

# Livermore Referee Association

## Referee Calendar of Events



<b>August 19-22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Ballistic Summer Soccer Classic Shamrock Invitational</b>
<b>August 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Livermore Referee Association Meeting House Season begins for youngers</b>
<b>August 27-28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Pleasanton Soccer City Warm Up</b>
<b>September 3-4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Mustang Devil Mt. Tournament</b>
<b>September 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Season begins GSSL, AC, House Olders</b>
<b>September 24-25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>LYSL Fall Classic (U11-14G class 1)</b>
<b>September 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Livermore Referee Association Meeting</b>

## Meeting Agenda

**How much can we pack in one evening? The House season opens, info on offside, last minute info on the new season, plus a new CD on “Player Management.**

Hey Referees, it's time for our August meeting. We'll hold it at 7:00 PM on August 22 in the Community Room at the Livermore Police Department. We'll have an action-packed meeting, chock full of important things you really need to know!

To start, we'll take a look at the latest USSF instructional product, a presentation on “Player Management” created and narrated by Esse Baharmast (Director of Advanced and International Referee Development for USSF). This program has some useful and interesting suggestions about how to manage players in tough matches. We'll also ask the members present to relate any examples they have of particularly effective (or particularly ineffective) player management techniques.

Next, we'll try to de-mystify the new interpretation of the offside rule. Unfortunately, a lot of information mixed in with misinformation is being propagated among referees, coaches, and fans. USSF has issued several “clarifying” statements that seem to confuse as much as they enlighten. We'll go over the rule, the old interpretation, the new interpretation, and what it all means for us.

Finally, we'll cover a few “start-of-the-season” things that we didn't get time for last meeting, such as player passes, send-off reports, etc.

So, there is something for everybody at this meeting! As always, the meeting will be fully catered with goodies. Hope to see you there! (We understand that those working Monday games might be late...)

The meeting will be held Monday, April 25 at 7:00 pm in the Livermore Police Department Community Room. This meeting is especially important to our new refs, please try to make it. 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.





## From the Touchline

### The House Season Begins Monday!!

The season is here! It is time! We've all been running and hydrating, and now we were just chomping at the bit to get started. Well, we must wait no longer. The season starts Monday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>. For several weeks all the House games are played in the evenings (5:30 pm) Monday through Thursday. We have games at Robert Livermore (U14B, U14G), Christensen (U12B, U12G), Altamont Creek (U10B) and Robertson Turf (U10G, U9G).

If you have not already done so, please set your availability for these games ASAP!

After you set your availability, go back to your calendar page and make sure it is recorded correctly! Sometimes people forget to remove a full-day block and then set a part-day block without realizing that the full-day block is still in effect.

Here's a tip for the weeknight games- don't bother with partial day blocks. Our weeknight games are all at 5:30 pm, so if you simply remove the blocks for the whole day, you are in no danger of being assigned a weekday game at noon or 2:00 pm.

Don't forget to click the "Ready to be assigned" button on your start page.

-Van henson

#### Questions for the clever Refs!

Everything this month is True or False.

1. During the taking of KFTPM in a tournament semifinal, the goalkeeper saves by deflecting the ball upward and away from the goal. However, the ball strikes the ground with backspin and bounces into the goal. The referee rules that, since the forward momentum of the ball was reversed, the goal is disallowed.
2. After Player A kicks off, the ball rebounds from opposing player B's leg back to Player A who then kicks the ball to a teammate. The referee whistles play stopped and awards an indirect free kick to Player B's team.
3. A throwin by Player A goes directly into Team B's goal. The referee allows the goal.

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## Team Affiliations

Hey, referee, if you are a coach, trainer, parent of a player, or sibling of a player, you really shouldn't be refereeing that team. We can help. If you send us the information on the team with whom you are affiliated, we can set up Arbiter so you will not be assigned to games involving that team. But we need enough information that we can accurately identify which team it is. This means the division and team number (i.e., U14B Blue 6). To make certain, you can also give us the name of the head coach and (the least useful of all) the name of the team.

We may set Arbiter to allow you to set your own attachments, but that hasn't been set up just yet. So, please get the info to us pronto by emailing it to [assignor@livermorerefs.org](mailto:assignor@livermorerefs.org)

This doesn't mean you will never end up officiating your kid's game. It means you won't be *assigned* to referee that game. But if you show up, and there are referee slots open and they ask you to fill in, we will allow it **as long as both coaches know, in advance, of your affiliation and agree to your participating in the game as an official!** To be certain, you probably should note the affiliation on the game card and have both coaches initial it. If you do a game under these circumstances, make sure the referee reports on the game report that you filled the slot (or, if you fill in the center, make sure you file the "Game Report" under the "Forms" section in Arbiter) and LRA will still pay you for the match



Bill L Hoppes and Sam Hoppes relax with FIFA referee Brian Hall on the sidelines of the Mentor/Youth Match.

## Angle of View

We showed the Bob Evans new CD on how important positioning is in order to get the best view of play at a recent meeting. There were some helpful powerpoint overheads that went along with the CD. If you'd like to see those again or download a copy you can at:

[http://www.cnra.net/instruct/instruct\\_angleOfView.htm](http://www.cnra.net/instruct/instruct_angleOfView.htm)



## Livermore Summer Classic a Smashing Success

The Livermore Summer Classic was held August 6 & 7, and was a terrific success, especially from the point of view of the referees. We had U16B-3 at Kellman, U15G-1 at Robert Livermore, and U19G-1 and U19G-3 at Robertson. The most amazing part of it was that we filled every single referee slot for the tournament. In fact, every slot was filled and confirmed by Friday night, so there was no mad scrambling at the tournament to cover games. In fact, we covered every slot *including* seven Mentor slots and four 4<sup>th</sup> Official slots (one for each championship game). What's more, every referee showed up to do their assignments!

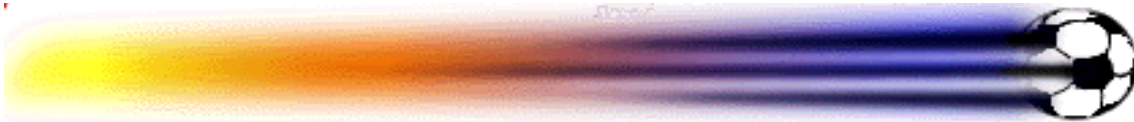
This could not have happened if it were not for the dedication of many Livermore referees, who consented to do "just one more game" (some of them gave that consent several times...) and for the wonderful neighbor referees who came from all over to do games in our tournament. We got referees from every other town in the district (Pleasanton, Dublin, San Ramon, Danville, Newark, and Fremont) and, in addition, we had referees from Alameda, Castro Valley, Tracy, Pleasant Hill, and Los Gatos. There were probably other towns represented, as well. To all these friends, and to our own dedicated referees, we say THANK YOU!!

The games themselves went off very smoothly. We've received no reports of referees being injured, no ambulances of Flights For Life being summoned to the fields, no reports of police being called, and no reports of fistfights or brawls. The tournament only had two red cards (both for second cautions), prompting one of our distinguished neighbor referees to observe that "next year you need to get some meaner teams- these games are just too easy!" We'll take that under advisement.

It was great fun for all, and a great start to the Livermore season.



Samantha Moos keeps the ball while fending off a strong challenge by FIFA referee Ricardo Valenzuela



## Fun & Games at the District Youth Program Kick-Off

Over the last several years, District Three has run a Youth Referee Program in which each club nominates their top youths to participate. These young referees are then intensively mentored, sent to tournaments to work with extremely experienced referees, mentors, and assessors, and generally trained and polished with an eye toward high-level assignments, such as State Cup or Regionals. The program has been a resounding success, with three of the most recent four State Youth Referees of the Year coming out of District III. Two of those, of course, came from the Livermore Club, Samantha Moos in 2005 and Jimmy Hufford in 2004.

Livermore has always run a very strong mentoring program, so it is no real surprise about Samantha and Jimmy, but this fact also shows up when you consider the number of Livermore youth referees still active in the District Program. We have 9 youth currently in the program, more than any other city in the District.

This was clearly evident at the Mustang Stampede Tournament, where our youth were prominently on display, and especially at the annual Youth Program Kick-off Barbeque, held Friday, August 12 at Osage Park in Danville. Livermore was represented by Samantha Moos, Jim Hufford, Katie Gazzuolo, Susie Gazzuolo, Garrett Clark, Bill L Hoppes, and Sam Hoppes, all of whom went on to referee in the tournament. Missing from the barbeque, but still in the youth program, were Kristy Lyons and Jenna Russett. Kristy did have games in the tournament, while Jenna spent the weekend at the Dublin Shamrock Jamboree, helping brother Blake get his refereeing career off to a start.

The District Three program, headed by Teesie and Gary King of Danville, has greatly expanded over the past few years, and has, in many ways, become a huge resource for top youth referees all over Cal North. This was reflected in the barbeque, where youth referees were there from almost every district, coming from as far away as Fresno and Redding.

What makes this program so successful is that the youth have melded together into a tight-knit unit, becoming great friends and colleagues with other youth from all over the district and the state, and that they are working closely with extremely high caliber mentors. The barbeque this year featured FIFA referees Brian Hall and Ricardo Valenzuela along with most of the assessors and many senior referees from throughout the district. FIFA AR Chris Strickland worked games and mentored youth throughout the tournament.

One highlight of the barbeque was the annual Mentors versus Youth soccer game. Ricardo Valenzuela played valiantly for the Mentors, but even his massive skill could not overcome a Youth squad determined to avenge last year's embarrassing loss to the Mentors, and the youth managed to eke out a last-second victory, the final score being about 15-1. Highlights of the game included watching Pleasanton's Caitlin Petrakovitz go one-on-one against her father, District III Referee Administrator Steve Petrakovitz, and take him to school several times. Livermore's favorite sons Jim Hufford (over 19 now, and playing for the Mentors) and Youth team star Garrett Clark provided offensive fireworks (Garrett scored several times, at least a hat trick, if not two). Samantha Moos and Susie Gazzuolo were seemingly everywhere at once. Van Henson, playing soccer for the second time in his life, successfully kicked the ball twice, unsuccessfully kicked it several more times, saved a sure goal with a brilliant header (couldn't duck fast enough), and executed a throw-in with such aplomb that he promptly fell down, cracked his knee on something hard (like the ground) and spent the rest of the tournament limping and icing as a result. In fact, a good time was had by all, and the Youth Program is off to a flying start.





The Livermore Referee Association heartily supports the District III Youth Program, but we must remember that it starts right here in Livermore. We have to develop the youth here that will join the Program next year. So, let's all keep our eyes peeled for the next set of young referees that are nearly ready to go forward, and let's nurture and mentor them so that by the start of the post-season tournaments, we have several candidates to step up and make a splash. If you see these youth out there, be sure to let us know by emailing one of the officers of the club!

- Van Henson



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

1. Neither of these teams came to play today. You've been given the semifinal U17B match between the Outlaws and the RatPack in the El Costa Summer Shootout. Both teams think they should be in the final, but through a combination of a contested last minute PK and total goals against, they find themselves here, where they are busily taking out their frustration on each other. You are only 13 minutes into the match and have already issued two cautions. Number 8 for the RatPack has caught your attention. He has been playing pretty recklessly and has earned one of your cautions. You have half an eye on him as the Outlaws press an attack. There is a throughpass to a running Outlaw striker. Here comes #8 though at full tilt, into a slide, cleats up, over the ball into the shin of the Outlaw striker, flipping him head over heels. You almost chip a tooth getting your whistle to your mouth. With a mighty blast of your Fox 40 you are sprinting over to the scene of the crime. One player for sure, and maybe two, the striker is still on the ground, is done for the day. Only then do you notice your AR. His flag is up! Offside! Why can't life be simple. Ok, now what.....
2. Come on, this is only my fifth game! Refing had seemed so much fun, you'd scored well on your exam, done a few ARs, and been eager to get in the middle. Now you are the center ref of a U12 girls match-the Cheetahs against the Storm. You can handle this game, but now something has happened, and you absolutely do not know what to do. You can feel 58 pairs of eyes boring into you, all expecting you to do something. And there you stand, in your fairly new yellow shirt, whistle halfway to your mouth, as the longest seconds recorded in the history of science tick oozingly by-clueless. It had all started over a goal kick. The Cheetahs had set up for the kick. You had made all the Storm get out of the PA, several of the Cheetahs hung back, the better to get in their goal keepers way. The little red head for the Cheetahs had given it a good kick but just as she did four of the Storm were into the PA in hot pursuit of the ball. At least one of the Cheetah defenders wasn't haven't any of that, but instead of kicking the ball away she gave a Storm player a hearty two-handed shove and put her flat on her back. So here you stand, a few more seconds having ticked away, hoping for a little inspiration.....***Answers on page 8***

## Livermore Newcomers Make a Splash at the Shamrock Jamboree

The Dublin Shamrock Jamboree served as an entry into refereeing for some of Livermore's newest referees August 13 & 14. The Jamboree, which always features predominantly first and second year referees, is a U9 and U10 Class 1 & 3 event. No scores are kept, and all the teams are aware that the referees are brand new. It's a pretty easygoing, fun event. Games were 20-minute halves.

Livermore was well-represented at the event. Bill Russett and Van Henson were there as Mentors, and Jenna Russett pitched in, lending her experience. The Livermore newcomers included Blake Russett, Kenny Dayton, Andrew Budiman, Jennifer Henson, Brooke Baker, and Ron and Michael Shaffer. Ron and Michael signed up for 13 games apiece, and liked it so much that they volunteered for a few more! (Look out Bill Hoppes and David Bunch, Ron Shaffer is aiming for the Iron Man Crown!) Both of them did several centers as well as taking numerous AR positions. Ron, unfortunately, got a taste of the Dark Side of refereeing, having to deal with one of the few teams with poor sportsmanship and nasty coaches. But he took it in stride. All the Livermore new referees looked very good, and represented us well!

*OK what was your answer,*

False, each and every one

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



FIFA Referee Ricardo Valenzuela tries to keep both feet down on the throw-in, while Livermore's Garrett Clark prepares to intercept the throw. Who's the mystery defender lurking back by the goal?



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

1. If the referee accepts the signal for offside from the AR, he sends off #8 for violent conduct and restarts play with an indirect free kick for the RatPack. If the referee does not accept that an offside offence has occurred, #8 is sent off for serious foul play and play is restarted with a penalty kick or a direct free kick for the Outlaws as appropriate.
2. Since the ball had not left the penalty area it had not been put back into play. The offending Cheetah player may be cautioned or sent off according to the nature and seriousness of the offense and the goal kick is retaken.

Thanks to Jim Allen's "Ask the Ref" website, and the ATR



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