

Livermore Referee Association



Referee Calendar of Events



February 25th LRA Meeting
March 2nd, 3rd, 13th,, 20th LYSA Registration
March 16th Advanced Referee Workshop, Dublin
(primarily for those wishing to do Amateur League games).
June 1st LAST DAY TO REGISTER FOR 2002!

Meeting Agenda



February meeting: OK, last month it was cookies and hot coco, this month DOOR PRIZES! At the AGM meeting in Fresno, Duane Rueppel (successfully guessing a number between 1-1000) won Brian Hall's referee bag from a recent CONCACAF match. Duane has agreed to donate it as a door prize at our monthly meeting. So come and get this cool prize. For the meeting itself we have a new tape. This one covers two areas:

First, **Use of the Penalty Mark** examines in close detail the application of the laws relating to both penalty kicks and to kicks from the penalty mark to determine the result of a game - with the aid of computer graphics and examples taken from the 1990 World Cup Finals.

Second, **Judging Challenges** puts the viewer in the position of the match referee. Presented with a series of 40 clips of challenges, the viewer is required to make an instantaneous decision and judge whether or not th offense has been committed. Each clip is then analyzed and discussed.

Hey, in last month's newsletter there was a glaring omission. Susan Gazzulo was awarded female rookie of the year at the December meeting (my bad, ed.)



We need your help!

In case you hadn't noticed LYSL registration is coming up. In fact it starts the week after you get this newsletter. This is one of the most important times when we recruit new referees. We always have a table set up at registration and show *Myths of the Game* and convince folks what a great time they would have as referees. We need you to help man the table. We especially want youth referees to help recruit. If you can help for a couple of hours on any of the dates, March 2, 3, 13, or 20, give Brian Hufford a call at 373-7952 or drop him an email at brifuff@yahoo.com.

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



1. The referee cautions Bill (again?). Assuming in all the following cases of leaving and returning to the field that the referee has given his permission, which of the following are correct:

- a. Bill may be replaced by a substitute
- b. It is not mandatory that Bill be replaced by a substitute
- c. Bill cannot be replaced and his team must play short
- d. If Bill leaves and is not replaced, Bill may return at the next stoppage
- e. If Bill is substituted, the opposing team may also sub one of its players
- f. The opposing team may sub even if Bill is not replaced
- g. Bill must leave the field of play
- h. If Bill leaves the field of play and is not replaced, Bill must wait for the next subopportunity before returning to the field.

2. May the team taking a corner kick choose the side of the field it is taken from?

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The first major sports event refereed with a whistle was a soccer match, held in 1878 at the English soccer Club Nottingham Forest. Before that, the referee had signaled to players by waving a handkerchief. The whistle used was brass, pealess and made by Acme Whistle founder Joseph Hudson.



Hey Ref! What are you gonna do?

1. Man it's cold this morning. You have the center for this 8:00 AM first round GU14 tournament game. There is frost all over the grass and you are wishing you'd brought your gloves. But the girls are playing hard and you've been running and starting to get warm. An Xtreme midfielder tries a through-pass to her striker but leads her too far and it is an easy pickup by the Heat goalie. The Heat goalie steps up to punt the ball off, slips a bit, drops the ball to the ground, catches it on the bounce and punts it away. Out of the corner of your eye, you can see the whole sideline of Xtreme parents rising up out of their lawnchairs and pointing. Oh oh, you ...

2. What's with this field? The fields at Loomis Park get a lot of use. Tee-ball, football and U8-U14 soccer. There are lines all over the place. On field 4 there are outer lines for the olders and inner lines for the youngsters. Your U12B game between the Aztecs and the Blackhawks is using the outer lines. Under pressure near his own goal an Aztec defender puts the ball over the touchline. The Blackhawk midfielder rushes to take the throw in. This kid can really throw, he can almost put it in the net. As he runs up to take the throw, he goes right past the outer line and takes the throw just behind the inner line, well on the field of play. Man, can't these kids keep track of where they are. Ok I guess the restart is ...

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Articles

It wasn't so far to Fresno after-all



The Livermore Referee Association was well represented at the CYSA AGM weekend, February 9th in Fresno. Fifteen Livermore referees were spotted during all or part of the sessions: Robert Beams, John Hinton, Bill, Bill L. and Sam Hoppes, Brian and Jimmy Hufford, Michelle Kuiee, Gary Lazar, Manuel, Karen and Chris Nunes, Matt Pesquierra, Duane Rueppel and John Young. A major focus of the referee session was to honor Cal-North referee, Brian Hall from Gilroy. On January 7, Brian was appointed by FIFA as one of the 36 referees that will officiate at the 2002 World Cup in Korea and Japan (the World Cup starts 31 May). He is the only referee from the U.S. honored with an assignment to the World Cup. Brian gave an excellent talk on his experiences as a FIFA referee and what it took to get him there. Phil Kahlstrom gave an excellent talk on offside that lead to some lively discussion and disagreement. Other presenters included Bob Martinez, District 3 Director of Instruction Bill Miller, and FIFA referee Ricardo Valenzuela. After scoring big in the door prizes department, most of the LRA contingent headed back home, with some staying over for the Annual General Meeting on Sunday.



OK clever refs, what was your call?

1. Which ones were correct? a,b,d,e,f
2. No, it must be on the side of the field it passed over the goal line on. If it was over the crossbar, the referee should decide which side it left on (Law 17)



Hey Ref, What are you gonna do?



1. Play On! The requirement of Law 12 is that she not touch/handle the ball again after once releasing it. After dropping the ball if she again picks up the ball with her hands, the referee would be TECHNICALLY correct in awarding an indirect free kick to the Xtreme, but he would be definitely wrong in the Spirit of the Game. Such bobbles are part of the game and should be allowed if they are, in the opinion of the referee, truly accidental and not a planned stratagem to gain more ground.

2. Throw-in for Aztecs. The throw-in was not taken from within one yard of the place where it left the field, so the requirements of Law 15 were not met. The Law is clear for restarting after such an infringement of the Law: “. . . the throw-in is taken by a player of the opposing team” from the proper place on the touchline. There can be no punishment for deliberately handling the ball, because the ball must be put back into play properly before a foul can occur.

Thanks to “Ask the Ref” website



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