
Livermore Referee Association



Referee Calendar of Events

- 🕒 December 9-10th Founders' Cup Prelims
- 🕒 December 11th Livermore Referee Association Meeting
- 🕒 December 16-17th Founders' Cup Qtrs Semis and Finals
- 🕒 January 29th Livermore Referee Association Meeting

Meeting Agenda



Monday, December 11th LRA Annual Livermore Referee Association Elections, Awards and Pizza Blow out.

Well this is the one you always wait for. This is where we show our appreciation for all the hard work you have done. The association will supply all the pizza and soft drinks you can handle. We will review the past years' successes, we will honor some of our referees who stood out, and most importantly we hold elections to see who will be running the association next year. We will also show some of Bill's favorite soccer video's from this past year's meetings so if you missed one it's another reason to show up. This is always a great time. It is at a new location, Mountain Mike's Pizza, where we had it last year. It's at the corner of First and Railroad in the old Bakers Square right across the street from Valley Care. The festivities begin at 6:30 PM; so be there and don't miss this great time.



A question for all you clever refs out there.

1. For purposes of defining an "outside agent", differentiate between an appurtenance and a pre-existing condition. Which is a tree limb? Why do we care?
2. True or false. It is not necessary for players to kick in the same order if a second round of KFTPM is required
3. The willful refusal by a player to remove illegal equipment (including jewelry), having been previously warned that such equipment cannot be work on the field yet continuing to do so can be cautioned as

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From the touchline

Hi, it's me

By Bill Hoppes

This issue fills out six years that I have been doing the newsletter. That is four years longer than I had originally agreed to do it. It has been fun and I have learned a lot, but it is time to give someone else a chance. Corey Nelson, a fellow Livermore referee, has agreed to take over the newsletter starting with the January issue. Thanks for all the folks who contributed material, all the folks who gave feedback positive and otherwise, and especially all those sharp-eyed refs who spotted the errors in the "Hey Ref...." and "Questions for the clever refs....." Thanks to Corey for taking over this



task. Corey has some great ideas for the newsletter and I am looking forward to seeing her first issue. Before I sign off, though there is one person that I want to thank. I was responsible for the material of the articles, but the fit and finish of this newsletter was done by Betty Flint. I have known Betty for years and she is a wiz at desktop publishing. Over the years she has put up with last minute deadlines, gotten obscure references, and made the newsletter look far better than my amateurish efforts could ever have done. Thanks Betty!

I also want to extend a special thanks to the other members of the steering committee vice-president Gary Lazar, secretary Bill Russett, Treasurer Bob Dashner, and LYSL rep Brian Hufford. A big-Big-BBIIIGG thanks to our assignors: Tanya Hoppes and David Bunch. They are the ones who beat the bushes for that last referee, got you the games you wanted, and whether you knew it or not, got you that higher-level game you were hoping for.



League soccer has ended, but there seems to be no lack of need for referees. I hope you got to see the LYSL World Cup-what was a fun and exciting evening! The Thanksgiving Classic and District Cup went off without a hitch. You know you've been at this too long you hear an assignor cry out "We're green!" and you know exactly what she means. High school season is in full swing and the various state playoffs are on the horizon. Keep working, stay healthy, keep learning, don't burn out, get registered for 07, year-round reffing is here.

- See you on the pitch.





OK what was your answer?

1. The difference between appurtenances and pre-existing conditions is that, if the ball makes contact with appurtenances such as uprights or a crossbar superstructure, it is ruled out of play even if the contact results in the ball remaining on the field. Where there is a pre-existing condition (such as an overhanging tree limb) the ball remains in play even if there is contact as long as the ball itself remains on the field.
2. True
3. Unsporting behavior

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



From the Assignor's Desk

A Note from your Assignors

Thank you. Thank you. Thank you for a wonderful year. We receive kudos all the time from the league and the district for our 98 to 100% coverage on tournaments and we never fail to tell them, "*It's not us, it's the referees we work with, and they're the best.*" We work hard; but we work with the best referees in the district, in the state, in the region, in the country, in the world and that makes all the difference. Have a Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year, and may all your hopes, dreams and wishes come true in 2007, and we will see you again in the summer, out on the soccer fields, doing what you do best: having fun.

- Tanya and David



Hey Ref! What are you gonna do?

1. This is not gonna work! You agreed to take one game too many in the River City Roundup. It is late afternoon and your old ankle sprain is throbbing. You are doing a U15B match, tough enough under normal circumstances. But this tournament barely had enough referees to cover and with a few no shows, some injuries, some mix and matching you find you are on this match with only Ellen a youth AR and a club line. You put Ellen on the team side and it was a good thing. The Chivas were running a trap and were good at it. The Warriors have some very quick forwards, but the Chivas trap caught those several times and Ellen had been right on it. You haven't worked with her for awhile, but she has really improved. Now it's half time and you are not looking forward to the second half. If the Chivas continue to try to trap and you stay back to catch the offside, you will have trouble keeping up with their counter attack. Well if the Chivas try to run a trap with only a club line on that side they are asking for it. Hmmmm.....how about I put Ellen on the parents side for the second half? Is that fair? Can I do that? It would make my life a lot easier but I wouldn't want to do something that would be allowing an appeal. Hmmmm.....



2. Well another year down. You've just finished this year's fun run. You made your times (just barely in the 50 yard dash) and now as the fog creeps in on this early Saturday morning you are trying to finish your written test before you hot foot it across town to pick up your first game at the Rock City Rumble Thanksgiving Tournament. You stretch the crick in you neck and take a peek at number 38:

A defender passes the ball within his own penalty area. The goalkeeper sees that the ball is about to be poked into the empty net by an attacker and to prevent this, jumps out and grabs the ball. You blow the whistle, signal for an indirect free kick for the attacking team and,

- a) Caution and show the yellow card to the goalkeeper
- b) Send off and show the red card to the goalkeeper
- c) Nothing else, award the IFK and ensure that it is taken correctly.



**Come on Come On. Get that registration in!
It isn't that hard!**

Your 2006 registration will expire on 12/31/06. Get your registration in for the 2007 season. If you want to do State Cup and all the other cups this spring, you must be registered. You may have missed it but this year they didn't send you the big fat envelop but a thin, easily mislaid letter with your registration instructions. If you do ten, that's right only ten games we will reimburse you your \$25 registration fee. So see, there is absolutely no excuse not to get that registration in. We need you and so do the kids. If you lost your letter do it online! Go to the LRA website or to http://www.cnra.net/renew/renew_register.htm and follow the simple to use instructions. Don't wait, do it before you take out the trash tonight



I was Reading the paper the other day and.....

A rather dim fan arrives at a football match midway through the second half. "What's the score?" he asks his friend as he settles into his seat.

"Nil-nil," comes the reply.

"And what was the score at half-time?" he asked.





Some Regional Guidance (last in a series)

Those refs lucky and good enough to get invited to Regionals always receive a lot of good advice. Following is from a handout they were given this year. It has a lot of good review and interpretation. It is many pages long and we will put excerpts from it in the newsletter as the season goes on. Here is the first one.

2006

Instructions for Referees and Resolutions Affecting Team Coaches and Players Regional and National Cup Competitions and Tournaments

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The decisions and instructions to referees appointed to Regional and National Cup Competitions and Tournaments contained herein conform to the Laws of the Game, the decisions of the International F.A. Board, and guidance from USSF through its Advice to Referees, Guide to Procedures, and various official memoranda. This document is therefore regarded as authoritative and may be quoted as such. For further details on any of these points, consult the sources listed above. Decisions made during play depend entirely on the opinion of the referee, who makes a decision at the time of the incident. Coaches are requested to inform their players of the points specified below and to ensure that every game is played sportingly.

27. Trickery (cf. Law 12 IFAB Decision 3)

A player using a deliberate trick to circumvent the text and spirit of Law 12 regarding deliberate passes to the goalkeeper shall be cautioned for unsporting behavior and shown a yellow card.

28. Technical area

Team officials may convey tactical instructions to players during the game. However, team officials must remain within the confines of the technical area while doing so and must conduct themselves, at all times, in a responsible manner. Only one person at a time may be standing in the technical area, giving instructions to the team. The technical area may be defined as an area covering the length of the substitutes' bench plus one yard on either side and extending from the front of the bench up to a distance of one yard (one meter) away from the touchline. It is recommended that markings be used to define this area, but the absence of such markings does not relieve team officials from the obligation to behave responsibly. The referee may sketch out a technical area if one is not marked and if, in the opinion of the referee, this is needed to assist in the control of sideline behavior.





29. Simulation (Law 12, IFAB Decision 5)

Any simulating action anywhere on the field, which is intended to deceive the referee, must be sanctioned as unsporting behavior. A number of specific actions may be considered cautionable as unsporting behavior. These include faking an injury or exaggerating the seriousness of an injury and faking a foul (diving) or exaggerating the severity of a foul.

30. Misconduct by substitutes or substituted players

1. Referees must caution and show the yellow card for unsporting behavior, dissent, or delay of restarts by substitutes or substituted players.
2. Substitutes or substituted players who are sent off and shown the red card must leave the vicinity of the field of play and the technical area. If their offense involved the use of violence or excessive force, the referee must report the reason as violent conduct.

31. Dealing with injured players

Referees must follow the instructions below when dealing with injured players:

- play is allowed to continue until the ball is out of play if a player is, in the referee's opinion, only slightly injured
- play is stopped if, in his opinion, a player is seriously injured
- after questioning the injured player, the referee authorizes one, or at most two doctors, to enter the field to ascertain the type of injury and to arrange the player's safe and swift removal from the field
- the stretcher-bearers should enter the field with a stretcher at the same time as the doctors to allow the player to be removed as soon as possible
- the referee ensures an injured player is safely removed from the field of play
- a player is not allowed to be treated on the field
- any player bleeding from a wound must leave the field of play. The player may not return until the referee is satisfied that the bleeding has stopped. A player cannot wear clothing with blood on it
- as soon as the referee has authorized the doctors to enter the field, the player must leave the field, either on the stretcher or on foot. A player who does not comply is cautioned for unsporting behavior
- an injured player may only return to the field of play after the match has restarted
- an injured player may only reenter the field from the touch line when the ball is in play. When the ball is out of play, the injured player may reenter from any of the boundary lines
- the referee alone is authorized to allow an injured player to reenter the field whether the ball is in play or not
- if play has not otherwise been stopped for another reason, or if an injury suffered by a player is not the result of a breach of the Laws of the Game, the referee restarts play with a dropped ball
- the referee allows for the full amount of time lost through injury to be played at the end of each period of play





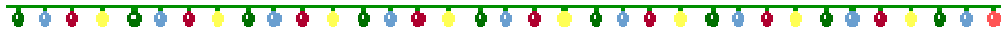
I was Reading the paper the other day and....

Three fans were bemoaning the fact that their team kept losing and was facing relegation.

"I blame the manager" said the first, "if he would sign new players then we could be a great side"

"I blame the players" said the second, "if they made more effort I am sure we would score more goals"

"I blame my parents", added the third, "if I'd been born in another town I'd be supporting a decent team!"



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

1. Move her over there. You may switch the positions of the assistant referee at any time you wish. Put that AR on the side you wish covered best and orient yourself to cover the rest of the field.
2. Answer (a). If a player deliberately kicks the ball towards his (or her) own goalkeeper and the goalkeeper deliberately handles the ball, thus denying the opposing team a goal or an obvious goal scoring opportunity, the restart is an indirect free kick from where the offence occurred, bearing in mind the special circumstances covered in Law 8. If the referee believes that the goalkeeper knew that without this illegal intervention, the ball would enter the goal, the referee could take action. The goalkeeper's action could be considered as unsporting behavior. The argument would be that the goalkeeper could have chosen not to handle the ball deliberately but rather to use another part of his body to change the path of the ball. In short, an indirect free kick and a definite caution is the correct action to take if, in the opinion of the referee, the goalkeeper knew that without the illegal intervention the ball would enter the goal.

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





Season's Greetings and Merry Christmas to All



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