



# The Flag and Whistle

## Newsletter of the Soccer South Bay Referee Association

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### Notes from the President

With SBPSL, LA Riot, MB 7v7, BH 7V7, and State Cup, in full swing and more friendlies and several tournaments like the Beach Classic and Eagles Tournaments to name a few around the corner, the work load for 2016 is really starting to ramp up. So please make sure you have your Arbiter account properly set up with all your Blocks in place.

We also still have a few dozen members still not on the 2016 ROL. While that is bad news for these members, it does mean the other 120 members who are on the 2016 ROL will have the opportunity to work a lot of matches.

LA Riot – There have been a few questions about why there are no Team Rosters for the LA Riot matches. The answer is simple. The league has decided not to have rosters. This means if you send off a player (Red Card) you have to ask for a name. If the player does not provide a name and no one on the team “knows the name” all you can do is record the player’s number on the USSF report. The league will take it from there. That’s all we can do for this season. Next season we will try to get rosters. Remember it took the current Board several months to get MB 7v7 to start having rosters. And they have several “seasons” in a year so we used that opportunity to get the change implemented. We will work to get there with the LA Riot also. P.S. If you are having any issue during a LA Riot match, remind the player about the LA Riot rule #1. That seems to work just fine.

### Referee Professional Development (RPD)

SSBRA is proud to announce that we have been able to team with Cal South and North High School to be able to host 10 more Referee Professional Development (RPD) sessions in 2016. The 2016 RPDs will run from February through November 2016. Like we did for the last 15 RPDs, SSBRA will be hosting the Cal South lead RPDs on the third Tuesday of each month. The next RPD will be on Tuesday, February 16, 2016 at North High School. We currently have 36 referees signed up but there is plenty of room and plenty of time to still sign up. Please sign up by using the following link; <http://cysa.affinitysoccer.com/eventmanager/public/event.asp?calid=6986707&eventtype=RPD> or use the link on the SSBRA Training page.

### Jan General Membership Meeting –

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



## DRAFT SSBRA Membership Meeting Minutes

SSBRA Membership Meeting  
January 26, 2015 7:30 PM  
North HS Library

Board members present: Michael Hinz, Bruce Ashton, Veto Galati, Chris Nevil, Valle Altobelli & Armando Quiroz (Absent: Donat McKenley, Steve Anderson).

Michael Hinz Opens Meeting: MH opened meeting at 7:30 with for motion to approve minutes of November 2015 General Meeting, seconded by Bill Yee and approved by acclimation.

NEW MEMBER INTRODUCTION: New applicants Alfonso Piceno, Tony Simental, Dan Dauer and Hector Flores introduced themselves to the membership.

MEMBER MEDICAL ISSUES: MH reported that Pablo Diaz will have back surgery at Torrance Memorial Hospital. Cesar Martinez will also have surgery. Please keep them in our thoughts.

RPD: MH encouraged members to continue to attend and support RPD. Next session scheduled at North High on Tuesday Feb. 16 at 7 PM. Please register with Cal South.

USSF NEWS: MH reported still no additional USSF communications on smaller fields for younger age groups. Ditto on proposed changes to eliminate headers at lower age levels. More to follow as info becomes available.

2016 RECERTIFICATION: 115 members have completed their 2016 Cal South recertification and are listed on ROL. MH reminded members that they will not be assigned to games until their name appears on the Cal South 2016 ROL.

### LEAGUE UPDATES:

PSL: Season in progress. We are receiving positive feedback.

LA Riot: Season in full swing (two man crews)

Manhattan Beach 7v7: Winter season ongoing

Beverly Hills 7v7: Starts February 7.

Lawndale: Will start in April

State Cup: Already started

Friendlies: A few already coming in. Increase in games expected.

TRAINING: No Cal South training this month. SSBRA training session led by Armando Quiroz began and 8 PM focusing on Dual System referee mechanics. Training session ended at 8:50 PM.



## BOARD MEMBERS SPEAK:

Valle Altobelli: Please keep blocks updated. If you need help with blocks contact Veto Galati or any of the other sources listed on the Arbiter main page.

Veto Galati: Please be sure to keep weeknight blocks updated: Also, for MB 7v7 games on Tuesdays there will be three 8 PM games but only two at 9 PM. One field will have a two man crew for the 9 PM game. On Fridays there will be two 8 PM games and the lone 9 PM game will also have a two man crew. The city is paying for the additional referee so that we do not have to send a ref out on these nights for a single game fee. If you are assigned as part of a two man crew you must stay and cover the game. Do not go home early. Also, if you have a forfeit (team no show, inadequate number of player, etc.) do not go home or sit out the time slot. Please go to an adjoining field and do a two man.

Chris Nevil: All misconduct/incident reports must be sent directly to Chris (Member-at-Large) within 24 hours. Chris will suggest edits and forward on to appropriate league contact. Please just state the facts, no narratives. CN mentioned a serious breach of this procedure in December on a PSL send-off. Player card disappeared and no report was filed with Chris. This cannot happen in the future. CN also encouraged members to take advantage of the next RPD session on Feb. 16.

Bruce Ashton: BA announced tht he had several checks and 1099 forms and for members to see him after the meeting. If not, they will be mailed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:09 PM.

Next Meeting: February 23, 2016, 7:30 PM, North High Library.