

Livermore Referee Association



Referee Calendar of Events



Fun Run October 21st 8 AM Foothill High School
October 22nd LRA Meeting
October 27-28th Livermore Halloween Classic
November 24-25th Livermore Thanksgiving Invitational
Fun Run December 9th 8 AM Foothill High School

Meeting Agenda



October meeting: The next meeting of the Livermore Referee Association will be held on Monday, October 22, 2001, 7:00 P.M. We tried this in June, but due to technical difficulties were unable to show it. It's the MLS offside tape! 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 are out there running lines this fall making these calls while they are getting all kinds of advice from the touchline. Our meeting will be at the Livermore Police Department's Community Room at 1110 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore, CA.

Can't get enough games?

The Premier League is looking for Grade 7 or very experienced Grade 8 refs for their games.

The four-week ODP camp will begin the second week of November in Morgan Hill. They are looking for refs, especially youth referees, to work their games.

If you are interested in either of these opportunities, contact Michelle for more information.

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1. Name the game situations when the referee must blow his whistle.
2. Name two restarts that are always considered “ceremonial”. Extra credit: define “ceremonial restart”.
3. True or False: a player can be offside on his own team’s goal kick.

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

1. It’s your fourth game of the day and that right calf is starting to cramp as you struggle to keep up with this herd of gazelles masquerading as U-14 girls. A Celtic forward rips a shot at the Rush goal. A Rush defender chest-traps the ball two yards in front of the goal line and quickly begins to dribble across the goalmouth, away from Celtic pressure. As Celtic attackers close in on the defender with the ball, the alert Rush goalie dashes up to the defender with the ball and dives for it, gathering it in. The Rush defender spots the goalie at the last second and steps back allowing the goalie to get the ball and avoiding a collision. As the

keeper punts the ball back up field, you start your run thinking “Wow, that was some good soccer!” How about the refereeing?



2. It’s been a tough season for the U-19 Boys team, the Outlaws, and with homecoming last night at the local high school, all they can muster is seven players for this 8:30 AM game against the Cobras. With ten minutes to go in the first half, an Outlaw midfielder takes a ball in the face and ends up with a bloody nose. Since he is bleeding, you send him off the field of play to be attended to. As the injured player is walking off the field, a Cobra striker comes up to you and asks “Hey ref, can they play with just six?” Well, it’s not too early in the morning for you, because you know exactly what to do.

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Remember that players cannot play with knee braces with hard metal or plastic parts, no exceptions. Also, no mini-shinguards! Make sure they reach at least half way up the shin!





ARTICLE



Show me the money!

Processing of game cards and preparing checks for LRA referees for league games through mid-September is complete. Checks for this batch were mailed on 10/13/01. Another batch of games cards for games ending 9/30/01 are also in process. If you are missing games, subject to the above dates, that you believe you should be paid for, it could be for one of the following reasons:

1. The referee or assistant referee(s) did not check that the game information was recorded correctly. The minimal information is game date, time, level of game (e.g., U14-G), location and the names of the referees. If you are the referee, ensure that the coach fills out the basic game information on the game card correctly. The pay rate and eventual payment is based on confirming a valid game which includes determining the level.
2. The handwriting is illegible or the card is water or perspiration damaged such that the above information is not clear.
3. The referee holds on to the game cards and does not turn them in. If you are an AR and believe a reasonable time has passed, check with the referee you worked with and ensure that he/she has turned the card(s) in.

Game card tracking, posting, and payment preparation is an ongoing process during the soccer season. It takes considerable time and effort by the persons picking up the game cards and entering the game data into a database. Later, the Treasurer issues and mails the checks and statements. Please be patient! If, after a period of time, you still have not been paid, please contact, Michelle Kuiee and sending her an email message.





What was your call?



- a. None. A ref is not required by the Laws of the Game to use a whistle under any particular set of circumstances. He is required to signal for all starts and restarts, and signal when necessary to stop the game. That signal can be a whistle, a hand gesture, a simple word, or whatever gets the message to the players.
- b. Kick-off and penalty kick. Extra credit: a restart in which the referee must give a definite signal to indicate that all the prerequisites for the restart have been met.
- c. False

Hey Ref, What are you gonna do?

1. Not so hot. A goalkeeper infringes Law 12 if she touches the ball with her hands directly after it has been deliberately kicked to her by a teammate. The requirement that the ball be kicked means only that it has been played with the foot. The requirement that the ball be “kicked to” the goalkeeper means only that the play is to or toward a place where the keeper can legally handle the ball. The requirement that the ball be “deliberately kicked” means that the play on the ball is deliberate and does not include situations in which the ball has been, in the opinion of the referee, accidentally deflected or misdirected. The goalkeeper has also infringed the Law if she handles the ball after initially playing the ball in some other way (e.g., with her feet). There should be no further question here. The goalkeeper has clearly infringed the Law and must be punished through the award of an indirect free kick to the opposing team from the place where she touched the ball (keeping in mind the special circumstances described in Law 8).



2. Play On! As long as there are seven players who are still eligible to be on the field, provided they can return after repair to equipment or self. Do not suspend play or add time. If the player must go off for repair, the game goes on until it becomes clear that he cannot return, at which time it is abandoned.

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