

In Touch

South Coast Referee Association - Mission Viejo, California

The Presidents Whistle.....Ken Bruette



Special points of interest:

- Summertime Tournament season - too many refs.....not enough games
- When do I get paid for tournament games?
- Wearing of hats
- Explanation of fees and how you get paid

The summertime Tournament season is now in full swing with SCRA having been asked to help out other Referee Association's on our "off weekends". Mike tells me Referees who were available for games were assigned games. To be fair and equitable, this meant some Referees were only assigned games on 1 day even though availability was provided for 2 days on a given weekend. This is the kind of problem any Referee Association wants to have... too many Referees and not enough games! This won't be the situation for the Tournaments where SCRA is the lead Association. We can retain as many fields as we can staff.

With the Tournaments comes the issue of when do I get paid. Due to our sound financial footing, we pay Referees monthly where checks are cut for distribution at the monthly meetings. Please note that all fees owed to SCRA (10% of earned fees) are deducted from your check. For the upcoming Fall season, because you get paid on the field in cash, we are now able to offer you the option of withholding some of your Tournament earnings as a deposit against the fees you will owe. This should make it less "painful"

for you when it comes time to close out the calendar year and you don't have to cut SCRA a check. To do this, just send Jerry Zimmerle an email letting him know how much to "hold back". If you choose not to do this, a check for your Tournament earnings will be cut as explained above and you will then receive a statement in December 2005 letting you know how much you owe SCRA.

With the summertime sun, the issue of wearing hats needs to be addressed. As a paid professional, all of you are expected to dress as one. With the Tournament's permission, you are allowed to wear a hat, but it must be all black and contain **NO** advertising or wording of any kind. A small American flag on the rear of the hat is OK. All hats must be in good condition; no faded or otherwise worn looking hats are allowed. The Coast Soccer League (CSL) Fall League games are OK with the wearing of a hat. Please note that as of now, CYSA sponsored League Cup and State Cup games DO NOT allow hats. Marty Pater of Refwear stocks a nice black hat if you need one. Your understanding and support of the above is appreciated as your dress code is a

direct reflection on our Association.

The next section is directed at our newer Referees as it explains how you get paid and it applies to Tournament games, League Cup, State Cup and CSL fall season games. Referees get paid by the minute so the length of a game determines how much is earned; the Division (e.g. GU12 or BU16) has no impact. The per minute rate currently in effect is \$1.10 for a 3 person Referee Team. As an example, a 2 X 30 game has each team paying \$33.00 for a total of \$66.00 split 40%/30%/30% for Center, Assistant Referee 1, Assistant Referee 2 or \$26.00, \$20.00, \$20.00. In the case of a Tournament, the Tournament pays the \$66.00 fee to SCRA. Each Referee (including Youth Referees) then owes SCRA 10% of the earned fee or \$2.60, \$2.00, \$2.00 where the Referees net \$23.40, \$20.00, \$20.00. Please note that SCRA rounds off the individual Referee earnings to the nearest whole dollar to facilitate cash distribution at the field for non-Tournament games. If you have any additional questions regarding this, please contact the Treasurer, Jerry Zimmerle.

Yours in soccer.

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Fitness Report

Referees Darcy Skaggs and Joe Benton are recovering

from recent illnesses and will be taking some time off from refereeing.

Please keep them in your thoughts for a speedy recovery.

Instructor's Corner Wally Fallman

I apologize for not seeing a lot of you over the past few weeks, I've been on the injured reserve list, but I'm back and looking forward to the coming tournament season and the CSL season to follow. My intent in this article is to provide an overview of some changes coming from USSF (effective 7-1-05), all of which have been reviewed (and hand-outs provided by Robert Carlier) at the past two monthly meetings). Here's a summary:

Penalty Kicks (Law XIV) - The most significant change here is that if an Attacker infringes Law XIV and the ball does NOT enter the net, the restart is an IFK from where the infringement took place. Previously, the restart was a GK. This is no longer the case.

Substitutes (Law III) - If an infringement occurs (enters without permission), the opponent will be awarded an IFK at the point of infrac-

tion. The old restart was a dropped ball. The option to caution the player still exists as a "cautionable offense" (remember PUDDLE ?).

Off-Side (Law XI) - Clarifies that the arms of an Attacker are excluded from the interpretation of off-side (since the game is played with legs, bodies and the head) . Bottom line is that the AR must be in position to make the call.

Fouls and Misconducts (Law XII) - Only a player or substitute or substituted player may be shown the red or yellow card. The referee has the authority to take disciplinary sanctions, as from the moment he enters the field of play until he leaves the field of play after the final whistle. This was already part of the law but is now made more visible in the "Advise

To Referees" (ATR).

Fouls and Misconducts (Law XII) - Previously, tackles from behind endangering an opponent shall be sanctioned as serious foul play. The current interpretation is that any tackle which endangers the opponent will be handled as before..... send off. (Each referee needs to interpret this provision as it pertains to the level of play, the match situation and other factors..... "If in the opinion of the referee.....").

I hope this summary helps us control matches better and more consistently

..... Just Do It.....

See you on the pitch.

Q & A

Q. When a brand new referee completes the entry level clinic between July 1st and December 31st they are

considered registered for 2006. Can they also work matches in 2005?

A. They may work matches the remainder

of 2005, but note that this applies to new referees only.

*Got a question?
Send it in and
look for the
answer here.*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2005

August

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| 2nd | General Meeting—Murray Community Center, Mission Viejo. Time 7:00pm |
| 6th — 8th | Mission Viejo Invitational |
| 13th — 14th | Capistrano Cup |
| 20th — 22nd | West Coast Tournament |

September

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| 3rd—5th | SoCal Blues Cup—Labor Day Weekend |
| 6th | General Meeting—Murray Community Center, Mission Viejo. Time 7:00pm |

October

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| 4th | General Meeting—Murray Community Center, Mission Viejo. Time 7:00pm |
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November

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| 8th | General Meeting—Murray Community Center, Mission Viejo. Time 7:00pm |
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December

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USA Men's Soccer Team News

The United States Men's Soccer team is second with 12 points halfway through the final round as it tries to qualify to play for the World Cup. The USA team (4-1) is one point behind Mexico (4-0-1).

Qualifying resumes August 17th against Trinidad and Tobago at East Hartford, CT. The USA then plays Mexico on September 3rd at Columbus, OH before

traveling to Guatemala on September 7th and to Costa Rica on September 8th. The final World Cup qualifying game will be played at Foxboro, MA on October 12th against Panama.

In other news, FIFA has moved the USA team up to sixth place in its world rankings, the highest position ever in the monthly list by soccer's governing body.

The USA team, which was

ranked 10th last month, moved past France, which fell two spots; England; Portugal; and Spain.

World Cup champion Brazil remained in the top spot in FIFA rankings, followed by Argentina, the Netherlands, the Czech Republic and Mexico.

Congratulations to our Men's team and all the best in the upcoming qualifying games.

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SCRA Dues

We have emailed or mailed statements to all referees who still owe dues. Currently we have over thirty referees who

owe the Association over \$300.00 which we will be working to collect. If you currently owe dues, please send a check

made out to SCRA. Send your check to Jerry Zimmerle, 27346 Betanzos, Mission Viejo, CA 92692

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July 5th, 2005 General Meeting Minutes

The meeting at the Murray Community Center was called to order at 7:05 pm by President Ken Bruette. Total attendance was ~ 35.

Ken opened the meeting with some administrative items that included advising SCRA is expected to support Tournaments in July where we typically get about a weeks notice owing to the Tournaments not finalizing their fields and game counts until about then.

SCRA will be applying to support 1 Premier level field for Fall 2005, but we have been told the Polo Fields in San Clemente may not be used. One option is for them to be held at the Home Depot Center/Cal State Dominguez Hills.

The re-certification for 2005 is

now closed where Penny Rehm of Cal South State Referee Committee helped out by personally meeting the Referees in South Orange County at a designated meeting place. If you have not re-certified, your only option is to re-take the 2 day Grade 8 Basic class. It was noted that about 40 new Referees have joined SCRA in the last 4 – 5 weeks with most of them being Youth Referees.

Jerry Zimmerle, Treasurer, distributed checks for Tournament earnings through June 25th.

Co-Director of Instruction Robert Carlier provided 2 USSF videos where the first dealt with various fouls and how the Referees dealt with

them. The second video focused on what makes a good Referee and used various MLS/International game clips to illustrate the points made. Both videos used high level mens games, but the points made were easily applicable to youth games. Of special note was the usage of slow motion and zooming in really showed what happened and how the Referee needs to react with split second decisions without having the benefit of a video to review.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm. The next SCRA general meeting is scheduled for the at the first Tuesday in Aug (the 2nd), Murray Community Center in Mission Viejo, at 7 pm.

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