

# In Touch

South Coast Referee Association - Mission Viejo, California

## The Presidents Whistle.....Ken Bruette



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  - Scott Reitan
  - Jim Cottle

The 2006 season has already started off strong with us supporting some Tournaments in Irvine and Temecula. CYSA State Cup games begin on February 4<sup>th</sup>. Mike Willmott and I attended a pre-season meeting in January where the following items are things you should know about.

It was reported that 40% of the Referees were not on time for their games last year. On-time means you have checked in with the Referee Coordinator at least 30 minutes before game starts. Anything after that is considered late (sound familiar?) and requires the Referee Coordinator to call the Assignor or start recruiting replacement Referees. If you can not be checked in with the Referee Coordinator at least 30 minutes before game time, do not list yourself as available for games. While there is reserved parking for Referees at Temecula and San Bernardino, it

may take you 10 plus minutes to get to the Referee Coordinator Check-In Tent so plan accordingly.

Player photo ID cards must be checked before each game and returned to the teams; there were some reports of not checking photo ID cards. Know your game assignments before you arrive as it was reported some Referees were asking the Tournament Referee Coordinators which field they were on and what position they had for each game. A suggestion....take your email of game assignments with you so you do not forget.

Hats and Sunglasses are **NOT** allowed at any State Cup games. As an Association, we do not want ANY reports regarding this; if you have issues with this, do not ask for a State Cup game assignment.

Referee attire was also addressed where it was reported there were way

too many Referees showing up with just the yellow jersey. Please be sure and bring at least 3 alternate color jerseys. For those of you taking games thru April, I highly recommend at least a long sleeve yellow jersey, but please note the entire Referee team must be dressed the same (i.e. all must wear short or long sleeves). Be considerate of your colleagues so they don't get cold on account of you.

A new rule change that will be used this year is that Substitutions can be made by either coach on any dead ball. This means substitutions can now be allowed by the Referee on Corner Kicks, Direct Free Kicks or Indirect Free Kicks. Please see the separate article describing this in more detail.

The game fees are the same as last year and are paid on the field in cash. Field closures for Rain-

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## Instructor's Corner by Wally Fallman

In keeping with the season, here are a few proposed resolutions for 2006.....

**H**elp your fellow referees with constructive comments after a match

**A**lways try to position yourself where the ball is between you and an AR

**V**ary your position on set plays (corner kicks, free kicks, etc); let the players guess where you are

**E**njoy yourself and the game you are involved in; don't be afraid to smile

**F**ind one thing to work on during every match.... And then perfect it

**U**nderstand the philosophy of game management, not just law interpretation

**N**ever, ever stop learning

Have fun..... See you on the pitch.

## News from the Treasurer by Jerry Zimmerle

Our Association's Board has approved an increase in the mileage reimbursement rate for 2006.

If you do games in Temecula, San Bernardino, or Lancaster, we will reimburse the car pool driver for mileage at the following rates:

Temecula - \$25

San Bernardino - \$25

Lancaster - \$50

Also, car pools are now defined as at least 2 people per car (down from 3 required last year).

To get the reimbursement, e-mail Jerry Zimmerle, SCRA Treasurer at [scratreasurer@cox.net](mailto:scratreasurer@cox.net) and let him know where you went, the date, and who you took. Your reimbursement will be added to your next tournament



## Presidents Whistle

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announced by the Friday before, but each venue is responsible for posting the Open/Closed status. It was announced that some venues will be open whereas others may be closed. It also sounded like Temecula will stay open unless there's 2 inches of standing water on the field whereas Rancho Capistrano will close with a light drizzle. For those who may be going to Temecula when it rains or has rained, be aware there may be some mud in the dirt parking lots. There will be parking available on a paved street, but you just need to walk farther. All State Cup venues should have free, preferential parking available for the Referees.

All Red Cards require a supplemental report except a Red for a 2<sup>nd</sup> Caution. All serious injuries require a supplemental report. A serious injury is usually defined as a player requiring an ambulance, paramedic or needing to go to the Hospital. It is important that you comply with this or our Association may be penalized by the number of fields we are to cover.

For the Youngers (up to U13), a Referee may Center officiate at most 2 games. For the old-

ers, (U14 and up), only 1 Center and up to 2 Assistant Referee games is the maximum. For the youngers, the team counts are up by over 100 teams from last year (which means more games/more fields). South Coast will likely be able to get more State Cup fields if we have the Referee headcount available. For those of you that are fit, enjoy competitive games and are registered with USSF for 2006, provide Mike Willmott with your availability when he asks. To help mitigate the travel distance cost, the SCRA Board has approved a car pool (2 or more in a vehicle) reimbursement of \$25 to Temecula and San Bernardino. If we get games in Lancaster, \$50 will be paid. As I hope everyone can appreciate from a fairness perspective, preference will be given to Referees who go to Temecula or San Bernardino for assignment to Rancho Capistrano games.

We also received a report on Referee complaints for CY 2005. Of the 24,000+ games played, there were only 115 formal Referee complaints. Of these, only 2 resulted in any action needing to be taken against a Referee. The Referee reports submitted were praised as being written much better than they were just a few

years ago. It was requested that contact information (phone numbers and email addresses) be provided for all 3 Referees when submitting reports.

Interestingly, of the 115 reports and the numerous informal reports (phone calls and email complaints), the major complaint was the Referee "lost control of the game". While CYSA's stock answer was that Coaches control players, not Referees, we'll have Wally provide guidance for Referees so that we are not perceived as having lost control of the game.

We have learned that USSF in Chicago is having some computer system problems in processing Referees who did a badge upgrade. What this means is that your 2006 badge is being delayed. As long as your name appears on the State Referee Committee Cal South website, you are registered and eligible to do games. I do suggest you carry your pink copy of the registration in your bag in the unlikely case a question may come up.

The Management of SCRA is a dedicated group of Referees who are always looking out for the best interests of the members in a variety of ways. One very obvious result is getting more games so you can

Officiate. We have tournaments in the summer where we are the lead Referee Association where we keep as many fields as we can cover, but we need the help of other colleague Referee Association's to get all the games covered. SCRA has been actively working with other Referee Association's to support Tournaments in the Winter and Spring so they in turn will support us when we need them. So, when Mike puts out the call for Referee help needed, please consider being available for some games that are not just in south Orange County.

I also want to let everyone know that **Marcel Caruana**, **Scott Reitan** and **Jim Cottle** have agreed to be part of the SCRA Management team to help with the growth of our Association. We believe that SCRA will have more games in 2006 even though 2005 had a 19% increase in game counts over 2004 and that was a record year.

Our next General Referee meeting is on Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> where I hope to see more of you there. I hear Wally is arranging for some video clips that are sure to be entertaining as well as informative.

Yours in soccer

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**Reminder**  
**General Meeting February 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**Murray Community Center**

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**January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2006 General Meeting Minutes** *by Glen Powers*

The meeting at Murray Community Center was called to order at about 7:00 pm by President Ken Brulette. Attendance was estimated at about 25.

It was announced that State Cup games will be held at Rancho Capistrano and San Bernardino. Costs of commuting will be partially compensated where appropriate; see the Treasurer. Also, we have tournaments already booked throughout July and August; in September the fall season begins.

Topics to be discussed in future meetings were elic-

ited from the attendees and included: game management, encroachment on penalty kicks, the six second goalkeeper interval, diving (faking a foul), impeding an opponent, foul recognition, and keeping coaches in the game. Attend all the meetings you can and be an up-to-date referee!

Wally Fallman, instructor, noted that for 2006 there are no significant changes in the laws. Restart when a substitute enters the field of play without the referee's signal will be an indirect free kick by the opposing team. Also, the issuance of cards by the

referee can only take place while he is still on the field, otherwise he can only write a report of the incident. Referees were directed to the website for a discussion of penalty kicks. For throw-ins, advise players to give the thrower two yards (tell defenders to "back off.")

Checks for referee assignments completed were distributed by Jerry Zimmerle, Treasurer.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm. The next General Meeting will be Tuesday, February 7, 2006, at 7:00 at the Norm Murray Community Center.

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