

LIVERMORE REFEREE ASSOCIATION NEWS - "ADVANTAGE" 12/09/11

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Here is the news for this week. This information is also available in .pdf form on the LRA home page.

=> 2011 ELECTIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

Great to see so many of us at the Dec 5 Event! Not a slice of pizza went unattended! Here is some highlights of that night:

- Overall game coverage was 98.6% of 1,794 available slots in 2011. 2010 was 97.6% of 1,779.
- Top 10 Performers had a game count that totaled 426 slots (or 24% of all slots covered). 8 of the 10 this year were youth! In 2010 the Top 10 did 448 games (23%); 2009 508 (22%). More referees do more games so the personal high has dropped, which is great. Shared work, fewer tired and injured referees!
 - **Diego Brambila** (58)
 - **Justin Hollar** (51)
 - **Tyler Collier** (47)
 - **Nathan Flores** (44)
 - **Steve Compton, Alex Hartley** (42) tie
 - **Robert Nguyen** (37)
 - **Ron Shaffer** (36)
 - **Cody Thompson** (35)
 - **Lucas Pertica** (34)
- Referees of 2011 Recognitions:
 - **Neil Cowles** (Adult Referee of the Year) **Achieved Grade 7!**
 - **Diego Brambila** (Youth Referee of the Year)
 - **Cliff Adams** (Male Adult Most Improved)
 - **Justin Hollar** (Male Youth Most Improved)
 - **Kris Cowles** (Female Adult Most Improved)
 - **Jessica Estrada** (Female Youth Most Improved)
 - **Cody Thompson** (Male Young Rookie)
 - **Sara Dobson** (Female Adult Rookie)
 - **Elise Falgout** (Female Young Rookie)
- Special "Knee Brace" Award for their long history of solid overall contributions to LRA and in BODY and soul!
 - **Jeff Wagoner**
 - **Steve Plummer**
- Thank you to the 2011 LRA Steering Committee and to the Elected 2012 Members! The only change in elected positions was for Vice President; non-elected position of Youth Representative.
 - **Steve Compton** (President elected)
 - **Vince Opipari** (Vice President elected)
 - *Thank you Cheryl Clark for your contribution in 2011!*
 - **Tim Shepodd** (Secretary elected)

- **Brent Koch** (Treasurer elected)
- **Diego Brambila, Lee Wood** (Youth Representatives)
 - *Thank you **Jessica Clark** for your contributions in 2011!*
- **Ron Shaffer** (Mentor Coordinator)

=> FINANCES

Please direct all questions and comments about LRA checks, payments, bonuses and tax matters to our Treasurer, **Brent Koch**, at treasurer1@livermorerefs.org. He can best help you with those items quicker than the assignor.

=> ARBITER CLEAN UP IN JANUARY

Brent and I are already planning for process improvements for next year to help make game information and payment go as smoothly as possible for both the committee and the referees. Part of the normal process is to clear out the games from the previous year. To that end, **all game information for 2011 will be cleared out of Arbiter after Jan 31, 2012. BACK UP YOUR 2011 GAME INFORMATION PRIOR TO THAT DATE!!**

=> REGISTER FOR 2012 NOW

Badges and registration for 2011 expire on 12/31/11. You will NOT be allowed to referee any games without your 2012 registration paid, so registered ASAP if you have not yet done so.

If your badge already says "2012", you are good to go already and do not need to re-registered until after Aug 1, 2012 for 2013.

The CNRA Registration information page is found at http://www.cnra.net/renew/renew_register.htm. This is the preferred method of registering if you are not required to submit any paperwork with your registration.

If you are either a Grade 7, 6, or 5, or upgrading to Grade 7, 6 or 5, your paperwork should be sent to the State Referee Administrator (not the district coordinator) for review. DO NOT REGISTER ONLINE!

Instructions to register online:

1. Use any internet browser and go to this URL: www.ussoccer.info

Login ID: Type in the letter R (capital letter) followed by your 16 digit USSF ID number, no dashes.

Password: Type in your last name.

HINT: LRA Referees that do not remember their USSF ID number can find it in their LRA Arbiter Profile in the "Official Number" field.

2. You will be directed to U.S. Soccer Information Systems home page. Click on the "Referee" tab on the left.

3. Under the "Referee" tab, click on the "Referee" heading.
4. Under the "Referee" heading, click on *Click here to register*.
5. On the top of the screen is your biographical information. Review it. If there are any changes, click on the link below the biographical information box. A new pop-up window will appear and you can edit the data. **Save** your edits.
6. Next you will see the Registration Type boxes you are eligible to submit (Referee, Instructor, Assessor, Assignor, Indoor/Futsal). You may register for more than one at the same time, if you are eligible.
7. Continue down the rest of the form answering all questions if required.
8. When you are satisfied that all information is correct, read the Terms and Conditions. Check "*I agree to terms and conditions*" and click "*Continue*".
9. You will be directed to a secure credit card payment site to submit your payment using VISA or MasterCard.
10. Please **print** a copy of the confirmation page.
11. You are finished. **After** approval from your SRA, your registration packet will be mailed to you.

=> NEXT LRA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The new meeting will be FEBRUARY 27, 2012. Reminders will be since out prior. There is no meeting in January.

Have a great Holiday Season!!

Regards,

Corey Nelson, Assignor
Livermore Referee Association

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