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# Livermore Referee Association

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## Referee Calendar of Events



November 25th	Livermore Referee Association Meeting
Nov. 30-Dec. 1st	Livermore Thanksgiving Invitational
December 7-8th	Crossroads Tournament, Dublin U13 Girls TOC in Livermore
December 8th	Fun Run 8 AM Foothill HS, Pleasanton

## Meeting Agenda

### *LRA Meeting November 25th*

**Zero tolerance, no one likes to send coaches or parents off or have either sideline in an uproar, but it has happened to all of us.** How do we get ourselves in situations where we have to enforce zero tolerance? At this meeting we will discuss what zero tolerance means, but just as important, we are going to look back over the past season and see what sort of issues and situations get coaches and parents going, what can you as a ref do to steer clear of these pitfalls and keep it fair, safe, and **FUN!** for all. See you there! Don't forget, our meetings are always catered by our crack refreshment staff, and have door prizes. This meeting we are going to dig deep into our door prize bag. We still have flags; we still have a jersey, and many, many flipping coins. If you haven't won yet, this meeting will be your best chance. We especially encourage our new refs to attend. Meeting begins at 7:00 PM at the Livermore Police Department's Community Room at 1110 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore, CA.



## HOT OFF THE WIRE

**George Cummings will conduct a Symposium on Friday, Nov 22nd, 6:00 PM at Evergreen College, South San Jose. He will be showing Video Tapes taken by FIFA in the last World Cup (Japan/Korea). Everyone is welcome.**

## ***The Season isn't done yet!***

Things are winding down but games are still coming. Keep your availability current. Fill in the availability calendar at our website [www.livermorerefs.org](http://www.livermorerefs.org). Or send an email to [assignor@livermorerefs.org](mailto:assignor@livermorerefs.org) or [hintonref@attbi.com](mailto:hintonref@attbi.com). Fill in the days and times that you expect to be available to ref.

Livermore Youth Soccer League asked the Livermore Referee Association to adopt a “Zero Tolerance” policy toward inappropriate behavior by coaches and spectators. What should you do? Is this really something new? We meant to talk about this at the October meeting but ran out of time. We will discuss it at the November meeting (25 Nov from 7:00 - 8:30). Bring your questions, examples, and suggestions to this most important discussion.

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## ***On the Field***



As an occasional feature, we will be presenting game situations that call for applying both the laws of the game and the “spirit of the game”. These are often some of the toughest calls a referee has to make. We’ve asked a few of our more seasoned referees to evaluate the following situation, tell us how they would handle it and why. *Disclaimer: This exercise is for entertainment purposes only and reflects only the opinions of the referees themselves. It does not, in any way, constitute official guidance from anybody. That only comes from certified USSF instructors.*

“How do you determine when time is up in a game, when and how do you decide to add time. Do you do anything differently for house and hi comp or for different ages.”



## This is how I would handle it

If a player is really hurt, I add time; but if he is taking a rest, I do not add time. On subs late in the game, if the coach is using it as a tactic to waste time, I add time. I have made the error of allowing a kickoff before ending the game, which I don't intend to do again. I usually signal my AR's as to how much time I'm adding before regulation time elapses.

**Earle Glinton**



If you have been to my entry-level clinic, you know this is a topic I feel very strong about. It always causes debate where there is no ground for debate. As all referees know, Law 7 tells us when to apply "Allowance for Time Lost"

Allowance is made in either period for all time lost through:

- substitution(s)
- assessment of injury to players
- removal of injured players from the field of play for treatment
- wasting time
- any other cause

The allowance for time lost is at the discretion of the referee."

The FIFA Questions and Answers contain the following.

1. Is it left to the referee's discretion to decide whether lost time (injuries or other causes) is to be compensated or not?

No, the referee must add on in each half of the game for all the time lost. However, the amount of such time is at the discretion of the referee.

These statements seem to leave much to the discretion of the referee but we are quite limited. You should only add time for events that interfere with playing time. You must decide at the time of the event how much time you will add. You cannot wait until the end of the game to decide how much time to add. With five minutes left in a half you should have the list of times in your head. For example, one minute for an injury, ninety seconds for time wasting, thirty seconds for a dog on the field. Exactly three minutes total. When that extended time is over, the half is over, even if the ball is flying through the air toward the goal. This especially means you should NOT add time for an active play to continue to its completion such as an attack on goal. I know that this is an exciting time but you would be giving a huge unfair advantage to one team. Show courage in this situation and end the game fairly. You also should not wait until a ball is put into play to end a half. I can only think of a couple of "other causes" not listed in Law 7 that interfere with playing time: an animal or spectator on the field delaying play, sprinklers turning on, referee injury, goal or field repair of a dangerous condition. For youth games, we are further instructed to minimize the allowance for time lost. That means you should only add time for very serious incidents such as a time consuming injury. I would not add more than a few minutes to a youth game even if an injury incident lasted ten minutes. I always have two watches, one with a countdown timer that I never stop and a count-up timer that I stop and start for incidents that reduce playing time. That way I don't have to remember the list of incidents and the count-down alarm tells me when to end the half or start looking at my count-up timer if I've added time.

**Duane Rueppel**



## Questions for the clever Refs!

1. What are the four ways an offside player can become onside?
2. Define, "gaining an advantage".



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## Hey Ref! What are you gonna do?



1. The decibel level just reached ear splitting. You are AR on the U10 Girls game between the Terminators and the Pink Panthers. The score is 4-4 and the game is in the last few minutes. The Pink Panthers have pushed the ball close to the Terminator's goal and at least half of both teams are tightly bunched in a green and white clot desperately trying to move the ball in some direction. An equal number of parents are leaping to and fro right behind you shrieking "KICK IT! KICK IT!!!" The girls are trying mightily to oblige them. One of the Pink Panthers is parked right next to the Terminator goalie; both players seem transfixed by swinging legs and one round ball. Suddenly the ball pops out of the green and white mass right to the Pink Panther who scoots the ball past the Terminator goalie and into the net. There are whoops and screams all around you. "Yeesh" you think, "was she off". You then proceed to.....
2. U14 Boys are your favorite games. The Ajax forward came up to you quietly and complained that on the last corner kick #24 of the Rush had held him. You glance over at #24. The Ajax forward is a head taller and must outweigh him by 30 lbs. If you had to play against that kind of mismatch you might do a little holding yourself, but you promised the forward you would watch for it and here you are just a few minutes later with the Ajax setting up for another corner. As you watch, #24 takes up a position behind the forward, marking him closely. As the ball is kicked, #24 takes two fistfuls of the back of the forward's jersey and holds tight making sure he doesn't go anywhere. It doesn't matter anyway as the kick is too high and too far, bouncing once and then out of touch on the opposite side for a throw-in for the Rush. You look to your AR and .....

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## **OK what was your answer Clever Refs?**

**1** A player who is in an offside position at the moment the ball is played by a teammate can become onside in only four ways: (1) The player is not in front of the ball when it is next played by one of his team; (2) the positions of the opponents change so that the player is no longer in an offside position when the ball is next played by one of his team; (3) an opponent intentionally plays or gains possession of the ball; and (4) the ball goes out of play in favor of the opposing team. The key point for all of these, other than the obvious case (4), is that someone other than the player in the offside position has to play the ball; he cannot put himself onside.

**2.** Gaining an advantage means being near enough to the play to capitalize immediately on a defender's mistake, having gained the advantage solely by being in the offside position. It is most often seen in situations where the ball rebounds from the crossbar, goalposts, or keeper (whose contact with the ball is not controlled).

*From "Advice to Referees"*



## **Answers to: Hey Ref, What are you gonna do?**



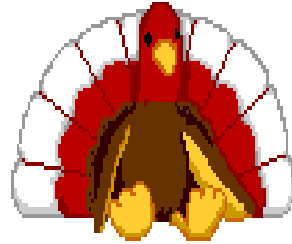
- 1.** Not raise that flag. Get over to that corner flag and stand at attention! Our maxim on offside is that the AR should never flag for offside unless he or she is certain that a player in the offside position is actually involved in play. The same goes for the referee. Tied intimately to that, and the crux of this situation, is that the ball must have been last played or touched by a teammate of the player in the offside position. Only if the referee and AR are sure that one of the Pink Panthers was the last to play the ball when it squirted out of the crowd is offside the correct call.
- 2.** Point to the penalty spot. A penal foul was committed inside the PA.

*Thanks to Jim Allen's "Ask the Ref" website*





# Happy Thanksgiving



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