

# Livermore Referee Association

## Referee Calendar of Events



November 22nd  
November 27-28th  
December 13th  
January 24h

Livermore Referee Association Meeting  
Livermore Thanksgiving Invitational  
LRA Year-End blowout and pizza fest  
Livermore Referee Association Annual

## Meeting Agenda

### **LRA Meeting November 22<sup>nd</sup> Feeling folded? Spindled? Mutilated?**

Hey referees! Do you have the feeling this year was a bit rougher than most? It was. We had a greater number of "incidents" than we've had in recent memory. What's causing this? Are violence and dissent naturally increasing? Are referees to blame? What can we do about it? This month's clinic focuses on the incidents we've had this year, and discusses what possible causes are for their proliferation. We look at what happens on the touchline, and how the incidents might be prevented or minimized through appropriate action by the referee. 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. We especially encourage our new referee's to attend.



### **Calling all procrastinators: Fun Run!**

If you need a Fun Run, we'll be having one the weekend of the Thanksgiving Tournament. We're working out the details now, and will publish an announcement as to the time and place. For those who have heard of a Fun Run but don't know what it entails, here is the scoop: The Fun Run is the combined written rules examination and physical fitness test that is required for all upgrades and to maintain all grades of referee at or above Grade 7. It must be completed once annually to maintain a grade. If you need that Fun Run, make sure you contact the LRA training coordinator, Kathy Kaufman ([livermorerefschool2004@yahoo.com](mailto:livermorerefschool2004@yahoo.com)).



**Questions for the clever Refs!**

1. What duties may the referee delegate to the assistant referee?
2. Name the four times a kickoff is held.
3. If a player leaves the field to correct his equipment (with permission), when may he re-enter the field?

**Answers on page 5**



**Livermore Referees do us proud**

LRA has had four referees complete their upgrade requirements this fall. Robert Fairclough recently received his State Referee badge, marking his upgrade from Grade 7 to Grade 6. Requirements for upgrading to 6 include refereeing a sufficient number of games at the U19 level or above (Adult Amateur), passing three assessments (two at referee, one at assistant referee), passing the written State Referee examination, and completion of the Fun Run. Peter Kit and Van Henson have completed all the requirements for their upgrade to Grade 6, but their paperwork is still in process, and they've not yet received the State Referee badge. Finally, Samantha Moos has completed all requirements for upgrading to Grade 7 (completing the Fun Run, a sufficient number of games, passing the written exam, and passing one assessment at referee on a U17 competitive match, or above).

Congratulations to Robert, Peter, Van, and Samantha!





# ARTICLE

## From the Touchline

Hey Referees! Our year-end meeting will be held Monday, December 13, at 7:00 PM. We'll send out a separate email giving the location. It is our last meeting of the year, and its agenda covers two items: giving the 2004 Awards (Referee of the Year, Rookie of the Year, and Most Improved Referee, for adults and youth), and the election of officers for 2005.

The positions up for election are President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. If you wish to serve as an officer, or wish to nominate someone to serve as an officer, please send email to Duane Rueppel ([ruepple@lra.gov](mailto:ruepple@lra.gov)) or Ken Mitchell ([kensan1@netzero.net](mailto:kensan1@netzero.net)), who are coordinating the nomination process.

A committee appointed by the president is selecting the year-end awards. If you wish to nominate anyone for one of the awards, please send email to Van Henson ([vhenson@comcast.net](mailto:vhenson@comcast.net)) stating whom you wish to nominate, for which award, and describing why you think they should win the award. Please forward all nominations by November 30.

As always, LRA will provide the food (traditionally pizza) and soft drinks at the year-end meeting. See you there!

*Van Henson*

### Some Thanksgiving chuckles:



What kind of music did the Pilgrims like?  
Plymouth Rock

Which side of the turkey has the most feathers?  
The outside

Why did they let the turkey join the band?  
Because he had the drumsticks

Why did the police arrest the turkey?  
They suspected it of fowl play



What's the key to a great Thanksgiving dinner?  
The turKEY

What did the turkey say before it was roasted?  
Boy! I'm stuffed!



## *Hey Ref! What are you gonna do?*

1. You thought the Comets' coach would never run out of steam. You're back in the ref tent at the Crystal City Drumstick Tournament for Girls, and your fine holiday weekend is starting to sour. Your U14 Girls match just ended with a very irate coach with a couple of parents to boot. They had followed you all the way back to the ref tent, not belligerent, but wanting to continue to argue your call in the last minute of the match. You finally told them that you'd had enough and they'd left muttering about how they had spent all this money to come all this way to this lousy tournament and how it was all now ruined because of your obviously wrong call and with all the fees they had paid to come here, why couldn't this lousy tournament get competent refs. You are starting to cool off now and as you sit there sipping your hot cocoa, you are running the play back and forth in your mind, trying to see if they have a point. There was just a minute to go and the Comets were leading the Storm 1-0. The Storm had brought the ball down the field for one last try. They had the ball just outside the PA and their left wing had been able to gain control long enough to get off a hard shot towards the right post. It had happened fast, but you had seen it clearly, a Comet defender had made a fist, stiffened her arm, and held it out away from her side just far enough to deflect the ball away. Your whistle was headed up when, out of the corner of your eye you spotted an onrushing Storm attacker, racing to the ball. You waited "help me out here, put it in the net". She was doing her best, but the keeper was coming too. They got there at the same time, the keeper smothering the attempted shot. A couple more quick touches by someone, then the ball is over the goal line, and your AR is signaling goal kick. OK, time to do your duty, you blow your whistle and point to the penalty spot. Everyone is bewildered. You explain the handball call to the Comet's captain. Upon hearing the explanation the Comets coach is airborne, "You can't wait that long! You can't let them play on and on and then call it back!" It all goes down hill from there. That's what you are thinking about now. Did you let it go too long to call it back? You didn't want to call a handball that only you could see, and right at the end of the match. You'd hoped the Storm forward would bail you out by putting the rebound in the net. She hadn't. Hmmmmm.....
2. Well this is how they learn. You are doing a U12 rec match between the Blasters and the Panthers. These kids are learning basic skills and aren't too sure of the laws of the game either. The Panther right defender has the ball but is under a lot of pressure from three of the Blasters. His goalie wants to help, and calls out to him. "Cody, Cody, send it back! Cody obliges with a hard whack of the ball towards his keeper. The keeper is getting set to catch the ball. Well, this will be easy. One of Cody's teammates, also trying to help, runs over to collect the ball. The keeper calls out "No! Leave it! The teammate does his best to comply, but in getting out of the way, the ball deflects off his calf, and travels on to the keeper, who gathers it up in his arms. You pause with the whistle half way to your mouth. Oooh! What did the laws say about this? If the ball had deflected off a member of the Blasters the keeper could pick it up, but this was a teammate. Looks like the kids aren't the only ones who need to brush up.

*Answers on page 4*



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



1. Any duties the referee feels like delegating, although it is ultimately the referee's responsibility to control the game (Law 6)
2. At the start of a match, after a goal is scored, at the start of the second half, and at the start of each period of extra time (Law 8)
3. Only at a stoppage in play, after the referee has checked his equipment and given him permission to re-enter (Law 4)

*From the Ken Aston website and Jim Allen's "Ask the Ref" website*



**Hey put down that trashy romance novel,  
we have some important reading for you**

### **Cautions and Cautionable Offenses Memo**

The National Program for Referee Development has released guidance for referees on "Cautions and Cautionable Offenses." This guide will also be of interest to players, coaches, and spectators.

Because players have a right to a reasonable degree of predictability regarding how the referee will evaluate player actions in terms of the seven cautionable offenses, The National Program for Referee Development developed guidelines for each of these offenses. Referees should read the document carefully, there are numerous cases mentioned where the referee's common sense and discretion will dictate whether a caution should be given.

### **Kicks From the Penalty Mark**

The purpose of this memorandum is to summarize the important elements of the kicks from the penalty mark procedure. It updates and expands prior memoranda on this subject.

You can download both these documents at the CalNorth Website at <http://www.cnra.net/main/index.htm>



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

1. Don't lose any sleep. It is usually unwise to play the advantage in the penalty area. That said, the referee may invoke the advantage clause and, if the advantage is not realized within the brief time span of 2-3 seconds, may call it back and award the free kick for the foul or misconduct. In fact, you did just fine. Here is what Jim Allen of "Ask a Referee" advises advanced-level referees to do when the defense commits a foul inside the penalty area: wait the 2-3 seconds and see what happens immediately thereafter. If the ball goes immediately into the net, the gods of soccer have proven themselves just; if it doesn't, call the foul and restart with the penalty kick.
2. Play on! In this case, the goalkeeper may handle the ball legally. Under the Law it is the actual handling that constitutes the offense, not the pass. In this case, the teammate's deflection has negated the original deliberate kick to the goalkeeper.

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



# Happy Thanksgiving



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