

Livermore Referee Association



Referee Calendar of Events



June 23rd	Livermore Referee Association Meeting
June 28-29th	June Cup Coed Tournament, Livermore
July 25-27th	UOP Referee Clinic
July 28th	Livermore Referee Association Meeting

Meeting Agenda

LRA Meeting June 23rd You are about to get moved out of your Comfort Zone! Web-based assigning is here!

This coming season LRA is moving to web-based assigning. See John Hinton's Whistle Stop immediately below for more details. In this month's meeting John is going to explain the new system and the steps you will need to take to get games. You do not want to miss this meeting. As always, our fully catered meetings are held at 7:00 PM at the Livermore Police Department's Community Room at 1110 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore, CA

Whistle Stop – John Hinton

John Hinton is President of the Livermore Referee Association



Unless you are a new LRA referee who has never been assigned a match in Livermore, your life as a referee is about to change (for the better!). In response to requests from many of you, the Livermore Referee Association will now be using a web-based availability and assigning tool. This capability will offer a lot of great features:

- a. you will directly enter your availability into the assigning data base, rather than hoping the assignor interpreted your email or calendar info correctly,
- b. changes that you make will take affect immediately, rather than whenever the assignor gets around to updating it,
- c. you will receive automatic notifications when you are assigned matches,
- d. you will review and accept assignments on-line,
- e. you will (eventually) be able review and request open match positions, and much, much, more!

However, changes (even for the better) do not happen without a little learning. In order for this web-based availability and assigning tool to make referee lives better, we will all have to get used to doing some things differently. If you want your life as a referee to get better sooner, you should definitely come to the next LRA meeting on Monday, June 23 (7:00 – 8:30 at the Livermore Police Station). I will lead a demonstration and discussion of our new web-based tool, talk about your responsibilities, and learn along with the rest of you.



Quotations For and About Referees (though they didn't know it at the time)



“Hindsight is an exact science.” – M. H. Alderson

(After every game, good referees will take a hard, critical look at their own performance to identify what went right, what went wrong, and what they might have done to keep things from going wrong. You should be your own worst critic – but you should also recognize that under the pressure of a challenging match, not every decision that you make (or don't make) will be the best possible. Learn from your mistakes, as well as your successes, but don't beat yourself up for being human.)

“The whole problem with the world is that fools and fanatics are always so certain of themselves, but wiser people so full of doubts.” – Bertrand Russell

(Do your self-assessments after each game reveal that you did great, and that the problems were always the faults of the players, coaches, spectators, or other referees? That you made the best possible decisions? Bertrand would claim that you are either a fool or a fanatic – neither of which makes for a very good referee. I find that the really good referees often do have doubts about their performances – and try to do better next time.)

“Don't sweat petty things – or get sweaty things.” – Anonymous

(First point: Don't beat yourself up with your self-criticism keep it a positive learning lesson. Remember that it's just a game! Second point: Keep your hands off the players (especially those of the opposite sex and the young kids) – what may be intended as congratulatory pat on the back or a touch of encouragement on the arm could be interpreted by a player or their parent as an attempt to grope or push or intimidate. Play it safe out there.)

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OK - I know I've promised before, but this is really it. If you aren't registered you can't do games. Don't forget that New Year's resolution register yourself for refereeing before you register your kids for soccer. I know it's \$25, but if you do five games we will reimburse you for it. NO EXCUSES now, DO IT! Get the form online at http://www.crna.net/renew/renew_index.html fill it out and send it to the CNRA address on the form. Your editor did it, so can you!



Questions for the clever Refs!

1. True or false, it is illegal to “spike” the ball on a throw-in.
2. True or false, the top of the shoulder is considered part of the hand.
3. True or false, a referee has called for a penalty kick, can the coach switch the goalie with another player already on the field?



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Old Saturday Stumblers Soccer League (OSSSL) has arranged with the San Jose Earthquakes a special ticket price of **\$7.50** to attend their game against the Colorado Rapids on July 12th 7:00 pm at Spartan Stadium in San Jose. They have agreed to reserve a section for our group, so we can sit together, on the Westside of the Stadium. For those of you who don't know the Westside is preferable because you won't be looking into the sun during the game. Normally the large group ticket price for where we would be sitting is \$12 per ticket. In order to get this special rate we need to sell at least 500 tickets. Anyone can participate. Call or email Duane Rueppel 606-6270 rueppel@pcmagic.net with the number of tickets you need.

Hey Ref! What are you gonna do?

1. Hey! They're home! Your wife and 17 year-old daughter Sarah, have just returned from Sarah's Saturday afternoon game. You've just gotten back from reffing a couple of U12 boys games and are eager to hear how Sarah's big match with the Storm went. She plays goalie for the Elite-Strikers and both teams had been pointing to this match for over a month. Sarah walks into the kitchen, drops her bag at her feet, fixes you with "the glare", and lets you have it with both barrels. "REFEREES ARE SOOOO STOOOPID!" With that and a slamming door she is off the sanctuary of her room. Hoping that she was referring to referees in general and not any one in particular, you focus in on your wife and ask, "I take it the game did not go well?" Your wife pours herself a cup of coffee, "Well, they lost 1-0, but there was this play and no one on the sideline could figure out what the ref was thinking or why he made the call he did.

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The call was on Sarah, and of course the Storm scored their goal on the free kick." Now you're intrigued, "So, what happened."? She begins, "There was this high bouncing ball and Sarah and one of the Storm players were both going up for it. Sarah got there first and kind of "dinked" it over the head of the Storm player. Sort of the way they do in volleyball. Anyway, the ball bounced out of the PA, Sarah went after it, dribbled it back into the PA, picked it up, ran to the top of the PA and booted it downfield. Just as she kicked the ball, the Ref whistled, brought the ball all the way back and awarded the Storm a kick right in front of the goal. They ran a play and scored. No one could figure out what had happened. Someone thought he might have called six seconds, but I can't believe he'd call that. Someone else thought she might have taken more than four steps, but I know that rule doesn't apply anymore. So, what did she do wrong, or did the ref just screw up?" Hmmmm, you are going to have to think carefully about how you answer this one.

2. It's the first week of the season and it's clear that the Fusion and the Sharks haven't been practicing much. Most of these U12 boys haven't played before, as is clear from the erratic play and wild swinging legs. Your main focus now is on trying to keep someone from getting kicked and after one windmill attempt by a Fusion player, you whistle him for dangerous play and award the indirect kick to the Sharks. The restart is from just outside the PA and the Fusion goalie is ready as are several of his teammates who are back there in the goal box to either help him or get in his way, you are not sure which. It apparent that these players haven't learned the ins and outs of direct and indirect kicks, as the Shark midfielder cranks up and sends the ball right at the goal on the fly. The Fusion goalie, standing at an even 4' tall is awaiting the ball at the top of the goal box. The ball is over his and heading into the net, but before the ball enters the goal, one of his teammate-helpers leaps up and fists the ball over the crossbar. The players stand around a bit. They all know something wrong just happened, but none of them know what is supposed to happen now. Well, you just passed your fun run and test for upgrade to 7; you know exactly what is supposed to happen ...

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Unscramble this word:
RTMTANEOU

word scramble: tournament



Are you ready for tournament season

The first tournaments of the season are just weeks away. These are a great way to work the cobwebs out, see some great soccer, and meet a lot of fellow referees. Following are some of the local tournaments coming up in the next couple of months.

San Ramon Valley Cup, 8/2-3, Class I boys & girls, U11-U14, email PlayonSR@aol.com.

Mustang Stampede Classic, 8/9-10, Class I girls, U11-U19, <http://www.mustangrefs.com>

Livermore Girls Festival, 8/9-10, Class I girls U15-U16, Class III girls, U16-U19, go to www.livermorerefs.org.

Newark Referee Classic, 8/16-17, Class III boys & girls, U12-U14, email Terryreed@hotmail.com.

Pleasanton Ballistic Summer Classic, 8/16-18, Class I boys, U11-U19, go to www.pleasantonsoccer.org/PSRA.

Dublin Shamrock, 8/23-24, Class III boys & girls, U12-U19, email ref4aday@msn.com.

Livermore Boys Summer Classic, 8/23-24, Class I boys U15-U16 and Class III boys, U16-U19, go to www.livermorerefs.org.

Pleasanton Soccer City Warm Up, 8/23-24, Class III girls, U12-U19, go to www.pleasantonsoccer.org/PSRA.

Thanks to the Mustang Referees <http://www.mustangrefs.com/> for compiling this information.



OK, clever referee, what was *your* answer?

1. True. Even if a throw-in may have met the literal requirements of Law 15, it is commonly accepted throughout the world that a throw-in “spiked” into the ground is not legal.
2. False. For purposes of determining deliberate handling of the ball, the “hand” is considered to be any part of the arm-hand from fingertip to shoulder. Using the top of the shoulder is not considered as using the hand. This represents a change to the information in the USSF publication “Advice to Referees on the Laws of the Game,” section 12.11, which will be reworded to reflect this change in the next edition.
3. True. A field player may exchange places with the goalkeeper at any stoppage in play, provided the referee is informed before the change is made.

From “Advice to Referees” and Jim Allen’s “Ask a Referee”





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Sand, some sun, and lots of fun in SF

Livermore Referees were well represented at the recent San Francisco International Youth Festival this past Labor Day weekend, May 23-26. The events began with an evening symposium Friday, May 23. After latching on to their neat polo shirt, cool new ref socks, and Festival tee shirt, referees found their seats to listen to three dynamite presentations. First up was Bob Evans, co author of "For the Good of the Game". His talk, interspersed with video clips focused on those two critical times in a match, DOGSO and Serious Foul Play, when a referee has no discretion and must pull the red card. He argued that too often referees try to talk themselves out of or otherwise rationalize against the action they must take for the protection of players and fairness of the match. He urged referees to show courage and do it right. Next up was Sharon Wheeler, State Referee from Florida. She spoke about on the field health concerns for players and referees; problems with heat and cold, and knowing what the emergency procedures are in case the worst happens. Things as simple as asking coaches if any of their players have asthma or other potential problems can help. The final speaker was Sonia Denoncourt, FIFA referee from Canada. She spoke eloquently of her passion for refereeing, as well as the sacrifices she made to get to where she is. She urged everyone, regardless of their current level, to continuously strive to improve their game. Then, Saturday, it was on to the matches!

Although there were three venues for games, all mine were at "Beach" which was in the extreme western end of Golden Gate Park. At times it seemed like any old weekend at Kellman Field as Livermore had eight referees at the tournament. At one point three of the four fields at Beach had Livermore refs in the center. Representing our Association were:

David Bunch
Peter Kit
William L. Hoppes

Brian Hufford
Samatha Moos
William G. Hoppes

Jim Hufford
Sam Hoppes

Weather ranged from misty and windy on Saturday to gorgeous sun on Monday. As Ken Mitchell noted last year, there are some terrific young soccer players out there. Some of the teams from San Francisco were particularly impressive. There were also some great referees there as well. I worked with one State Ref, who took the time to give me some great advice on positioning. One tip that made me feel like a complete beginner was that I was standing in the totally wrong position at kickoff. I always stood in the defensive side of the field so I would remember which way the kickoff was going. He said, "No, stand in the kicking team's half so that you are looking through the ball to your AR. That way you are out of everyone's way, and you are already in proper position when play begins." It's stuff like that that begins to make a difference.

This was a really fun tournament: great location, great soccer, and it was great to have so many Livermore refs there. The Hoppes trio will definitely be back next year.

William G. Hoppes



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



1. The answer is clearly and specifically stated in the Laws of the Game. Law 12, International F. A. Board Decision 2 tells us: “The goalkeeper is considered to be in control of the ball by touching it with any part of his hand or arms. Possession of the ball includes the goalkeeper deliberately parrying the ball, but does not include the circumstances where, in the opinion of the referee, the ball rebounds accidentally from the goalkeeper, for example after he has made a save.” So, if Sarah did not deliberately play the ball to a particular spot — and the referee agrees that this was not deliberate — she should not be punished. Apparently the referee believed that Sarah deliberately played the ball to a particular spot, and awarded an indirect free kick to the Storm.
2. There can be no goal-scoring opportunity on an indirect free kick. The correct answer is caution/yellow card for unsporting behavior, with a penalty kick restart.

Thanks to Jim Allen’s “Ask the Ref” website



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Brian Hufford demonstrates the Macarena during halftime at an SF Cup game.



Peter Kit, moving into position at the SF Cup.



Quiz, how many Livermore refs can you spot in this picture from the SF Cup.
(hint: more than four, fewer than six)



Six of the eight Livermore Refs at the SF Cup,
from left to right, Sam Hoppes, William L. Hoppes, Brian Hufford,
William G. Hoppes, Peter Kit, David Bunch.

Not pictured Jim Hufford and Samantha Moos who were off doing games at the Polo Grounds.



Peter Kit, regales ARs David and Sabrina on his masterful application of advantage during the recent SF Cup



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