

# Livermore Referee Association



## Referee Calendar of Events

- 🕒 July 24<sup>th</sup>                      Livermore Referee Association Meeting
- 🕒 July 29-30<sup>th</sup>                      Rage College Showcase, Pleasanton
- 🕒 August 4-5<sup>th</sup>                      Livermore Summer Classic, San Ramon Valley Cup
- 🕒 August 11-14<sup>th</sup>                      Mustang Stampede, Danville
- 🕒 August 18-20<sup>th</sup>                      Ballistic Summer Classic, Pleasanton
- 🕒 August 19-20<sup>th</sup>                      Newark Referee Classic
- 🕒 August 26-27<sup>th</sup>                      Shamrock Invitational, Dublin,  
Pleasanton Soccer City Warm-up
- 🕒 August 28<sup>th</sup>                      Livermore Referee Association Meeting

### Meeting Agenda



#### **Monday, July 24<sup>th</sup> LYSL**

#### **Technical Director, Troy Dayak.**

We've invited the LYSL's Technical Director Troy Dayak to speak at our meeting this month. Troy is a product of Livermore Soccer and many of us have followed his remarkable career, especially with the Earthquakes. He is bringing tremendous energy and commitment to the development of LYSL soccer. Troy is just back from the World Cup and we have asked him to speak on three areas **1)** his impressions of the World Cup **2)** his plans for player development for both the House and Competitive program in LYSL, and **3)** how we, through the LRA, can best help with the development of Livermore Soccer. If you have never had the chance to meet Troy



and hear him speak about soccer, this is a great opportunity. Our meetings take place at the Livermore Public Library 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.

#### ***Questions for clever refs out there.***

1. From a kick off the ball goes directly into the opponents' goal the restart is?
2. The referee may add time for 1) every goal 2) substitutions 3) time wasting
3. A kick off goes over the touchline before anyone touches it, the restart is?

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## From the Touchline

Hi, it's me

By Bill Hoppes

This month's meeting should be great. Troy Dayak, Livermore's Technical Director will be our featured speaker. Troy is just back from the World Cup and I am sure he has lots to say about what he experienced there. Closer to home I am looking forward to hearing his plans for the future development of Livermore soccer; it should be a fun evening. By the time you read this we will have completed our second Grade 9 course. This will add about a dozen new referees. Combined with our other courses we have brought in 40-45 new referees. Our job now is to do our best to ensure that these referees have a good time and stick with us for their critical first year. We will be cranking up the mentoring program to help these new referees. We will be calling on our more experienced refs to work with them, give them feedback, and help them through the rough patches. This past weekend LYSL had a jamboree for its U9/U10 Hi-comp teams. It was a hot, but fun weekend. Many of you broke out the gear and did some games. We also got many of our youth referees out there. I hope none of you are too sunburned or sore and this helped you get in gear for the upcoming season. Which reminds me, I hope everyone is getting their fitness training in? So much of your game, keeping close to and keeping up with play, maintaining your concentration, come from being fit for the level of game you are doing. One of many things that Bobby Martinez says that I always remember is "Train to referee, don't referee to train". I am going to practice what I preach. It's got to be 78.2 degrees F. outside right now, but I promised myself I would get on the bike for a good workout. I have plenty of water and as soon as I finish this paragraph I am going, yes I am, I am, I am, I am.....I'm back, whew hot, hot, hot, but I've done my duty. Anyway, as you will see from the photo elsewhere in the newsletter, we had a very successful June Cup. This is one of my favorite events of the year and it is wonderful how many referees come from all over District 3 to donate their time and skill for this excellent cause. Finally, last month I promised some more data from D3. Here it is.

The first couple of tables show the number of referees in each classification in D3 and Cal North. Almost 6% of D3 referees are at least Grade 7; if we add the emeritus grades (13/15) the total rises to 7.6%. In Cal North as a whole the percentage is about 4.6%. The other big difference is in the number of grade 9s. Almost 45% of the Grade 9 referees in Cal North are in D3. Looking at the ages of referees we see a pattern we have talked about before. In Cal North over 88% of our referees are either kids or over 40. In D3 the situation is even more pronounced with 92% of our referees in these categories. I don't see that situation changing much. I have been doing quite a few Grade 8 and Grade 9 clinics and they have been about 80-90% youngsters.



District III Totals

Grade	2	4	5	6	7	8	9	13/15
Total	1	1	3	25	23	648	177	15
% of total	0.1%	0.1%	0.3%	2.8%	2.6%	72.6%	19.8%	1.7%

CNRA Totals

Grade	1 & 2	3 & 4	5	6	7	8	9	13/15	Total
Total	4	13	62	82	151	8,896	395	146	9,749
% of total	0.04%	0.13%	0.6%	0.8%	1.5%	91.3%	4.1%	1.5%	100%

Ages of District III Referees

12 to 18	363	40.6%
19 to 29	35	3.9%
30 to 39	35	3.9%
40 to 49	259	29.0%
50 to 59	166	18.6%
60+	35	3.9%
Total	893	100%

vs.

All of CNRA

4,782	49.1%
580	5.9%
543	5.6%
1,988	20.4%
1,449	14.9%
407	4.2%
9,749	100%

D3 Grade 9 Referees

Youth	Adult	Total
88	89	177
50%	50%	100%

CNRA Grade 9 Referees

Youth	Adult	Total
239	156	395
61%	39%	100%

Well, get out there; stay hydrated, as you can see from the calendar there is an ocean of tournaments coming up. The most important of which is, of course, the **Livermore Summer Classic**. See you on the pitch.

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

Your 2005 registration expired on 12/31/05. Come on, come on, get your registration in for the 2006 season. Please get it done **this month**. Early season tournaments will be here before you know it. If you have already sent in your registration and haven't received 2006 badge yet, please be patient. Those hard-working gnomes all the way back in Chicago are wading through oceans of registrations, some 11,000 or so just from Cal North. As long as they had deposited your registration check you show



up on our secret list and we consider you

registered. Thank you very much for registering. But, if you haven't registered, you can't do games. And we will need all the refs we can get this season. 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 the LRA website or to

[http://www.cnra.net/renew/renew\\_register.htm](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.

## Some Regional Guidance

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.

### **1. Serious Foul Play and Violent Conduct**

Soccer is a tough, combative sport. The contest to gain possession of the ball should

nonetheless be fair and sporting. Any actions meeting these criteria, even when vigorous, must be allowed by the referee. Serious Foul Play and Violent Conduct are, however, strictly forbidden and the referee must react to them by stringently applying the Laws of the Game.

These two offenses can be defined as follows:

(a) It is serious foul play when a player uses excessive force, formerly defined as "disproportionate and unnecessary strength," when challenging for the ball on the field against an opponent. There can be no serious foul play against a teammate, the referee, an assistant referee, a spectator, etc.

(b) It is violent conduct when a player is guilty of aggression (excessive force or deliberate violence) towards an opponent when they are not competing for the ball. It is also violent conduct if the excessive force is used when the ball is not in play, if it is committed by a substitute or substituted player, or if it is directed at anyone other than an opponent (e. g., teammate, referee, assistant referee, coach, spectator, etc.). If the violent conduct is committed by a player against an opponent on the field during play, the restart is a direct free kick for the opposing team where the foul occurred (or a penalty kick if it was committed by a player inside the player's penalty area). If the violent conduct is by a player during play against anyone on the field other than an opponent, the restart is an indirect free kick where the misconduct occurred. If the violent conduct is committed during a stoppage of play, the restart is not changed. A dropped ball where the ball was when play is stopped is the correct restart if the violent conduct is committed during play and off the field. If the violent conduct is committed by a substitute or substituted player on the field of play, the correct restart is an indirect free kick.



## 2. Tackling

A tackle as such is not an infringement of the Laws of the Game. It becomes an infringement only if the tackler plays carelessly, recklessly, or with excessive force, or places the opponent in danger.

(a) A sliding tackle from the front or side, made with one or both legs, is permissible if, in the opinion of the referee, it is not dangerous. If, however, the player making the tackle trips the opponent before, during, or after making contact with the ball, the referee shall award a direct free kick to the opposing team. The referee must judge whether an illegal trip occurred or whether the opponent fell over the leg of the player making a legal tackle.

(b) Tackling with the foot lifted from the ground may be dangerous, whether contact is made with the ball or not. Lifting of the foot should be penalized if the referee considers the player is endangering an opponent by so doing. If the player deliberately plays over the ball and makes contact with the opponent's leg, this is serious foul play and must be sanctioned with a send-off (red card) and a direct free kick (or a penalty kick, if appropriate).

(c) Tackling with two feet together, studs up, if uncontrolled and from a distance, could be judged as at least reckless and possibly dangerous to the opponent. If controlled and from a short distance, there may be no danger.

(d) A tackle, regardless of direction, which endangers the safety of an opponent must be sanctioned as serious foul play. The player must be sent from the field (red card) and play restarted with a direct free kick (or a penalty kick if committed by a player inside the player's team's own penalty area).

## 3. Charging from behind

Charging from behind is permissible only if the opponent is intentionally impeding while shielding the ball. The charge, however, must be made fairly and under no

circumstances to the back (spinal area).

## 4. Reckless challenges

Referees should take stringent measures against players moving their arms and elbows without due care, by applying the sanctions available to them under Law 12.

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

One of the lesser-known stories in Greek mythology tells of a classic football match on Mount Olympus between the Gods and the Mortals. The Gods trounced the Mortals 8-0 and attributed their victory to the brilliance of their new centaur-forward.

### Some Soccer definitions:

Teammate: Another person that you have to dribble around

Scoring: When 11 men spontaneously start dancing and kissing, regardless of any injuries, whilst 11 others droop like wallflowers

Striker: Faultless, overpaid, ball-hogging lay-about who only misses the goal when he is fed a bad ball

Defender: Player whose function is to commit fouls just outside of the penalty area

Ball: Round object used by referees to entice players into committing fouls



**OK what was your answer,**

1. Kickoff
2. 2 and 3
3. Throw in



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



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

1. A hand shoots up. It's the last session before the test in the Grade 8 clinic you are teaching. Ernie is your fellow instructor and as you untangle the cables to set up the projector, he is fielding questions from the 23 referees-to-be. It's two days after the World Cup final and the match is still a hot topic of conversation. Ellen has been an apt student and has asked some good questions, she has one now.

"Last Wednesday you told us that if the referee wants to caution or eject player she must do so before the restart of play and that if the team restarts play quickly, the referee must whistle right away to stop action and give the card. In Sunday's World Cup final why was the red card given to Zidane after play had stopped and restarted. I'm not saying that Zidane's action didn't merit an ejection but the game had obviously been stopped and restarted once or maybe a couple of times before the referee issued the red card. Wasn't this a violation of the laws of the game?"

You focus on the cables; Ernie's on his own here.

2. Oh it's just too hot for this. You are

AR on a U16B match between the Cobras and the Chivas. The Chivas have a corner and you are in position. The Cobras keeper is ready and he has two fullbacks on the posts. It's going to be a short corner, and the Chivas forward passes the ball back to his midfielder. As he does he takes a looping run goalward. Hey, he's off the field! Hmm, guess that's ok. The midfielder passes the ball into space and the Chivas forward runs back onto the field to get it. You check, both Cobra fullbacks are still on the posts. "Gah!!! Was he offside? He was off the field, but should I count him as on the goal line. He was behind those defenders, but they couldn't go any farther back. Oh Oh! He's gonna shoot....."

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**Another Successful June Cup**

Another great June Cup has come and gone. Held at Robertson Park This year this adult coed tournament in memory of June Jessup brought teams and referees together from throughout the bay area. Adult referees donate their time to this tournament and the result is scholarships awarded to Livermore youth. For the past three years the scholarships have been awarded to Livermore youth referees. This year the scholarships were awarded to long time LRA referees Kristy Lyons and Greg Lazar. Kristy will be attending Sacramento State University and Greg will be attending Washington State University in the fall.



Pete Howard (center) organizer of the annual June Cup and this year's scholarship winners Kristy Lyons and Greg Lazar.

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

1. Ernie is on his game. While it may have seemed slightly irregular to send off Zidane after play had restarted following his violent conduct, it was perfectly correct. The referee is bound to caution or send off a player prior to the restart only if he or she has seen or been made aware of the incident prior to that restart. If the referee chooses to allow the restart after having seen the infringement, then nothing further can be done about it other than noting it in the match report. If, as in the case of Zidane's violent conduct, the referee does not learn of it from one of the ARs or the fourth official until after the restart, then the referee may punish the misconduct as soon as she learns of it. There was no referee error.
2. Flag up! While no player can be offside directly from a corner kick, the same is not true as soon as any other player on the kicker's team plays the ball. Although the kicker had



been off the field and the defenders did not leave the posts, the kicker should be declared offside when his teammate plays the ball back to him and he enters the field to play it.

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