

Livermore Referee Association

Referee Calendar of Events



February 25-26th	America's Cup (IV) olders prelims
February 27th	Livermore Referee Association Meeting (new location)
March 4-5th	America's Cup (IV) olders finals
March 10-11th	Association Cup (III) olders prelims
March 17-19th	CYSA Equipment Show and AGM, Sacramento
March 26th	Livermore Referee Association Meeting

Meeting Agenda

Head's up: READ ME FIRST !!

We are moving. For as long as your editor can remember, the Livermore Referee Association has met at the Livermore Police Department's Community Room at 1110 S. Livermore Avenue. Not willing to leave well enough alone, your steering committee has decided to *move* our monthly meeting *next door* to the *Livermore Library*-not the old library but the *new* one. While the meeting room at LPD next door to the Library was certainly been just fine for many years, its increasing use for police programs suggested a change, as well as LRA's growing audio-visual needs for our programs. In looking at various meeting options, the board decided that the Library would be more convenient and suitable for future monthly meetings. We are duly appreciative of the LPD for allowing us to use their meeting room facility for these last seven years. We will be using one of the Library meeting rooms just to the *left* as you enter. For those of you who might be coming from out of town, or just don't get out much, the [Livermore Public Library is right next to the Police Station at 1188 South Livermore Avenue, Livermore, CA](#). As always our fully catered meetings are held at 7:00 PM. We especially encourage our new referee's to attend. So, to kick off our new meeting location, this month's program is one of our all time favorites.



Monday, February 27th Duane Rueppel-The Annual Send off Clinic



This meeting is always full of new insight and discussion. Duane sits on the D3 disciplinary committee. Every year we ask him to select a few carefully edited send off reports from the past season to discuss at our meeting. Duane talks about how to properly fill out the send off report, and as one of our most experienced instructors always has some insight on how to handle the send off situation, and how to avoid having to end up sending players and coaches off in the first place. If you are going to referee, you are going to be in the position of having to send a player or coach off. If you haven't had to do it yet it is only a matter of time. You need to know how to handle the situation at the field and especially the paperwork properly. This is an important meeting for both new and experienced referees.





From the Touchline

Hi, it's me
by Bill Hoppes

If you have read the meeting notice you know we are changing the location of our monthly meeting. I really appreciate the LPD letting us use their community room all these years. I hope you will like the new venue at the library. I am really looking forward to this month's meeting with Duane; it is one of my favorites.

For some of us, we are just coming off the high school season, for others we are picking up a few State Cup games, others of us are looking forward to Association Cup and America's Cup, and others are just onto other things and will get back into the groove come summer and fall. Whatever group you are in I hope that you have, at least, re-registered, and are keeping in shape.

I was fortunate enough to be asked to do some State Cup games down in Morgan Hill a couple of weekends ago. They had a boatload of assessors there and of the three games I did, two were assessed. My last two games were as AR and after the second of my three games the assessor said, "You were drifting off your line quite a bit". Errgggg, I gritted my teeth, yeah, well, yeah, I guess so. They were U11s, I could always catch up with them. "Your throwin signals were more horizontal than 45°" What! now I was grinding my teeth. I'm pretty careful with my signals, I couldn't believe they were flat. Next game, I am AR again. I am like a laser pointer on the SLD, and I can feel it. I am working twice as hard. Ok, ok, he got me. But no way on the signals. It is late in the day and the sun is at my back. I am casting an excellent shadow. We shall see. Next throwin I signal the way I normally do, and look down. Hmmmm, pretty horizontal. Next throwin, I'll make sure this one is right. Owwww! 45° is that high! It's clear I had been getting lazy and letting bad habits creep in. It's no fun hearing that you are not doing things as well as you think you are. But we all need that independent view. Seek it out, if you are at a tournament and assessors are about, ask them to have a quick look at your work. Ask for a D&G, or seek feedback from experienced referees. We are usually our own worst judges, get some honest feedback to keep you on track and improve your game.

Word has it that long-time Livermore soccer fixture and CYSA Hall of Famer Doug Fields is under the weather health-wise. You might want to shoot him an email full of Livermore referee cheer.



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Questions for the clever Refs!

1. True or false. Time has been extended at half-time or full-time for a penalty kick. The ball strikes the crossbar, deflects down and bounces off the goalkeeper, who is on the field of play, and goes into the goal. This is a good goal.
2. Of six offences that result in a direct free kick, if committed in a manner that is careless, reckless or using excessive force, which three include a failed attempt to offend?
3. How many players of the defending and attacking team are allowed inside the penalty area at the taking of a goal kick?

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Livermore well represented at State Cup

Livermore referees were well represented at the recent rounds of State Cup younger matches. Seen at various venues from prelims to semifinals were:

Garrett Clark	Kristy Lyons
Alex Fairclough	Sam Hoppes
Robert Fairclough	Bill Hoppes (the older)
Susie Gazzuolo	Van Henson
Jimmy Hufford	John Hinton
Brian Hufford	Gary Lazar
Bill Russett	Samantha Moos (we still claim her)
Ron Shaffer	Jeff Waggoner

If you editor missed anyone, it was because you were hiding too well.



Come on Come On. Get that registration in!

Your 2005 registration expired on 12/31/05. Get your registration in for the 2006 season. Early season tournament will be here before you know it. If you aren't registered, you can't do games. 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. You can even do it online! Just go to http://www.cnra.net/renew/renew_register.htm and follow the simple to use instructions. Don't wait, do it before you sit down to watch that next playoff game.





Hey Ref! What are you gonna do?

1. The River City College Showcase is a major early season tournament for girl. It also attracts many referees and the tournament organizers have always taken extra steps to make the tournament attractive to referees. The always bring assessors in and offer to provide D&Gs to referees. You are thinking of upgrading and have asked for a D&G on your U17 center between the Elite and the Storm. You have had some ups and downs in the match but overall are pleased with your efforts. Now you are handed a couple of gifts. A trip in the box by the Storm defender and you have an obvious PK for the Elite. No real complaints by anyone. Now gift 2. You really don't expect to see it at this level, but as soon as you blow you whistle, an Elite player charges into the box, the Storm keeper makes a great save and the ball re-bounds right to the encroaching Elite attacker who puts it into the net. Amid the cheers you blast you whistle. You know the rule change and that the restart is an IFK for the Storm. But now you pause; but from where? Is from the PK spot where the ball when she encroached, the point on the PA where she encroached, or the spot where she collected the ball? Normally you wouldn't worry too much about it, but you are being assessed and want to get it right. Would it be too embarrassing to call your AR over and ask her?.....
2. These boys are having too much fun. It's listed as a "friendly tournament" and it has been. These are older recreational teams and the league has organized a district wide, end of season tournament. But these are older kids and the season has been over for a while and many of the players have gone on to other things. Some teams are here in force; others are having a tough time scratching together seven players. Some of the matches are well played and intense, others are just kids kicking the ball around having a good time. You are having fun too, running hard, trying some new things, and enjoying the relaxed atmosphere. But these are U16 boys and you know, learned from hard experience, to never take them lightly. The Cobras have a direct kick from about 25 yards out. The Cobra's tall redhead is standing back by the Ajax keeper. As the Cobra striker strides up to take the kick, the redhead starts sprinting towards to wall. "Where's he going?" When he reaches the wall, he plants both hands on the shoulders of his sweeper and vaults himself high into the air. He has timed it perfectly. He heads the ball high into the air and over the goal line for a corner. It was spectacular! Even several of the sideline spectators break into scattered applause. He has a huge grin on his face and you are working hard to suppress a smile. Oh well, on to work.....

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OK, clever referee, what was *your* answer?



1. True
2. Kicking or attempts to kick, striking or attempts to strike, and tripping or attempts to trip
3. No attackers, but any number of defenders as long as the ball leaves penalty area before being played.

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

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Some very sad news

Longtime USSF National Assessor John Kennedy passed away on Sunday, January 22. John was a famed assessor in Cal-North and was known for his high standards of officiating. With his rich experience, John imparted his knowledge on many professional referees and helped the growing number of developing referees. He always encouraged a better performance and helped shape many of today's top officials. Bob Even has posted a poignant online entry at <http://fortheintegrityofsoccer.blogs.com/artandscienceofrefereeing/>.

-from the D2 website

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Thanks for your help!

A big thanks goes out to Brian Hufford in organizing our referee table at the LYSL Registration. This effort is critical to our overall referee recruitment and is the single event that, each year, provides most of our new referees. This year had great results as we signed up over 60 prospective referees for our upcoming classes which will kick off later this spring. Lending Brian a hand were David Bunch (who helped out both days, all day), Cheryl and Garrett Clark, Steve Compton, Tim Sheppard, Ken Mitchell, Karen and Manuel Nunez, Robert and Alex Fairclough Bill Russett and even your editor showed up for a few minutes. Thanks to all of you.

I was on a flight to Las Vegas and got bored, so....

Been looking back over some of our game count figures from 2005. Following doesn't count tournaments, just league games. We had 92 referees do at least one game for us. The number of games individual referees did ranged from 79 games all the way down to three referees who did a single match. The average number of games each of you did was 22 games; the median number of games was 19 (this means half of you did more than 19 games, half of you did fewer). So figuring a ten-week season, at least half of you were doing about two games each weekend. That is great. One of the things we always look at is the number of referees doing ten or fewer games. In 2005, that group consisted of 28 referees, about a third of our membership. That is a group that we pay special attention to each year. We can't afford to lose any of our referees, and we want you all back, doing all the games you want. There are a lot of reasons why some refs do few games. Seventeen of this group were youth referees. It's hard for some kids to play and ref and have a life too and we are happy for the games they do. Some of our adults do many games during the season, but only a few in Livermore. For others, they are finding that they aren't having enough fun refereeing. We hope to be in touch with all of you as the season nears. Doing what we can so that you are having fun out on the pitch, getting the training you need, and getting to know your fellow referees, you will be hearing from us.

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

1. Restarts are given from the place at which the infringement occurred—wherever it is that the miscreant committed the violation of Law 14; in this case where the player entered the PA. Conceivably, in the case of a player moving closer to the goal line than the ball, this could even be outside the penalty area.
2. You might have some serious work to do here. The offense is unsporting behavior, punishable with a caution and yellow card. The subsequent restart is an indirect free kick for the opposing team, taken from the place where the misconduct occurred, keeping in mind the special conditions described in Law 8 regarding restarts in the goal area. If the player prevented a goal or a goal-scoring opportunity through this misconduct, then the player must be sent off and shown the red card before the indirect free kick. The caution, of course, would more likely be given when the offense is not trifling (as in this case the player actually makes contact with the ball). Simply trying unsuccessfully to get the ball using such unsporting behavior might warrant only a stern talking-to. Most players are unaware that this behavior is misconduct. You might be tested yourself to find this in the LOTG. This misconduct was described in the Law before the general rewrite which occurred in 1996-1997, but referees are expected to officiate as though it is still there. More currently, you should review the USSF position paper on "Cautions and Cautionable Offenses (2004)" available on the USSF website.



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