

In Touch

South Coast Referee Association - Mission Viejo, California

The Presidents Whistle.....Ken Bruette



Special points of interest:

- Field Assignments for Fall 2005 Season are in.....increase over 2004
- Members wearing hats.....must be in good condition
- 2006 USSF Registration information
- Mr. Mike Benjamin, CSL Referee Coordinator will be at September 6th General Meeting

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The summer went by quickly and lots of Referees got games for the Tournaments. As a reminder, SCRA is able to do a "Holdback" on any part of your Tournament earnings in anticipation of the Fall 2005 games so that you don't have to prepare a check to SCRA in Dec 2005. As most people would rather get a check than have to write a check in December, kindly email Jerry Zimmerle letting him know how much to holdback.

I've been to games where some of our members are wearing hats that are not all black and/or not in good condition (worn or faded). Let me reiterate that as a paid professional, you are expected to dress as one. Mary Pater of Refwear stocks a nice all black hat that is very reasonably priced; if you don't have one and want to wear a hat, please buy one. Please remember that your attire is a direct re-

flection on SCRA. All Referees should also have at least one alternate colored jersey; red seems to be the most popular choice.

We've received our field assignments from Coast Soccer League for the Fall 2005 season where it looks like the game counts have increased over last year. I'm also pleased to announce that the Referee fees have also gone up for the Fall 2005 season where we now collect \$1.20/min vs \$1.10/min last year. We're working on preparing new rate cards and plan to have them at the September 6th General Referee meeting.

The meeting will focus on the upcoming fall season with Mr. Mike Benjamin, the CSL Referee Coordinator, joining us to explain new items and clarify existing procedures. Of key concern are that new ID cards are required effective 09-01-05. No new card = no play.

We will also be covering the important subject of Referee Reports for when and how they should be completed.

Most of you should have received your 2006 USSF Registration materials. Do NOT send anything in at this time as Grade 8's & 7's need to take the annual recertification test. We have scheduled this for the October 4th General Meeting when Ms. Penny Rehm of Cal South State Referee Committee will be in attendance to collect the renewal forms. As a reminder the fees for the Grade 7/8 renewal have increased from \$25 to \$40. You must be registered with USSF to be assigned games where the list of registered Referees is published on the Cal South State Referee Committee website at <http://www.californiareferee.org/>. If you don't appear on this list, you're not registered.

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Instructor's Corner by Wally Fallman

Several tournaments have been completed by the time you read this and the CSL season is upon us. Let me share a few observations about what you have been doing and where we can all improve in our decision making.

Let's start with the Advantage Clause and the application of "advantage". Remember, "advantage" is not a law (although a clause within Law V) providing an opportunity for the referee to allow play to continue (1) after observing a foul by the defending team, and (2) seeing that to stop play would be detrimental to the attacking team, and (3) play continues with the attacking team in possession. The key thought here is that there is no need to blow the whistle immediately after a foul. Take a look ahead to see if an advantage exists. Then if there is, yell out "Play on!!" and use the appropriate signals (an up swinging motion of

the arms) to alert the players that you have seen the foul but you are invoking the advantage clause. Then, if the advantage does not materialize (within a reasonable time, 3-4 steps), blow the whistle to stop play and restart (DFK or IFK) from the spot of the original foul. The advantage may not be for all situations. It must be used with great care, largely based upon the level of play (probably not too many advantages at mid-field for U10s) and the maturity levels of the players and the coaches. Please employ Law XVIII* to the maximum extent (* common sense).

Next, I saw a lot of hoof and mouth disease (actually called cleats up, dangerous play). Remember that having a boot up is not always a foul. It must endanger the opponent or the player themselves. "High kick" is not a foul. It is only a foul

when it endangers..... Use Law XVIII as indicated above. But be consistent. If it's called at mid-field, call it in the penalty area.

In general, this game is a game of laws based upon common sense. We need to display that knowledge of law and that deployment of Law XVIII* on the field every time we make a call. It's good for the game.

Lastly, there was a lot of good work done. Several of you are well on the way to upgrade and comments received from spectators and coaches indicate that. I was especially pleased to see so many youth referees out there, gaining valuable experience. Well done to you all.!

Development Corner by Mark Rogers

The Board of Directors would like to formally congratulate **Arya Shirazi** and **Jason Less** on their successful completion of the annual CYSA-S Youth Referee Camp. Both of these fine young men had received the Board's highest recommendation and represented SCRA well

throughout the camp experience, earning accolades from the camp referee staff. We know that they will continue to demonstrate the same high level of professionalism as their referee careers progress.

We are also pleased to report the large number of compliments our youth referees

have received from the senior referees with whom they have been working over this tournament season. Our feedback is that they have stayed alert both decision and position-wise, and have demonstrated a high level of general competence. You are our future, young ladies and gentlemen.....

Keep Up the Good Work!!!

Finally, another reminder that SCRA is making a great effort this year to upgrade as many members as possible, especially Grade 8's to Grade 7's. Make sure to let Mike and/or Mark know if you would like to be included on the upgrade list and/or if you would like to be unofficially assessed during the upcoming CSL season.

Q & A

Q. Is it permissible for players to wear casts, braces and such during a game?

A. Simple answer.....No casts and no hard braces!

Technical answer according to the CSL 2004-2005 Rules and Regulations Section 8 G. Player

Safety:

1. No player shall be allowed to play in any regularly scheduled League or League Cup game with an injury that can be aggravated by playing or which constitutes a danger to others.

2. No player wearing an orthopedic cast, temporary cast, non-

oral brace (such as knee or other area of the body) with hard, hinged or rigid supports, or splint shall be permitted to play.

3. Shin guards are mandatory for all players in practice, games and tournaments.

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2005

September

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

October

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

November

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

December

- 6th General Meeting—Murray Community Center, Mission Viejo. Time 7:00pm

SCRA Treasurer's Report *by Jerry Zimmerler*

Hope you can all make the September 6th meeting. I'll have checks for the MVSC, Capo Cup, West Coast, NHB, and OCKC Tournaments to hand out. Roughly \$28,000.00 going out to 150 referees. We haven't had that much or that many checks in years, so "thanx" to everyone who did games in August. I won't have time to

process the Blues tournament checks before the September meeting, so expect those in October.

I also have great news on the dues owed front. With all the positive work on the tournaments, we're down to just a handful of people who owe back dues. I promise to hold off on the delinquent dues e-

mails until November.

I'll finish off the report with the last bit of great news. The referee fees for the CSL Fall season are going up from 1.10/minute to \$1.20/minute. We'll have new game fee sheets at the September meeting or send me an e-mail at scratreasurer@cox.net and I'll send you an electronic copy.

Great News!

- *\$28,000.00 in checks ready for distribution*
- *CSL Fall Season fees going up*

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We continue to receive reports of Referees who are late to games. On time is being at the field 30 minutes before game time; not 15 minutes; not 10 minutes. Please allow adequate travel time taking into account the time of day and typical slow traffic patterns. If you run into any travel time issues, please let Mike Willmott know right away at 949-

858-7272 (Land) or 714-264-1032 (Cell).

Our website is getting a new updated look and navigation! Ms. Anne Mahoney (spouse of Referee Kevin Mahoney) is our new webmaster and has also created a new logo for SCRA. We plan to continually enhance the website in the next few months and welcome your feed-

back during the construction period.

Lastly, the newsletter is created to benefit you, our members. All are welcome to submit articles or questions or suggest topics or issues to be covered.

I hope to see all of you at our next General Referee Meeting on Tuesday, September 6th.

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- *Web site is being updated*
 - *Newsletter is for you.....tell us what it should cover*

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Reminder
General Meeting September 6th
Murray Community Center

August 2nd, 2005 General Meeting Minutes *by Glen Powers*

The meeting at Murray Community Center was called to order at 7:10 pm by President Ken Bruette. Attendance was approximately 45.

Introductions were made around the room.

Ken opened the meeting by offering some suggestions of things referees should address prior to the kickoff. First, we should arrive at the field thirty (30) minutes early, dressed in full uniform, and allow time for a pre-game discussion of instructions, including signals and positions in various scenarios (PKs, free kicks, fouls, etc.). It was suggested that center referees keep a "cheat sheet" list of all issues to cover with the assistants that can be reviewed to avoid missing items (keep with your red/yellow cards).

Mike Willmott (Assignor) reviewed upcoming summer tournaments and asked that each SCRA ref let him know his/her availability, even before he polls the membership. There are some tournaments for which we're the host referee association, and will need to seek help from our brother associations when we're not able to cover all fields with our own people. Mike also noted that fall season assignments will be posted on the CSL website www.coastsoccer.com/referees. You will need your USER ID (typically your last name) and PASSWORD (typically your first name). Let Mike know if you find you're not able to access the information, and when you do access it, be sure the personal information there is current.

Treasurer Jerry Zimmerle passed out current statements, and suggested we might each want to consider asking him to hold back some of our summer tournament earnings to be applied to the later SCRA fees due to payments we'll be getting on the field during the fall season. That way we won't reach year-end with a large debt owed SCRA.

Robert Carlier, Instructor, distributed USSF rules updates applicable to the coming season and explained the details of what's involved.

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