



The Flag and Whistle
Newsletter of the Soccer South Bay Referee Association
- Over 41 Years Serving the Soccer Community -

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Notes from the President

- **2017 Fall season** – Since the start of the Club season SSBRA has assigned 762 matches with over 1,600 AR and CR positions. Unfortunately, we have had to utilize several AR slots and or have had to go with single CR assignments for some matches. Additionally, we have had to assign many of our members multiply assignments having them work two sets of matches on a Saturday and then again on a Sunday to get all our client's matches filled. Good money for the referees but this is not sustainable for the referee or the Association.
- **SSBRA continues to grow its client base** – Like last month, the Board is pleased to again announce the SSBRA has added another client to SSBRA's growing client base. SSBRA is now the Referee Association of record for the Miguel Hidalgo Soccer League's Adult Men's division. This division plays 4 men's 11v11 matches on Sundays starting at 8 AM. SSBRA has provided referees for this league a few times over the last month or two as we developed our relationship with this new client. This league started in Sept. And stay tuned as there is more in the works!!!
- **2017 Cal South LOTG Modifications for all 7v7 and 9v9 matches** – There has been a lot of discussions and questions about the LOTG modifications but it's looking like most of the questions and issues have been resolved. BUT- let's all make sure we know all the Client's rules, know the FIFA LOTG, and how the Cal South LOTG Modifications are applied. Since both CSL and SCDSL have agreed to utilize the 2017 Cal South LOTG Modifications for all 7v7 and 9v9 matches it's much easier than last year. The only exception to the modifications involve substitutions in regards to when they can occur (applies to all birth years) and the re-entry requirements for the 2005 birth year.
- **Referee Professional Development** - The next RPD for 2017 is scheduled for October 17, 2017. Please go to the Cal South Website or the SSBRA training page and sign up.
- **New Members** - SSBRA continues to look for qualified Referees. If you know of a qualified Referee have them apply to SSBRA and you could be eligible to get your 2018 – 2019 dues covered by the Association via the New Membership Initiative program.

August General Membership Meeting

The Draft minutes for the August General Membership Meeting can be found below. These minutes will be voted on for approval at the September General Membership Meeting on the 26th.



**SSBRA
General Membership Meeting
North Torrance HS
August 29, 2017**

Meeting was called to order 7pm by Michael Hinz.

Order of business:

1. Motion to approve July GMM minutes
 - A. Motion was made by MH
 - B. Second by Veto Galati
 - C. Approved by majority vote

2. Welcome to new members
 - A. David Stewart
 - B. Michael Peart

3. Guest speaker – Bernie Towers – President of CSL
 - A. Discussed the importance of more experienced referees working 7v7 games and 9v9 games
 - B. Goal size rules are not being enforced this year
 - C. The general idea behind Zog is to use sports to build community
 - D. Has an App for filing game reports
 - E. All Cal South PDIs will be utilized in all applicable CSL games this year (heading, build out line)
 - F. Safety first – Bernie mentioned this several times

4. Cal South Training – Randall Reyes – Law 11
 - A. “When opponent plays the ball deliberately, there is no offside.”
 - B. Examined specific examples and to make sure your AR’s are continually moving to stay in good position to make calls

5. MB 7v7 policy on cancelled matches – this is now in effect and policy is on website

6. New business
 - A. SSBRA has received additional Zog games – 5 matches every Sunday
 - B. SSBRA has been awarded the Miguel Hidalgo Soccer League (4 matches every Sunday)

7. West Coast Tournament
 - A. 75 members provided availability – 40 members actually worked – which means 35 declined or turned back assignments – please keep you availability up to date

9. DSL
 - A. The Board has requested information and is waiting to hear from DSL

10. Board Items



- A. Bruce – Costs continue to increase and a dues increase may be in order.
- B. We are seeking a training and assessment director
- C. Chris – Zog – please know the rules and be timely for your matches, and professional
- D. Michael – need help updating the SSBRA history file – last updated Feb. 2006
- E. Gabriel – discussed availability issues again and how charges will begin to be instituted for turnbacks when you show availability and don't accept assignments; also mentioned mileage.

Meeting was adjourned