



## LRA Meeting Jan 25, 7pm

Livermore Public Library, 1188 South Livermore Avenue

A favorite for our association, "What would you do?" scenarios will be presented as the main feature of this month's meeting. A situation is presented (some actual events in the past few months) and referees discussion options one might consider at the time.

This is a wonderful learning experience. Newer referees to the most experienced will be present. Every level of skill set has something to contribute. See you there!

## Newest Livermore Referees

Last year's referee courses yielded 48 new Grade 8 Livermore referees. The best part was almost every one of them did a significant number of games.

When you are out on the field, please say hi and offer any constructive advice to help our newest referees enjoy their experience and make new friends.



Our newest LRA members are: **Justin Brauer, Makayla Byassee, Alexander Cairel, Jack Cairel, Neil Cowels, Jini Doherty, Ryan Fernandez, Nathan Flores, Caleb Foreman, David Foreman, Cory Herro, Haley Londry, Julio Marmol, Audrye McLaggan, Claire McLaggan, Kelly McRitchie, Luke Nutter, Lucas Pertica, Connor Runnels, Lauren Sylwester, Joshua Tavares, Ryan Texeira, Diego Brambila, Jacob Brehm, Tyler Collier, Tyler Crevelt, Danny Emerson, Jessica Estrada, Alexander Hartley, Justin Hollar, Amir Jafarpour, Allie LaBine, Jennavive Lillie, Nadia Lillie, Michael Lozano, Herve Mardirossian, Julie Ann Mardirossian, Madisen Marples, Robert Nguyen, Nicholas Pletschette, Eduardo Sanchez, John Stepanek, Patrick Taylor, Scott Thompson, Philippe Venet, Teva Venet, Lee Wood, Sarah Felicitas.**

We also had a Grade 9 course of which we had a few graduate. Grade 9 referees have a blue USSF badge and can officiate up to U14 rec. games.

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## From the Touchline

The last year was not only a successful one; it was a fun one! Overall 2009 coverage in Livermore was 97.4%. Thanks to each of you that were able to contribute in any way toward the coverage, the training, and support of our referees. The support of the LYSL board, teams, and parents was also phenomenal.

**Steve Petrakovitz**, our District III Referee Coordinator and Director of Assessment resigned due to work. He will be missed after many solid years of service to our District.

CNRA has appointed me to as the new District III Referee Coordinator and National assessor, **Bob Fleck**, is our new Director of Assessment. I am excited for this new role as well as continuing as LRA President.

For 2010, a high priority for me will be ensuring that LRA supports every referee being the best officiate that they can personal be. We will be listening to your personal goals. Helping you explore your potential and limits will be a high priority this year.

LRA is ready for 2010 starting with our Steering Committee.

Welcome to **Steve Compton** on as the new VP. **Bill Russett** continues to be a strong LRA mentor and referee.

**Jessica Clark** has been appointed to Youth Representative. **Lee Wood** will be assisting. They replace **Alex Fairclough** after two years of service.

**Tim Shepodd** (Sec.) and **Bob Dashner** (Tres.) were also voted back. Re-appointed were **Cheryl Clark** (LYSL/LRA Liasion), **Gary Lazar** (Mentor Co.) and **Corey Nelson** (assignor).

See you at the meeting!

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LRA 2010 Steering Committee  
**David Bunch, Steve Compton, Tim Shepodd, Bob Dashner**

## What Would You Do?

(answers on page 5)

### Situation 1: Is Hurry Delay?

With time running out, the blue team scores to tie the game. A player from the blue team runs into the goal to retrieve the ball so that they can hurry up to try and get the ball back into play. While doing this, he gets into a tussle with the goalie from the red team who was also trying to get the ball. What should the call be? Should either player be cautioned for unsportsmanlike conduct? Or for delay of the game?

Source:

<http://www.askasoccerreferee.com/?p=2071>

### Situation 2: Silence Allowed?

Constantly throughout the game all the coaches for both teams were hollering at the players providing "directions" on positioning, passing, and anything else. The majority rarely had any tactical instructions. I stopped the game (after listening for the majority of the game) and demanded that the coaches let the players play the last 4 minutes with silence. The coaches complied. After the game, one coach complained "Where is it written down that I can't shout instructions to my players?"

Source:

<http://www.askasoccerreferee.com/?p=2046>

### Situation 3: Too Many Players

There was a miscommunication on the field and one extra player is sent onto the field. The referee started the second half, and after several of the parents started yelling, noticed the extra person after play had started. At this time, he randomly picked a player and told her to leave the field. When I called a different girl, he told me he was making the decision who to remove. The ATR states that play is to stop on the discovery and the extra player is to be removed. How is allowed to select which player is removed?

Source:

<http://www.askasoccerreferee.com/?p=1823>



LYSL World Cup 2009, Robertson Park, Nov 2009  
 THANK YOU to all that participated. We wish we could have rewarded more of our deserving referees with these games.

## Calendar

- Jan 25, 7pm LRA Meeting (Livermore Library)
- Feb 6-7 State U12-13 Qtr/Semi
- Feb 13 State U12-13 Finals
- Feb 22, 7pm LRA Meeting (Livermore Library)
- Feb 27-28 Founder's U16-19 Prelim
- Mar 6-7 Founder's U16-19 Finals
- Mar 20-21 Assoc U16-19 2nd Rd/Rd 16
- Mar 20-21 State U16-19 Prelim
- Mar 22, 7pm LRA Meeting (Livermore Library)

<b>Soccer TEAM USA Games Coming Up</b>	
<b>Jan. 25, 2010</b>	U.S. Under-20 Women vs Mexico
<b>Feb. 24, 2010</b>	U.S. Men vs. El Salvador
<b>March 3, 2010</b>	U.S. Men vs. Netherlands
<b>June 12, 2010</b>	U.S. Men vs. England
<b>June 18, 2010</b>	U.S. Men vs. Slovenia
<b>June 23, 2010</b>	U.S. Men vs. Algeria

## News and Information Sources

### LRA Twitter and Facebook

We have our own presence on many new technologies. Join us!

<https://twitter.com/LivermoreRef>  
<https://www.facebook.com/livermore.referees>

### Livermore Referee Association

Our own association web site focused on Livermore news and information.

<http://www.livermorerefs.org/>

### District III Referees (CNRA)

Our district web site that provides local information on classes, news, and events.

<http://www.district3refs.org/>

### Cal-North Ref Assoc (CNRA)

The state level web site and information for soccer referees.

<http://www.cnra.net/>

### New Referees 2010

This new document distributed by the U.S. Soccer National Referee Program office is meant to provide supplemental information the instruction and training of new referees.

[http://www.cnra.net/downloads/Information\\_for\\_New\\_Referees\\_2010.pdf](http://www.cnra.net/downloads/Information_for_New_Referees_2010.pdf)

### US Youth Soccer Referee Of Year

Keep an eye out for the 2009 Referee of the Year on Friday, Feb. 26 at 7:30 p.m.

<http://www.usyouthsoccer.org/workshop/yroy.asp>

### USSF Referee Week In Review

During the MLS Season, the WIR will have video and information addressing issues facing referees.

<http://www.ussoccer.com/Referees/Week-In-Review.aspx>

### FIFA: Referees

Top level information for referees.

<http://www.fifa.com/aboutfifa/developing/refereeing/index.html>

### Ah, Who's Counting Anyway?

Veteran soccer referee Randy Vogt reached another career milestone as he officiated his 7,500 career game on Saturday.

Source:

[http://www.bigapplesoccer.com/sections/youth2.php?article\\_id=22275](http://www.bigapplesoccer.com/sections/youth2.php?article_id=22275)

## From the Assignor

### ARBITER CLEAN UP

Around 1/30, the LRA Arbiter is being cleaned up.

- All previous game information removed
- Non-active referees in the last year removed
- Restructure the level and group naming to more easily identify the playing division and rules
- New ranking system in place

Save your game information before 1/25 or it will be erased as part of the annual housekeeping.

### REFEREE RANKINGS CHANGE

The LRA Ranking Committee has worked on some

improvements. There is a wider range to allow for a smoother transition as referees skills and abilities change over time.

Be aware that moving from one system to another may show a slight change in the level of games one is open due to subtle changes between systems.

We also formalized the level of feedback to assist with decisions to change ranks. The higher the game, the higher official we will use for rank assessments.

These changes will come into affect in February as Arbiter is routinely cleaned up after last year's activities.

## Past Meeting Recap – Dec 2009

The December meeting is always a special one. LRA elections the 2010 Steering Committee and our annual referee awards.

Top 10 performers:

- Bob Dashner (41)**
- David Bunch (42)**
- Steve Plummer (45)**
- Laura Ullrich (46)**
- Karen Nunes (48)**
- Brent Koch (50)**
- Jason Felicitas (51)**
- Gary Lazar, Ron Shaffer (58)**
- Steve Compton (69) \***

\* 2008 1st with 80

Rookie of the Year:

- Neil Cowles**
- Ryan Texiera**
- Lee Wood**

Most Improved:

- Steve Plummer**
- Connor Higgins**
- Allison Burkland**

Youth Referee of the Year:

- Brianna Koch**
- Jason Felicitas**

Referee of the Year:

- Gary Lazar**
- Karen Nunes**

The selections were difficult this year since we had so many fine officials to select from. Congrats!

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### 2010 REGISTRATION

Instructions to register for 2010 are found on the Cal North Referee Association web site: [http://www.cnra.net/renew/renew\\_register.htm](http://www.cnra.net/renew/renew_register.htm).



LRA 2009 Referees of the Year  
**Gary Lazar, Brianna Koch, Jason Felicitas, Karen Nunes**



LRA 2010 Most Improved  
**Steve Plummer, Allison Burkland, Connor Higgins**



LRA 2009 Rookies of the Year  
**Neil Cowles, Sarah Felicitas, Ryan Texiera**

# “What Would You Do?” Answers



## Situation 1: Is Hurry Delay?

After the referee has stopped play for a goal, the ball, although “dead” until play is restarted with a kick-off, does belong to the team against which the goal was scored. Traditionally the ball is carried back to the center spot by the team against which the goal was scored (Red). A player who provokes confrontation by deliberately touching the ball after the referee has stopped play may be cautioned for delaying the restart of play. (See Law 12, “Delaying the restart of play,” in the Interpretations of the Laws of the Game and Guidelines for Referees in the back of the Laws of the Game 2009/2010.) The team which has possession (Red) may “allow” the opposing team to hold/transfer/carry/etc.

## Situation 2: Silence Allowed?

According to Law 5, the referee “takes action against team officials who fail to conduct themselves in a responsible manner and may, at his discretion, expel them from the field of play and its immediate surrounds.”

Some examples of irresponsible behavior, based on questions received and answered here or taken from the USSF position paper of March 22, 2006, on Management of Behavior in the Technical Area are (1) Screaming at or

verbally or physically abusing the officials or any players or other participants for any reason and (2) interfering with the game in any way, such as: yelling illegal or giving deceptive instructions; throwing objects in protest; persistently and flagrantly protesting decisions by an official are among the list of examples.

As a practical matter, particularly at youth level, any POSITIVE coaching is allowed. A coach has no “right” to anything in the game of soccer, other than the right to conduct him-/herself responsibly during the game — from within the technical or bench area — while offering advice to his/her team’s players.

## Situation 3: Too Many Players

The referee does NOT necessarily have the right to determine which player must leave. Only the team can do that, unless the competition is playing strictly under the Laws of the Game, in which case Law 3 will have required the team to have a roster and the referee must go by what is on the roster. Failing either to have a roster or to be using Law 3 substitution rules, then clearly it is the coach who should declare who is the “extra” player.

# LRA Steering Committee and Contacts

The Steering Committee is comprised of elected officers and appointed coordinators. There are each deeply involved with the association and are committed to helping support local soccer officiating needs. Let us know how we can be a service to you.

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## Where Do You Want to Go?

There is rarely just one answer that fits all situations. What would some of your fellow referees do in that same situation? What have the experienced recently in spring games? There will be "What Would You

Do" scenarios will be a highlight of the meeting this month. Come join the discussion!

Each meeting is focused to bring a variety of news and current information to the attendees.

Meetings are held at the Livermore Public Library main branch (next to the Police Station) at 1188 South Livermore Avenue, Livermore, CA. These catered meetings are held at 7:00 PM on the fourth Monday of every

## About Our Organization

The Livermore Referee Association is comprised of trained and registered referees that provide officiating services for the local youth soccer association.

Membership in the Livermore Referee Association is open to all persons in the community who have successfully completed an entry level soccer referee clinic, which requires attending the

required training sessions given by certified USSF instructors, having successfully passed the qualifying USSF examination *and* maintaining their status as a USSF-registered referee.

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