

# Livermore Referee Association

## Referee Calendar of Events



July 25 <sup>th</sup>	Livermore Referee Association Meeting
July 30-31 <sup>st</sup>	Rage College Showcase
August 6-7 <sup>th</sup>	Livermore Summer Class San Ramon Valley Cup
August 19- 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Ballistic Summer Soccer Classic
August 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Livermore Referee Association Meeting

## Meeting Agenda

**Don't miss this one! Your "Ref Survival Kit" for the upcoming season, plus Duane Rueppel at no additional charge!**

We have our monthly meeting coming up Monday, July 25, at 7:00 PM in the Community Room at the Livermore Police Station. This month, our program is really in two parts. One part is for everybody. As we do every year, we have asked Duane Rueppel, Livermore's senior Instructor, to discuss recent changes to the Laws of the Game. There have been a number of changes this year. As usual, many of those changes are simply cosmetic and have no real effect on us. However, there are two or three that are significant, and will cause us to change the way we do things. Duane will walk us through the important changes and show just what the effect of them will be for referees.

The second part of the program is aimed at new referees (we have 45 newly minted referees, 35 in Grade 8 and 10 in Grade 9), but should be valuable to everyone. This is the Referee Survival Kit, in which we go over basic things every Livermore Referee should know, from how to work with the assignor and the Arbiter, how to get games, how to comport oneself as a referee, to how to handle game reporting, how (and when and where) to file send-off and incident reports, how to conduct field and equipment inspections, how to get picked for Association, American, and State Cup games, all the info to make your season go smoothly and worry free. It should be very useful information, whether you hear it for the first time, or the tenth time.

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

Well, all my good intentions of putting out a blog each night of Regionals went south. Generally, I was just too tired at the end of the day. So, here are a few highlights and just a few thoughts.

It turned out to be a fabulous! I think the Livermore people acquitted themselves quite well. Jimmy Hufford, Samantha Moos, Suzie Gazzuolo and I made the trip. For starters, no other club in Cal North contributed as many as 4 referees to the event, so I think we can be justifiably proud of that fact! We all got a decent selection of games to work. The big news, of course, is that Jim and Sam both got assigned to finals! That is a terrific accomplishment. Only 64 of the 260+ referees present got assigned finals, so it is quite an honor. It is an amazing feeling, sitting in the meeting room the night before finals as the assignments are announced. Every referee in the room is hoping to hear their name called. The assignments are announced and the referees for each game asked to stand. It's a lot of suspense and fun. These assignments are the culmination of four days worth of refereeing and assessments, so it is high praise to be selected. Jim was AR1 on the U12B final while Sam was AR2 for the U16B final, and they both did a terrific job on their game. Jim also had the center of one of the U16B semifinals on Friday, and it turned out to be a very tough match. Next time you see him, ask him how an AR or a 4<sup>th</sup> official can help defuse a situation where players start fighting. I'm sure he can bend your ear quite a while about that, as he got a very close up look at what happens when the ARs and 4<sup>th</sup> elect to do nothing...

Livermore sent both the youngest (Susie Gazzuolo) and the oldest (well, me) referees of the Cal North delegation. My games were pretty typical for a 50-year old at his second regionals (as if that situation arises enough to have a "typical"). I ran lines on 5 games, did 2 games as 4<sup>th</sup> official, and centered two games. All my lines were AR1, and I had U16G, U13B, U18G, U15B, and U14B (this one was a quarterfinal). My two centers were U13B and U15G, while my 4<sup>th</sup> official assignments were U14G and a U15B (quarterfinal). Some of the games were very lopsided (the U16G ended up 14-1) which often happens in the early rounds, where the "have" states like Cal South or Colorado come up against the "have nots" from Alaska, Montana, or Wyoming. My two centers were both quite competitive, and the 4<sup>th</sup> official on the quarterfinal was an exceptionally challenging assignment (boy, I wish I'd had my center, Erick Walker, toss that coach!).

One of my personal high points was in the U15G game I centered. In the 78<sup>th</sup> minute, the keeper got the ball in the PA and unleashed a mighty punt (with a good tailwind) that came down about 15 yards past the halfway line. I was in the PA when she got the ball and had to retreat rapidly up field. I still had enough left to not only get to the drop zone, but I actually overran it by about 10 yards. In the process I

# S O C C E R

sprinted past all the players, several of whom were running full-tilt. Granted, they were but 14 year-old girls, but I'm closer to 85 than I am to their age, and it was the 78<sup>th</sup> minute, after all! (OK, I was also running downhill, but, heck, so were they!) Anyway, I got kind of a charge out of running past them, even if the assessor did observe that by overrunning the drop zone I was out of position (@&&\$# assessors!).

One other event of note happened to me. On the very first night we went to the instructional meeting (there was a meeting almost every night, and most had an instructional component). The Tournament instructor was Kevin Stott, a FIFA referee from Southern California (and the USSF nominee to referee in next year's World Cup finals in Germany). Kevin had a Power Point presentation, but when he tried to show some video clips they appeared on his laptop screen but not through the projector. He couldn't get it to work right, but I am familiar with this phenomenon and shouted out what he needed to do to his computer to get it running. He did, and it worked, and I got recognized as the Computer Hero for the tournament. It had two nice side benefits. First, Kevin recognized me whenever he saw me after that, and, more importantly, so did Christel and Kevin Yant, who run the tournament and make the assignments. Second, Kevin was sufficiently grateful that he presented me with the gift of a bottle of wine!

The weather was unseasonably hot (I mean HOT) for Denver. Partway through the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of a 4:00 PM U14B game where I was running line with the boys playing longball, just when I was convinced that I wasn't going to make it to the end of the game, Kevin Yant snuck up behind me and whispered, "Thirty minutes to go. Just keep thinking about cool, cool water..."

That game was memorable to me for another reason, too. The gnats. There were lots of gnats; in fact, there were great swarms of the little guys on some of the fields. When you ran through the swarm, well, I don't know anybody who sprints with their mouth closed. How shall I say it? We got a little extra protein in our diet with every sprint. In this particular game, I had the unfortunate problem that just after the kickoff to start the game, one little gnat managed to crawl under my contact lens. That, in addition to being decidedly uncomfortable, also made it rather hard to see clearly out of that eye. Of course, the other one isn't any good at all, so I had to do something so I could see the game! After repeated attempts (made on the run) to dislodge it failed, I finally had no recourse but to pull the contact lens out and toss it. Everything was just a bit blurry after that, but at least I could see the game!

My strongest recollection, though, is of the comradeship amongst the referees. The Cal North delegation was like one big family. Beyond that, though, I developed very nice relationships with a number of referees from out of state, several of whom I had worked with last year. One of the best features of the event was sitting between games or in the evening with referees from elsewhere, exchanging identities, talking about game situations and life situations, and "ships and sails and sealing wax."

It reminded me that, in the final analysis, that is the reason I continue to referee. Even more than the love of the game, it is the fellowship of the other referees. What a great group of people. And I feel that just as much doing games here in Livermore with the old



### Questions for the clever Refs!

1. The referee requests a player to remove jewelry. After a number of minutes, the referee realizes that the player is still wearing the jewelry. What action should the referee take?
2. A player is guilty of a cautionable offense, but the referee allows play to continue to give an advantage to the opposing team. Can the player still be cautioned?
3. Can the referee compensate for an error in timekeeping during the first half, by adding or subtracting time in the second half?



Answer on page 6

---

---

### Don't forget our own tournament

Hey Livermore Referees-the Livermore Summer Classic Tournament will be held August 6 & 7. The tournament features five divisions of older boys and girls:

- U19 Girls Class 1
- U16 Boys Class 1
- U15 Girls Class 1
- U19 Girls Class 3
- U16 Boys Class 3

With those classes, we obviously need the help of experienced high-quality referees. We hope you will on working this tournament. Pay for the tournament is \$20 per game, for all positions. As always, we provide food, water, and shade for our hard-working referees! Please consider coming out and helping!

.....

### About that experiment

Chile's Jara sees red against Spain after being dismissed in the FIFA World Youth Championships Nether-



lands 2005 as a result of the new interpretations.

(ACTION IMAGES)  
(FIFA.com) 07 Jul 2005



Some of the decisions taken at the 119th Annual General Meeting of the International Football Association Board held in Cardiff, Wales, on 26 February 2005, were put into practice at the recent FIFA World Youth Championship held in the Netherlands. At the end of the tournament FIFA's Referees' Committee assessed the practical application of the use of yellow cards to sanction unsporting conduct and deliberate timewasting.

The law states: "If a player from the side that has been penalised deliberately touches the ball after the referee stops the game for a free kick, this will be considered as delaying the restart of the game and shall be sanctioned with a yellow card. These sanctions shall be applied equally to players who touch the ball after conceding a throw in or corner kick and to players who keep possession of a ball after their team has conceded a goal."

The aim of the new regulation is to put an end to players wasting time by unsportingly holding onto the ball. It is also designed to prevent players fighting for possession of the ball after the whistle has blown. Several yellow cards were awarded in the first few games of the tournament as players got used to the new law and referees strictly enforced it. As the competition advanced, however, players grew accustomed to the new rule and referees interpreted it to perfection. The figures clearly reflect this. Whereas in the first round of matches no fewer than 20 yellow cards were shown to players for deliberately touching the ball to prevent the other side from restarting the game, none whatsoever were awarded for this offence in the quarter-finals.

Referees noted that the experiment helped play flow more freely and also led to fewer altercations between players after free kicks had been awarded. It was also noted that refereeing decisions were contested far less frequently with the number of cards shown for dissent dropping. Referees did point, however, to the large number of cards awarded in the first half of the tournament as players struggled to adapt to the new regulation with some being sent off as a result.

In seeking to improve the way in which the law is applied in future tournaments, the Referees' Committee suggested that "any player from the team that committed the foul will be allowed to touch the ball in special circumstances, for example, when the ball is some distance from the point where play will restart and there are no members of the opposing team in the vicinity to return it. This is a clear case of fair play."

In conclusion, the Referees' Committee stated: "The new law could have a very positive effect for the aforementioned reasons once players have become familiar with it." The experiment will also be applied at the FIFA U-17 World Championship Peru 2005.

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

1. Oh man, did they talk about this when you had to go out to the restroom? You don't know how, but someday, someday you are going to get your revenge on your husband for talking you into this. You are sitting in this stifling room with thirty other ref wannabes and it is almost over. All you have to do is only miss, what was it? 20 or 25 of these questions. Your daughter decided she wanted to be a referee. A couple of her friends were and she thought it would be a good way to earn some \$\$\$ and get sun. Your husband convinced you that it would be a great opportunity for the two of you to spend some quality time together. So then why isn't he in here? Anyway, concentrate! There are only five of you left working on this test and you are still not sure about these offside questions. Let's see- Question 77: Which of the following should be penalized for offside:



- a. White #7 in OSP, blue #10 clears ball which hits blue teammate and bounces to white #7.
- b. White #7 in OSP, blue #10 clears ball which hits white #4 and bounces to white #7.
- c. White #7 in OSP, blue #10 attempts pass to blue goalie, ball intercepted by white #7

2. You need to expect everything at tournaments. This is the Lake City Tune-up and the sideline of the U14 Cheetahs is a sight to behold. They are all in red, have their clappers, matching chairs and pompoms and one of them has this god-awful foghorn that sounds an elephant with a bad head cold. Its owner gives it a blast every time the Cheetahs score and you are hearing it a lot, as the Cheetah are all over the Blaze 7-0. The last one was a double blast, and it is really starting to annoy the Blaze players. The Blaze captain comes up, “Ref, it’s 7-0 can’t you get them to lay off that horn.” The horn is bugging you as well. Your heading back up to the center circle for the kickoff, you’d sure like to do something .....

**Answers on page 7**



**OK what was your answer,**

- 1. Caution for unsporting behavior. The player is instructed by the referee to leave the field of play to remove the jewellery.
- 2. Yes, the player should be cautioned whenever the ball next goes out of play.
- 3. Nope, sorry.

*From the Ken Aston website and Jim Allen’s “Ask the Ref” website*

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

- 1. Uh Oh!, you need to get one of these right to pass.
  - a. If the Team B defender had established possession of the ball when she tried to clear it, then there is no offside on this play. If there was clearly no possession, then player A1 is offside.
  - b. Offside in any case.
  - c. No offside.
- 2. Be careful here. The referee has no actual authority over the spectators at a game unless they invade the pitch or interfere with the game in any way. If those spectators are disrupting the game and bringing it into disrepute through the use of tactics that are counter to the spirit of the game, such as actions clearly intended to taunt the opposition, the referee may inform that team’s coach that the game will be suspended until the nuisance is removed and terminated if it is not removed. Full details will be included in the referee’s match report.

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





President	Van Henson	606-7180	vhenson@comcast.net
Vice-President	David Bunch	455-1214	dbunch2@aol.com
Treasurer	Bob Dashner	294-8623	webmaster@livermorerefs.org
Secretary	William Hoppes	606-7986	hoppes1@sbcglobal.net
LYSL Rep.	Brian Hufford	373-7952	brihuff@yahoo.com
Assignor	Van Henson	606-7180	vhenson@comcast.net
Webmaster	Bob Dashner	294-8623	webmaster@livermorerefs.org



[www.livermorerefs.org](http://www.livermorerefs.org)

