

Livermore Referee Association

Referee Calendar of Events



October 24 th	Livermore Referee Association Meeting
October 25 th	High School Rules Meeting
October 29-30 th	Livermore Boys Halloween Classic
November 1 st	High School Rules Meeting
November 28 th	Livermore Referee Association Meeting

Meeting Agenda

Monday's Program: "I been in the right place, but it must have been the wrong time" – Dr. John



Albert Montalvo will speak at the October 24th Meeting on "Good Positioning Starts at the Set Plays"

When you take a position for a goal kick, do you have a plan? What do you do with the time while a team sets up for a throw-in? Is that when you should take a breather? The fact is that good positioning is critical to good officiating. You have to see the play to make the right call, and you can't see the play if you are not in the right place to see it. Positioning yourself well during the run of play is one of the challenges that a referee faces continually in every game. Good referees realize that getting into a good position in the run of play is much easier if they start with a good position on the preceding set play!

Our October monthly meeting on Monday the 24th will feature a distinguished guest speaker who will address the topic of positioning, mostly focusing on getting good positions for set plays, but with some discussion of positioning in the run of play as well. The speaker is Albert Montalvo, one of Cal North's candidates for the National Badge. Albert is well known around here, being very active officiating youth, high school, and college soccer, as well as amateur and professional soccer.

It promises to be an entertaining as well as informative meeting. As always, the meeting will be held at the Livermore Police Department, in the Community Room, 1110 S Livermore Ave. at 7:00 pm, and will be fully catered with delectable treats! We especially encourage our new referee's to attend.





From the Touchline

News of Note:

Lou Gagne announces his retirement as District III Commissioner

Lou Gagne has announced that he will be stepping down as District III Commissioner when his term expires at the end of the year. He will be moving to the Sacramento area. Many of the referees in the club probably don't know who the District III Commissioner is, or what he does. As Commissioner, Lou has presided over the adjudication of disputes among the clubs, of disciplinary proceedings for players, coaches, parents, and referees, represented the needs of the seven clubs to the CYSA Executive board. He is responsible for enforcing CYSA policies and ensuring that the club activities remain within the rules and agreements that have been set up through CYSA.

From our point of view, however, Lou has served as a bridge between the referees in District III, CYSA, and the seven local clubs. Lou has always been firmly planted in the referees' world. A longtime distinguished referee, Lou is one of the more accomplished and effective assessors in the State (he has gone to Regionals more than once as an Assessor). More to the point, Lou has served as a voice for the referees with the Executive Board, and his efforts behind the scene have led to many concessions and favorable decisions involving the referees. Lou has also been an ardent supporter of the District III youth program, contributing some of his commissioner's budget to that program.

No successor has been selected as yet.

We wish Lou the best of luck as he moves out of the area, and wish to thank him for all he has done for the referees in the District!

Bill Hardin to step down as State Youth Referee Administrator

Bill Hardin will step down as SYRA after a two-year term of office. Bill, as SYRA, is actually responsible for the officiating of all youth matches in Cal North, which effectively makes him our Boss. District III, because of the strong referee development programs, has fared well under Bill's leadership, as it did under his predecessor, Bob Martinez. The Livermore club has fared especially well under Bill, a reflection that he has appreciated our referee development program, and especially our youth program. Indeed, Livermore sent more referees (4) to Regionals this year than any other club in the state, and the State Youth Referee of the Year for each of the past two years has been from Livermore.

No successor has been named as of this printing.

Thanks, Bill, for all you have done for us!





Livermore Boys Halloween Classic is coming up!

The Livermore Boys Halloween Classic will be Saturday, October 29, and Sunday, October 30th. This Class 1 tournament features 32 teams in 4 age brackets, U11, U12, U13, and U14. It promises to be difficult to staff, because there are 5 (count 'em, five) tournaments in the District that same weekend. There are two Class 1 tournaments, two Class 3 tournaments, and a Class 4 tournament. There will also be a Jamboree. This means that the referee corps of the entire District will be stretched to the breaking point.

If you're in town, PLEASE lend a hand (hopefully you've all already declared availability and been given assignments). Just as important, though- if you are out of town accompanying your child to an out-of-town tournament, be sure to contact the tournament officials and volunteer to work some games in their tournament. We will only get by here if we can count on the teams coming into town to bring some referees with them- the same is true at all other tournaments, as well.

Livermore to Emphasize Commitment to FIFA's Fair Play Initiative at the Halloween Tournament.

At the Halloween Tournament, Livermore will emphasize our commitment to the Fair Play concept that FIFA has been pushing over the past few years. We will show our belief in this by starting every game in the tournament with the FIFA International Walk On and the FIFA Fair Play handshake. As well as showing our dedication to Fair Play, this will also add a "special touch" to the tournament, and make it feel special to the players, coaches, and fans.

If you've watched any MLS or international games, then you are familiar with the Fair Play start- both teams march on to the field with the referees, line up in the middle of the field, and then salute their fans and coaches (this is when the National Anthem is played, but we won't be doing that at our tournament). Then the visiting team files across in front of the referees and the home team, shaking hands. After that the home team shakes hands with the referees, the teams take their positions, and the game begins (see the diagrams that follow).

We have been using the International walk-on for our championship games, and all the players and parents seem to like it. Our new change is to do this for ALL games in the tournament, and to add the FIFA Fair Play handshake.

If you are refereeing in the tournament, please be ready to start the walk-on 3 minutes before game time, and allow for the fact that you may well have to take time to instruct the teams about what they are doing!

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That'll teach him to call that PK!

In his short story "A Slight Case of Sunstroke", Arthur C. Clarke writes of a stadium full of disgruntled soccer fans barbecuing the referee by reflecting sunlight on him with mirrors found under their seats.



Details, details, details

Attention referees — we are getting complaints from the administrators of the Al Caffodio and GSSL leagues in regard to the game cards. Referees must completely fill out the card or game report form with all missing information including date, time, field, team names, scores, referee names AND all cautions and send off's. These must be mailed within one day to the proper match secretaries. The coaches should give you the game cards stamped with the proper address on them or for GSSL games a stamped envelope. If you do not get this from the coach, you must still send it in. To locate the match secretaries, go to <http://www.district3soccer.com/alcaffodio.htm> for Al Caffodio games and to <http://www.goldenstatesoccer.com/contact/secs.html> for GSSL games. Remember, send off reports must also be mailed within one day. Reports from Al Caffodio and GSSL games are sent to Diane Scott (be sure and include the player/coach pass). Go to Game Reports above for her address. Reports from local house matches are sent to your local referee director (re-read Van Henson's great summary of what to do with game cards and game reports in last month's newsletter for guidance-you did keep a copy didn't you!)

—from the D3 website



Questions for the clever Refs!

1. Why is it called the "Pitch"?
2. True or false: if a GK intentionally plays a ball played back to him by a team mate (foot pass) the IFK is taken from the spot where the ball was played by the teammate.
3. A throw in is about the go into the goal, a defender (not the goalkeeper) bats it away. What action does the referee take?

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Hey Ref! What are you gonna do?

1. What a mess! Why did you agree to do this match?! It's hot, you're sore, it's your fourth game of the day and you are all by yourself. You'd just finished a tough U17B match, your ARs had hot footed it off the their next game across town but you hadn't been quick enough on your get away. Stopping to talk to a fellow parent from your daughter's team, you'd been cornered by the two coaches for the following U16B match. Not another yellow shirt in sight and it's time for kickoff. Oh well, it's Rec. you can handle another. Well you have a handful now. You are in the second half, starting to cramp up and getting farther and farther from play. It's a long through ball to a striker; it's going to be one on one with the keeper in the box. You hobble along trying to get as close as you can before the collision. They both go down for the ball, from 30 yards away it looks like a 50-50 play. Well the keeper obviously saw something he didn't like, as from the ground he socks the forward in the ear. The forward is up and plants a cleat in the keeper's chest. Fortunately some cooler-headed teammates help you out and have the players separated by the time you get there. It's taken awhile but you now have things settled down and both players sent off. The replacement keeper is getting his gear on. You are going to use this time to jot some notes. Let's see "sent off for" Any second now one of the players will ask you what the restart is. You take a quick glance at your watch. "Man! 18 more minutes of this."
2. You made it to your daughter's game just in time, cool beverage in hand you are sitting in your chair on the touchline trying to enjoy the match and put U16B Rec. matches into some dark corner of your mind. There's not too much skill on display in this match but the girls are trying hard and having fun. Ed is in the middle and he seems to be enjoying the match too. Aah! This is how it should be, fun soccer and everyone having a good time. Well, this could be interesting. The left defender on your daughter's team commits a cardinal sin; she sends a long clearing pass right across the front of the goal. The keeper, a last minute fill in, yells, "I've got it". The defenders move out of the way and the bouncing ball glances off the calf of one of them right to the keeper. The opposing coach is yelling something indistinct, but you are pretty sure what it is. You glance over to Ed, who

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OK what was your answer

1. The term "pitch" comes from an old English word meaning a place where outdoor activities are done. It is used also in describing a cricket field, where the wickets are "pitched," or setting up a camp, as in "pitching" a tent or an entire encampment.
2. False. The IFK would be taken from the place where the goalkeeper handles the ball, bearing in mind the special circumstances described in Law 8 regarding the goal area.
3. Award a PK. The referee would normally caution the defender for UB. The defender didn't prevent a goal or OGSO since a goal cannot be scored directly on a throw-in.



Hey young referee persons

Attention youth referees — the weekend of November 19-20, Dublin will be hosting the annual Crossroads Tournament for the top Division IV teams from each league. We encourage youth to work these games and become introduced to the district's youth referee program. There will be mentors and assessors there to help you improve your game. This is also where we identify our top youth in the district to go on and work the state playoff games which begin in January. We will also be using some of the District Cup games the weekend of December 3-4. If for any reason you cannot work the Dublin tournament, be sure and let us know you are interest in mentoring in December. To get assigned games during the Dublin tournament, email Andy Marcoux at socercen@earthlink.net. For the December games or more information, email our districts Youth Referee Administrator at pf2100@aol.com.

From the D3 website



It's true



An Assistant Referee turns up for a game with both his ears bandaged up. "What happened to your ears?" asks the Referee. The Assistant Referee replies: "Yesterday I was ironing my Referee's jersey when the phone rang. I accidentally answered the iron."

"That explains one ear, but what happened to the other one?" continues the Referee.

"Well, I had to call the doctor!" says the Assistant Referee.

His friend asked the trainee referee how he was getting on.

Trainee: "It's going pretty well but I'll have to change my whistle"

Friend: "Change your whistle? Whatever for?"

Trainee: "Well, the instructor keeps telling us to make the whistle talk - and I can't get a single word out of mine."

"I just don't understand it," the referee complained to his assessor. "One match I do very well, then the next match I'm terrible. And that's what you saw today."

"Well," said the assessor helpfully, "maybe you should just do every other game".



The Halloween REF



Ever wanted to do High School Matches?

The rules meetings for the upcoming high school season have been scheduled for October 25 and November 1, 7 PM, at the Round Table Pizza on 530 Main Street in Pleasanton. Individuals who are interested but have never done High School Matches should go to tvsra.org and look under Referee Notices, select Requirements. High School rules differ from USSF in important ways and there are changes every year.

Did you know

Why don't grasshoppers go to many soccer matches?
They prefer cricket!

Why did the chicken get carded?
For persistent fowl play!

What part of a soccer pitch smells nicest?
The scenter spot



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

1. After sending off both players for violent conduct (not serious foul play, as they were no longer competing for the ball), the referee should restart with a penalty kick for the attacker's team.
2. Keeps smiling. A touch by any other player of the ball deliberately kicked by a teammate to the goalkeeper removes any and all restrictions from the goalkeeper on handling the ball. It makes no difference if the ball was played afterwards either deliberately or inadvertently by any other player—who may be a teammate or an opponent.

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





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