

Livermore Referee Association

Referee Calendar of Events



- September 24-25th** LYSL Fall Classic (U11-14G class 1)
September 26th Livermore Referee Association Meeting
October 24th Livermore Referee Association Meeting
October 29-30th Livermore Boys Halloween Classic

Meeting Agenda

Monday's Program: Let's talk "Gamesmanship!"

Ok, there is a minute left in a 2-1 game. The team with the lead has just been awarded a throw-in. The forward picks up the ball, faces the field, and looks for a target. Nobody is open. She looks around again, starts to throw, holds up, yells, "Somebody get open!" And waits. Finally a teammate comes sprinting up, yells, "I'll take it!" The forward flips the ball underhanded to this player, who goes through the same pained procedure to find an open teammate. Finally she throws it in to a closely-marked teammate, whose defender kicks it out, starting the whole process over again. We've all seen it. They just managed to run off 20-25 seconds, doing absolutely nothing.

It is gamesmanship, and it is not accidental. It is coached. All sorts of things fall into the category of gamesmanship, from time-wasting to dives, to refusing to break the huddle and come onto the field for a game, to goalkeepers putting on and adjusting their gloves, to altering the field. It goes on and on. The list just keeps going, and it is all deliberate and demeans the game.

Referees must learn to recognize gamesmanship and quash it at every opportunity. Once, not so long ago, it was really only seen at the uppermost levels of soccer, the professional, college, and high-comp games. Now (probably thanks to the explosion in televised soccer) we see it at all levels, including (yup!) the U10 house teams.

Our Monday program will focus on Gamesmanship. What it is, how to recognize it, and what to do about it. We'll start by describing common (and perhaps some uncommon) situations where gamesmanship occurs, and discussion, as a group, what to do about them. We'll finish up with the video "Gamesmanship," put out after the 1994 world cup, and showing many incidents in which you, as the referee, are asked to determine whether gamesmanship or simulation has occurred. Narrated by Bob Evans, this video analyses about two dozen incidents.

Many of you may have seen the video before (we used it a couple years ago), but it is always time for a refresher on this topic. Newcomers will find it particularly useful. As always, our fully-catered meeting will be held at 7:00 in the Livermore Police Department Community Room. See you there! The meeting will be held Monday, September 26 at 7:00 pm in the Livermore Police Department Community Room. 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

What to do with those pesky game cards!

Well, you're out at the field. You're ready to go. A coach walks up and hands you... something. "What's this?" you ask. "It's the game card," he replies. Well, it's like nothing you've ever seen before- four pages, with some vague statement about sending copies all over creation.

Sound familiar? Looks like you've just stumbled into the Golden State Soccer League. This year, more than ever before, there has been an explosion of ways in which we treat the game card. What follows is an attempt to de-mystify the situation. Here is what you should be doing with those pesky game cards, for each of the leagues we service:

LYSL House Games:

The game card is provided by the home team coach, who gives it to the visitors. Both teams affix a roster to the card, and both coaches sign. It is then given to the Referee, who uses it for check-in purposes.

After the Game:

1. (If there is no red card). The card may be kept for the Referee's records, thrown away, or (and this is Cory's preference) given to Cory Nelson either by mailing it or dropping it at her house, or handed to her when you encounter her on a field. *The referee reports the facts of the game on Arbiter, which is necessary to get paid.*
2. **If there IS a red card:** The game card, the player-pass for the sent-off player or coach, and a filled-out send-off report are all mailed within 24 hours to
Cory Nelson,
1403 Aspen Court,
Livermore, CA 94551.

The referee reports the facts of the game on Arbiter, which is necessary to get paid

District III Traveling House Games (U16 & U19 Class 4):

The game card is provided by the home team coach, who gives it to the visitors. Both teams affix a roster to the card, and both coaches sign. It is then given to the Referee, who uses it for check-in purposes.

After the Game:

3. (If there is no red card). The card is then given to the coach of the winning team, or, if there is no winner, to the home team coach. *The referee reports the facts of the game on Arbiter, which is necessary to get paid.*
4. **If there IS a red card:** The game card, the player-pass for the sent-off player or coach, and a filled-out send-off report are all mailed within 24 hours to





Diane Scott
 DIII Red Cards
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 Pleasanton CA 94566

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Al Caffodio Games (All Class 3, and U9, U10, and U11 Class 1):

The game card is provided by the home team coach, who gives it to the visitors. Both teams affix a roster to the card, and both coaches sign. It is then given to the Referee, who uses it for check-in purposes.

After the Game:

5. (If there is no red card). The card is given to the coach of the winning team, or, if there is no winner, to the home team coach. *The referee reports the facts of the game on Arbiter, which is necessary to get paid.*
6. **If there IS a red card:** The game card, the player-pass for the sent-off player or coach, and a filled-out send-off report are all mailed within 24 hours to

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Golden State Soccer League Games (All Class 1 U12 and older):

Two copies of the game report (usually a preprinted full size sheet of paper) are provided by the *each* coach. Rosters of both teams are preprinted on the game reports. Both coaches sign all four copies. The home team coach also provides a stamped, preaddressed envelope.

After the Game:

7. (If there is no red card). The Referee fills out all four copies of the game report. One copy is returned to each coach. A third copy is mailed, by the referee, to the match secretary, using the preaddressed envelope. The fourth copy is for the referee's records. *The referee reports the facts of the game on Arbiter, which is necessary to get paid.*
8. **If there IS a red card:** The Referee fills out all four copies of the game report. One copy is returned to each coach. A third copy is mailed, by the referee, to the match secretary, using the preaddressed envelope. The fourth copy is for the referee's records. The referee makes another copy (or uses the fourth copy), which is mailed, along with the player-pass for the sent-off player or coach, and a filled-out send-off report, to

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Golden State Soccer League Games Neutral Referee (All Class 1 U16 and older):

The procedure is identical to the GSSL procedure above, except that in addition, the referee must send email to Dave Galli, the NRP assignor, ref4aday@comcast.net, informing him that the game was played, the final score, and who the three referees were. GSSL pays the center referee directly (at the end of the season). *The referee reports the facts of the game on Arbiter, which is necessary for the ARs to get paid.*

-Van Henson



Questions for the clever Refs!

1. A player taking an indirect free kick in his opponents' penalty area kicks it backwards to one of his colleagues who fires it into goal. What do you do?
2. A teammate sends a long throw-in to his goalkeeper standing just inside his penalty area who catches the ball and boots it up field. Anything wrong?
3. At KFTPM one of the teams wants to bring on a substitute. Is it OK?



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Had you heard?

Goalkeepers, in their own half, could handle the ball both inside and outside the penalty area before 1912.

Money makes the world go around, the world go around, the world go around.....

I Didn't Get Paid for That Game I Did!

Wow! Your first paycheck from the Livermore Referee Association just arrived for all those games you did. But what's this? There's a game missing! This can't be true. But sure enough, the center ref never sent in the game report. You checked. In fact, you double-checked. What to do? What to do? That U-10 game is worth twelve big bucks; five of those U-10's games and you can buy one of those pretty blue referee shirts and a Corn Dog Lover Combo to boot.

Don't panic. All you have to do is get on the web and type in

www.livermorerefs.org/Record_Game_Form.htm

and bingo you're in. Go to the form and fill it out. You will need the game #, game date, game time, the field, the age and level, whether it was a girl's match or a boy's match, the home team, the away team, and the other referees/mentor on the match. All this info is on Arbiter under your game schedule where you accept or decline games. If you can remember the score, that would be helpful; or if there was incident on the field, that would also be helpful. Then send off the game report. All submitted data will be verified with the Assignor's records. A couple of weeks later, in your next paycheck, you should see the game and the payment.

Note: Yes, your center referee is responsible for submitting the game report within seven days of the match's actual playing date. Things happen. On the eighth or ninth day or whatever date after 7 days, just go to the above website and you can do it yourself.



Hey Ref! What are you gonna do?

1. Could this have gotten any more confusing? You have a couple of very new ARs on the U12 Boys rec match between the Scorpions and the Sharks, but you don't think the last few minutes will add much to their referee education. The red head had just pushed the Sharks forward to the ground in the box. Oh Boy PK. You blow your whistle and point to the spot. Fifteen little boys look at you in mass confusion. Oh right! These boys all played U10s last year; they probably have never seen a PK before. You explain it to them and get them sorted out, all the while serenaded by the Scorpion's coach's plaintive cries of "what's the call ref, what's the call". You glance over, hey, great! your AR is right where she needs to be. Your last admonition to the boys is to wait until the ball is kicked to start playing, not when you blow your whistle. One of the Sharks was obviously thinking more about how to capture the rare Pokemon Rayquaza on his Gameboy Advance than on what you were saying. As soon as you blew your whistle, he came rushing into the box, just as his teammate booted the PK up and over the crossbar. Great, all that and no goal. You start to signal, but your arm kind of stalls, two grey cells are battling it out to decide what you should do. The winner tells you.....
2. You are working hard in this U18G match between the Elite and the Storm. It's 1-1 midway through the second half. As a Storm forward races along the touchline, an Elite defender gives her a nifty hip-check, knocking her off the ball. You blow your whistle intending to caution the defender, but the Elite are quicker. The ball has ended up near the corner of the PA, about 10 yards from the spot of the foul. An Elite midfielder collects the ball and does a quick restart. She passes the ball laterally, laying it off to an onrushing teammate who is about to crack a wicked shot on goal. Quick restart-great, kind of far from the spot of the foul-not so great. You need to make a decision, right now

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My Center Didn't Show Up and I Had to Center the Game. Now what?

You were the center referee for a particular match, but you were NOT originally assigned by Arbiter as the center ref for the match. Not a problem. Just go to

www.Livermorerefs.org/Record_Game_Form.htm

and fill out the form. Yes, you will need the game number, date, time, level, age, sex, fellow refs, home team and away team names, the score, and under comments, state the reasons you were the center ref. All of the information is in Arbiter under your game schedule. Then send it off.

But I Wasn't Assigned to the Game at All

If you were not assigned the game as one of the AR's, follow the exact same procedures as above. Try to record as much information as you can remember: date, time, level, etc. Make sure to record any AR's names on the form, then, send it off.

-Tanya Hoppes





Did you know ?

It was only in the 20th Century that the penalty spot was introduced. In the decade before penalties, originally called the kick of death, could be taken anywhere along a line 12-yards from goal.

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OK what was your answer,

1. Give the goal. The only freekick required to go forward is the penalty kick.
2. Yes. You award an indirect free kick against the goalkeeper at the place where he caught the ball.
3. No. Only the players who are on the field at the end of the match are allowed to take part (though a substitute is allowed for an injured goalkeeper).

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

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

1. The correct restart in this case is indirect free kick for the Scorpions. What are the consequences of an Infringement of Law 14? We look first to see who infringed the Law. Then we consider what the outcome of the kick was, in other words, whether the ball entered the goal or did not enter the goal. If an attacker (including the kicker) infringed the Law and the ball entered the goal, the penalty kick is retaken. If the ball did not enter the goal (the situation here), the referee awards an indirect free kick (from the place where the infringement occurred). Please that this is the ONLY change in Law 14 this year. If a defender (including the goalkeeper) infringed the Law and the ball entered the goal, the goal is awarded and the restart is a kick-off. If the ball did not enter the goal, the penalty kick is retaken. If both an attacker and a defender infringed the Law, the penalty kick is retaken.
2. Call it back. Distance to the goal line (and particularly the goal) should be a consideration in correct placement of the restart. While it is very rare and usually totally unnecessary that the restart take place on the precise blade of grass on which the incident occurred, the amount of latitude the referee allows the kicking team decreases greatly the closer the incident is to the goal. And, as to this particular situation, if a goal HAD been scored, the referee should have called the ball back for a retake of the kick from the correct location (using the guidance above). Should they miss, no harm, no foul — the infringement of Law 13 was likely trifling. To call it back after an unsuccessful attack would be to give the team an unfair second chance.

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



“If you can keep you head when all about you.....”

It's true

Mob football, an ancestor of the modern game, stormed into England around the 12th Century and caught on to such an extent it was banned by Royal decree by many kings and queens. It was a violent game in which “murder and manslaughter” were allegedly the only barriers to transporting the ball to village ends. King Henry VIII, however, is believed to have been a keen player.

Time for a bit of surfing?

Ussoccer.com is offering a new "Frequently Asked Questions" Page to its Referee Section. New referees can now find answers to their questions more easily than ever by logging on to the “Frequently Asked Questions for New Referees” page in the Referee section of ussoccer.com. The “FAQs for New Referees” section is designed for new and inexperienced referees who have basic questions about specific game situations. It also allows new officials to browse through different questions and learn about other game situations before they encounter them. The page can be viewed at:

<http://www.ussoccer.com/referees/content.sps?iType=4169&icustompageid=13185>.

D2 has totally revamped its website, check it out at: <http://www.d2ra.com>

Ready for some numbers

District III released some statistics about how many of us are out there so we thought we'd share some of them with you. These numbers are current as of this May, 2005. First off there were 10713 registered referees in CalNorth. That number just always impresses me. Of these, 1047 were from DIII and 67 were from Livermore. How do we in Livermore compare to some of the other referee associations in DIII? We are actually one of the smaller ones.

Association	Number of Registered Referees
Mustang	365
Fremont	206
Pleasanton	171
San Ramon	116
Livermore	68
Dublin	64
Newark	58
Total	1047

Sixty-eight refs, that's about 22 full crews. How many fields do we play on? There's two at Robertson, three at Kellman, two at Christensen, three at Robert Livermore, two at Altamont, and two at Robertson Turf. Even if we put solos on the U10s at Robertson Turf and Altamont, which means that on a Saturday morning, when everything is cracking and all the kids are playing, we need at least 34 referees, half our membership to be out there. And that is just to get the day started. Not all of our membership can, wants to or is able to be out there each weekend, all weekend. So you can see how important each of you are and how much we appreciate each game you are able to do.

How about a few more numbers? Some of you are thinking of upgrading. Over 90% of all referees in DIII and CalNorth are either Grade 8 or grade 9

Current Grade						
	1-5	6	7	8	9	13-15
DIII	5	27	23	711	271	11
CalNorth	89	89	158	9450	779	148

We are not getting any younger either.

Percent of registered referees in each age group		
Age Group	DIII	CalNorth
12-18	41%	50%
19-29	4%	6%
30-39	3%	5%
40-49	29%	20%
50-59	19%	15%
>60	5%	4%

This confirms what we have seen in Livermore. Most of our referees are either very young, or past 40ish. We have very few referees in that 20-40 year old age span. But, enough of this! Saturday is coming, the weather is going to be wonderful, I've polished my shoes, I have a new whistle to try out, Lets Go!





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