

Livermore Referee Association



Referee Calendar of Events



March 24th	Livermore Referee Association Meeting
April 9th	Grade 9 referee clinic
April 28th	Livermore Referee Association Meeting

Meeting Agenda

LRA Meeting March 24th

Confused? Don't quite know what to do out on the pitch sometimes? Troubled by some of those refereeing "gray areas". Well, help is here. We will show a new USSF video "The Gray Areas" prepared by the National Program for Referee Development. This video presentation addresses a number of principles and aspects of law and game management that may be vague or misunderstood by referees. The video is divided into four sections: what we need to play, mechanics of play, offside and crime and punishment. 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.

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This is the last month we will bug you. 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.d3ra.com/resources/how-to-renew.html> fill it out and send it to the CNRA address on the form. Your editor did it, so can you!

We had a great response at the LYSL registration. Over fifty potential new refs signed up to take one of our upcoming clinics. There was a great deal of interest in the Grade 9 clinic. This new proposal seems like a winner. Thanks to the following refs who helped out at registrations:

Ken Mitchell	Jim Hufford	Bing Young
Dave Bunch	Bill Hoppes	Michelle Kuiee
Sam Hoppes	Karen Nunes	Marty Bourque
Manuel Nunes	Van Henson	

The Grade 9 clinic is planned for April 9. Check out the LRA website at <http://www.livermorerefs.org> for more details. Time and place for the grade 8 clinic is TBD.



Questions for the clever Refs!



1. True or false: Just before the ball is put back into play, a request for a substitution occurs, the referee can ignore this request.
2. True or false: if a referee stops play solely to warn the player regarding his behavior, the referee must then caution the player.
3. Define: “involving excessive force”

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Hey Ref! What are you gonna do?

1. And you thought this game was going to end quietly. The U14G Comets and the Samba have played even the entire game. It's 2-2 and neither team has mounted much of an attack. That seems ok by both teams since the Samba only need a tie to advance from their bracket, and the Comets are going home win lose or tie. You've one minute to go in regular time, and five minutes ago you decided to add two minutes, so in another three minutes you can hoof it over to the ref tent for a tall cool Gatorade. One of the Comet forwards finally wakes up; she collects a long through ball, jukes the stopper, and blasts a shot past a startled Samba goalie. The shot electrifies the Samba! If they lose, they go home too! They know there are only a few minutes left. The Samba goalie hurls the ball up field where the forwards grab it; place it in the center circle, kick it forward and race off goal-ward. The Comets hurry back, but when the ball is kicked a couple of them are still on the Samba side of the field. Well, keep on your toes, you.....
2. You never see it all. The U16B Elite are playing the Fury and it is a throw in for the Elite. The throw in is near the technical area and a couple of Fury subs have to get out of the way of the Elite midfielder so he can take the throw. The Elite midfielder faces the field of play, keeps both feet outside the touch line, all routine so far, he delivers the ball from behind and over his head, but although he keeps both hands on the ball, he only lightly touches the ball with his left hand, providing all the force with his right. The throw-in spins wildly in a long arc onto the field. The Fury coach leaps out of his chair. “He can't spin the ball like that! Come on ref!, That's a foul throw!” You turn and

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OK what was your answer,

1. True
2. False
3. "Involving excessive force," means that the player has far exceeded the use of force necessary to make a fair play for the ball and has placed his opponent in considerable danger of bodily harm.

From "Advice to Referees"



The very popular San Jose Earthquakes Referee Package is back!

Any Referee, family members, or friends can order our Five Game Mini Plan in the special Referee Section. During five selected "Referee" games, we will have the Major League Soccer Referee's of the game speak afterwards, to answer any questions and analyze the calls they made. Sit with local Referees during the games and watch the San Jose Earthquakes in action! Seats are in section 129 (next to center section) and the cost is \$70 dollars for five games! The Cal North Referee Administration and the U.S. Soccer Federation endorse this program. The program also counts towards in-service hours. Tickets in the referee package cannot be exchanged for other games.

Here is a listing of the Referee game dates:

- Saturday, April 26th, Los Angeles Galaxy, 7:00pm
- Saturday, May 17, Columbus Crew, 7:00pm
- Saturday, June 28, Kansas City Wizards, 7:00pm
- Saturday, August 30, Colorado Rapids, 7:00pm
- Saturday, September 6, New England Revolution, 7:00pm

To order, contact Nicholas Harmelin at (408) 260-6336 and make sure to mention you would like to purchase the Ref Package."

Hey Ref, What are you gonna do?

1. Call them back. Law 8 requires that both teams be on their own half of the field of play for the kickoff to take place.
2. Follow play. There is no requirement in Law 15 prohibiting spin or rotational movement. In addition there is no requirement in the Law for both hands to be used with equal force, only that both hands be used.

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



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