



# The Flag and Whistle

## Newsletter of the Soccer South Bay Referee Association

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### Notes from the President

The Board is please to announce that SSBRA will remain the Referee Association of record for the LA Galaxy South Bay Coastal Classic Tournament which is one of the largest in Southern California. LA Galaxy is planning on hosting over 180 teams and more than 550 matches in July. As we have done in the past, SSBRA will team with other Referee Associations to ensure that we provide LA Galaxy with the best possible referee coverage possible.

### Arbiter Transition

We are happy to report that we have completed the transition to Arbiter and all matches are now being assigned through that system. If you have any questions or need any help with Arbiter, please contact Chris Nevil or anyone of the following SSBRA members who have volunteered to be on the SSBRA Arbiter "Power Users" list to serve as peer-to-peer Arbiter "help desk" volunteers. Please don't hesitate to utilize any of these contact points to help you resolve any questions or issues.

**SSBRA Arbiter Power Users;** Steve Morgan, Kiku Annon, Warren Howell, Reza Pazirandeh, Goi Ponciano, Steve Resnick.

Please join the Board in thanking these members for their support.

### Referee Professional Development (RPD)

The next and last Referee Professional Development (RPD) for 2015 is Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2015 at North High School. We currently have 37 referees signed up for the 17<sup>th</sup> but there is lots of room for more. If you have not attended an RPD come out and find out what it's all about. You can sign up at; <http://cysa.affinitysoccer.com/eventmanager/public/event.asp?calid=6986707&eventtype=RPD> or use the link on the SSBRA Training page. There will not be another RPD until February 2016 so doing let this one pass you by.

### Oct General Membership Meeting –

The Draft minutes for the October meeting are shown below. These minutes will be voted on for approval at the November meeting.



## DRAFT SSBRA Membership Meeting Minutes

SSBRA Membership Meeting, October 27, 2015 7:30 PM at North HS Library

Board members present: Michael Hinz, Bruce Anderson, Veto Galati, Chris Nevil (Absent: Steve Brandon, Kirk Jackson)

**Michael Hinz Opens Meeting:** MH opened meeting at 7:30 PM informing members of the sad news of the passing of our fellow referee Tom Dyroff.

MH then asked for motion to approve minutes of September 2015 General Meeting. Motion offered by Bill Yee, seconded by Jack Desemone and approved by acclimation.

**New Member Introduction:** New applicants Eduardo Mercado introduced himself to the membership.

**CAL SOUTH TRAINING:** At appx 7:35 PM Cal South Instructor Arturo Angeles took the floor, beginning with a series of questions and a subsequent training session focused Law 11, Offsides. Cal South training session ended at appx 9 PM.

**MIKE CLIFFORD:** Bruce Ashton reported good news on our colleague Mike Clifford. Bruce said that he saw Mike recently and he is much improved, and is now initiating conversations.

**UPCOMING SCHEDULE:** MH said that there are many games on our schedule for the next four weeks, especially on the weekend of Nov. 7 & 8, with appx 200 games. MH asked everyone to try and open their blocks that weekend as we will need everyone's availability to fill these needs.

**ARBITER & ASSIGNING:** MH announced that Kirk Jackson will not be assigning games for the time being. Chris Nevil then took the floor and encouraged everyone to keep their blocks updated and to be sure and block out all time periods for which they are unavailable, citing the weeknight Manhattan Beach Coed games and the Thursday/Friday afternoon Mid City Academy Youth games as examples. Veto Galati offered to help members set up mass blocks and asked them to call him with any questions. In response to a question about whether the full schedule would be made visible to all members Chris said that of the multiple associations to which he belongs, NONE of them make the full schedules public and that we will follow suit, explaining that this is the standard "best practices" policy used by assignors. For example, many of our referees are also members of the local high school SCSOA association and have been using Arbiter for years without public schedules.

Steve Resnick asked how he could get self-assign games if he had the day blocked. CN explained that the ref needs to remove his blocks for any given day/time period in order to see available self-assign games for those time.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

**Next Meeting:** November 24, 2015