purposes of applying Law 11.

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