

Livermore Referee Association

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Referee Calendar of Events



September 24th LRA Meeting



September 29-30th Livermore Girls Fall Classic



October 13-14th LYSL Boys House Tournament



October 27-28th Livermore Halloween Classic



Fun Run October 21st Location TBD



Meeting Agenda



September meeting: The next meeting of the Livermore Referee Association will be held on Monday, September 25, 2001, 7:00 P.M. At the time of this newsletter, the program is yet to be determined, but it is sure to be a good one. Our meeting will be at the Livermore Police Department's Community Room at 1110 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore, CA.

A Referee Self-assessment (adapted from the AYSO newsletter)



1. Was I mentally and physically prepared for this level of play?
2. Did I call the game too tightly?
3. Was I too fussy about minor details and trifling fouls?
4. Did I call the game too loosely?
5. When was I too quick with the whistle?
6. When was I too slow with the whistle?
7. Did I over-react to any incidents?
8. Did I let the coaches or parents influence any of my decisions?
9. Did I allow any negative or abusive behavior affect the players or my ref team?
10. Did I make any mistakes applying the laws of the game?
11. Did I have a professional manner with players and coaches?
12. Did I work with my partners as a referee team?
13. Was the match safe, fun and fair?
14. What will I do differently in my next match?
15. Did I have fun?



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

1. ***The following question was inspired by a total brainlock your editor suffered in a recent match.***

Having been the beneficiary of an offside call, the green fullback places the ball within the PA and takes the indirect kick. After kicking it once, the fullback sprints forward and whacks it again just before it leaves the PA. As CR, your next step is to:

- a. Play on, as long as no offensive player played the ball before it left the PA.
 - b. Double touch-indirect kick for White.
 - c. Re-kick
2. A player makes a fair charge off the ball, as CR you should
 - a. Do nothing; it's no longer a foul as long as the charge wasn't careless, reckless or with excessive force.
 - b. Award a direct free kick
 - c. Award an indirect free kick
 3. Name three instances when an AR should never lower their flag until the Center acknowledges it.

Answer on page 3

Hey Ref! What are you gonna do?

1. You just whistled Green for impeding. You're pleased with yourself for making such a good call; this game is going well. Before you can signal, speak or take another breath, the White midfielder places the ball and pounds it, untouched, into the net. Oh No! Wait for me! Rats! now you should

2. It's a hot Saturday afternoon and tempers, including yours, are getting short in this U16B game. There is a scramble for a loose ball near the goal and the keeper finally gathers it in. Although there was a lot of contact, you call no foul. As the keeper prepares to punt the ball away, his fullback makes a derogatory remark about your refereeing skills. You've had enough of this kid, so you blow your whistle, tell the keeper to hold the ball, and caution the little twerp. Well, that should take care of him for awhile. Hmmm, now how do we restart this thing?

Answers on page 4

The ball never committed a foul. Become a player watcher, not a ball watcher.



Articles

In the SOCREP-L discussion list there was a recent presentation by Jim Allen on OGSO

Here are the requirements for an obvious goal scoring opportunity. If all of them do not exist (ITOOTR) there is no OGSO:

1. The player involved must be heading **DIRECTLY FOR THE GOAL**, not toward the goal line or the corner, but directly at the goal.
2. There can be **NO MORE THAN ONE DEFENDER** between the player heading directly for the goal and the goal line. In other words, if an attacker is fouled by a **defender who is in front of him as he approaches the goal**, and there is a goalkeeper in the goal, it is not an OGSO. If there are two defenders between the player with the goal scoring opportunity when he is taken down or otherwise impeded, and the player doing the taking down is not one of those two, then there is no violation of the OGSO rule. If one of those two does the impeding, etc, there is a violation. If there is only one person and he does the impeding, etc., that is a violation.
3. The player heading directly for the goal must have a **REASONABLE OPPORTUNITY TO SHOOT**. It does not have to be a guaranteed goal, simply an opportunity to get to the ball and shoot. If the ball is too far away for a reasonable opportunity to shoot, there is no OGSO. If the player could not possibly get to the ball to have a reasonable opportunity to shoot, there is no OGSO. Finally, the closer the player is to the goal, the greater the probability there is of an OGSO, if all other conditions apply



What was your call?

1. Rekick, the ball is not in play until it leaves the PA.
2. Award an indirect free kick.
3. a) ball out of play and then back in, b) offside pass and attack continues, c) misconduct that referee does not observe



Hey Ref, What are you gonna do?

1. The goal cannot be counted, and the restart is a goal kick for Green.
2. If the game is stopped solely to deal with misconduct committed by a player on the field, the proper restart is an indirect free kick taken from the location of the misconduct (subject to the conditions imposed by Law 8 and Law 13). The indirect free kick should have been taken from the spot where the goalkeeper's teammate voiced his dissent and the referee chose to hear it. Much of the correct solution lies in the referee's need for game control and management. Unless the game had been going badly and the referee needed a caution immediately to maintain or regain control, the intelligent referee would have given the advantage and then issued the caution and yellow card at the next natural stoppage of the game.

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