



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

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Mentoring & Assessments: Open

Treasurer: Bruce Ashton  
Secretary: Jay Pignatello

Member-At-Large: Chris Nevil  
Assignor: Gabriel Goldsman  
Training: Open

**Notes from the President**

- Open up your Arbiter Blocks – We are assigning hundreds of matches every Sat and Sun.
- 2017 Cal South LOTG Modifications for all 7v7 and 9v9 matches – Please 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 November 21, 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.

**September General Membership Meeting**

The Draft minutes for the September General Membership Meeting can be found below. These minutes will be voted on for approval at the October General Membership Meeting on the 24th.



**SSBRA  
General Membership Meeting  
North Torrance HS  
September 26, 2017**

Meeting was called to order 7pm by Michael Hinz.

Order of business:

1. Motion to approve August 2017 GMM minutes
  - A. Motion was made by Jack Desemone
  - B. Second by Veto Galati
  - C. Approved by majority vote
  
2. Welcome to new members
  - A. Tony Calandra
  - B. Michael Everson
  
3. Ernesto – Mar Vista Representative speaks
  - A. Very happy and thankful for our presence – no issues or complaints from parents
  - B. Better officiating = better programming for him and Mar Vista
  - C. They are an instructional league that focuses on good sportsmanship; feel free to explain why calls are made
  - D. They have two seasons – September to November; and March to June
  - E. Their league is stable and growing
  - F. Reduce to equate is not an issue – he will advise us if this is required in any particular case
  - G. For injury reporting – please use the “Non-employee Incident Report” – which should be linked from the SSBRA website
  - H. Allows heading for 11 and 12 year olds
    - i. No heading for under 11
  - I. Earrings are allowed as long as they are taped over (for now)
  - J. Mandatory substitutions – “Everyone plays”
  - K. Would prefer to have a parents on one side, and the teams on the other



4. Cal South Training – Wayne Merrick – Law 11 Continues...

- A. Examined the Player Development Initiatives (PDI) and how they are implemented in the short sided games
- B. Examined specific examples and to make sure your AR's are continually moving to stay in good position to make calls
- C. We still have proper goal kicks in 7v7
- D. No dual referee system for Cal South games

5. SSBRA Training

- A. 7v7 and 9v9 – use club linesmen if you desire to
- B. SBPSL Open and Division 40
  - i. Use email for match reports for matches with no Red Cards
  - ii. Use mail for match reports for matches with Red Cards
  - iii. All yellows – Five minute sit out with a substitution
- C. Please hold your substitution signals until the Referee signals for the substitution
- D. Drop balls – please do correctly
  - i. Do not throw the ball – must be dropped
  - ii. A whistle is not required
  - iii. Don't drop the ball and blow the whistle (this would stop play, again)

6. 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
  - i. Please check behind the SSBRA firewall for your SSBRA meeting attendance, your RPD attendance, and your ROL status
- 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