



# The Flag and Whistle

## Newsletter of the Soccer South Bay Referee Association

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### Notes from the President

**Who is 40 years old and growing stronger every year? SSBRA!!!! 2016 marks the 40<sup>th</sup> year for SSBRA 1976 - 2016**

#### **The 2017 Fall Season Good news and Bad news;**

The Good news is that since the start of the Fall season on Saturday 9/10/2016 we have already completed 1027 matches filling 2950 referee assignments. A Great job goes out to everyone!!!

The bad news is that the number of turn backs has not reduced and they are impacting SSBRA's ability and our assignor's ability to provide the best service to both our club clients and our members. In fact, the turn backs continue to impact multiple SSBRA members because in many occasions, the assignor has to reassign multiple referees and move them around to cover the slots which become uncovered due to turn backs. This means the majority of SSBRA members who never turn back assignments are being negatively impacted by the actions of the few members who are turning back matches. Since the number of declined and turned-back assignments has not reduced since the Board discussed this issue at the July General Membership meeting the Board is beginning the process of implementing a "re-assigning fee" for turned back assignments. Since most members accurately reflect their availability in Arbiter and conscientiously fulfill their assignments, this new policy will not affect the majority of the members. The Board does hope this re-assigning fee will help encourage the small contingent that is not respecting the assigning process and repeatedly fails to properly set their blocks in Arbiter and/or simply decide that they do not want to work matches they have already accepted. This "re-assigning fee" will apply to all assignments not worked by the member for matches they were assigned based on the blocks the member enters into Arbiter before assignments are made. This includes declined assignments, expired assignments, and turned-back assignments. The Board is working out the details including how requests for exceptions for emergency situations will be handled and will be communicating the details to all members shortly. The Board does not take this action lightly but this new policy has to be implemented to address the turn back issue and the impact it has on all members and on our clients.

**General Membership Meeting** - Our Oct General Membership Meeting will be on the 25<sup>th</sup>.

**2016-2017 Changes to the Laws of the Game** – All matches are utilizing the new laws so please make sure you have read and understood the changes. The Law changes are being reviewed at the monthly RPDs and at our SSBRA General Membership meetings so please make sure you are attending these meetings. There is also lots of information out on the web and on the SSBRA training page so please make sure that you are ready by the start of the season.

**Referee Professional Development** - The Sept RPD is scheduled for the 18th. Sign up for RPD via the SSBRA website.

**New Members** - SSBRA continues to look to qualified Referees. If you know of a qualified Referee have them apply to SSBRA and you could be legible to get your 2017 dues covered by the Board.

#### Sept General Membership Meeting –

The Draft minutes for the Sept General Membership meeting can be found on the next page. These minutes will be voted on for approval at the Oct Annual Membership Meeting.



## SSBRA September General Meeting

9/27/16 Tuesday 7:30 start @ North High School - Library

### Board Member Attendees:

Michael Hinz - MH	Michael Takeda - MT	Bruce Ashton - BA
Valle Altobelli - VA	Chris Nevil - CN	Steve Morgan - Absent
David Welch - Absent		

### Approve August minutes:

August minutes were approved with motioned by Bill Yee and seconded by Alan Samson

### New members introduced:

Pablo Lara  
Cedric Penix  
Welcome!

### Cal South Training by Randall Reyes:

Randall Reyes conducted the Cal South In-Training session regarding law changes of 2017. Any questions regarding the application of new changes and heading policy can be directed to [initiatives@calsouth.com](mailto:initiatives@calsouth.com)

Mr. Reyes has also introduced the association about the new jersey, but the old ones are allowed to be used until games in 2018.

### Membership roster:

We still have 9 members without their pictures on Arbiter/roster. Please get them uploaded ASAP.

### DSL- Build Out Line:

Build out line is applicable for SCDL only at appropriate age groups. Specifics can be found [here](#).

### Financial Report:

BH announced that the association will only use ePay for small checks such as parking reimbursements. Body Armor Tournament and MB checks were distributed at the meeting.



**Incident reports:**

Coaches and parents, regardless of the leagues, will not be allowed to behave irrationally on the sidelines - like how it has been reported recently. The association will support members for this as long as the Board receives supplemental reports accordingly.

**League updates:**

Zogs will resume its season in January 2017 and will likely ask us to provide service. Location is still TBD.

**Pulling cards:**

Coach or player cards shall be pulled out only when if there is violent conduct or referee assault. This applies to youth leagues. Though when SBPSL starts next week, ALL red cards shall be pulled out for report. All details should be written on the USSF supplemental report sheet within 24 hours and shall be sent to MAL / Chris Nevil.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Next RPD: Oct. 18

Next General Membership Meeting: Oct. 25