



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

- **2018 Referee Certification** – Please get your 2018 USSF certification completed in order to be able to Referee after January 1, 2018. With the holiday's between now and the 1st, there is actually only a few days left for you to complete your upgrade and for Cal South to process your paperwork and get you a badge. As of 11/17/2017 just under 50% of the membership have completed their 2018 referee upgrade process.
- **Referee Professional Development** - The last RPD for 2017 is scheduled for November 21, 2017. Please go to the Cal South Website or the SSBRA training page and sign up. We are working with Cal South to get the 2018 RPDs posted on the Cal South Website.
- **USSF Grade 6 and grade 7** – At last count, SSBRA now has 63 members who hold the Grade 6 or 7 Referee badge. This is up from about 7 just a few years ago! This is a great statement about the professionalism of SSBRA members and the Association as a whole. The Board also understands that there are several members who are actively working to upgrade from USSF 7 to USSF 6 and SSBRA will be well represented at the up and coming USSF Grade 6 physical fitness tests in Nov and Dec.
- **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.
- **USSF Match Reports** - As a Referee, you have the responsibility to issue red cards when they are “earned” by the players, coaches, and spectators. The bottom line is that if you do not want to issue red cards when required or complete the required paperwork after issuing a red card, you should not be a referee. Furthermore, as the Referee, it is a requirement that you fill out a USSF Referee Report which is available as PDF fillable form on the SSBRA Web site and send it to our Member-at-Large within 24 hours of issuing any red card (send-off) in any of your matches or anytime there is a serious injury or any time you terminate a match.
- **League relationships** – The SSBRA Board works very hard to maintain a positive working relationship with all of the leagues we support. It's very important that our clients hear a common and standard message from SSBRA in regards to issues, incidents, and events. SSBRA has a Board member assigned to every client (league) and that POC should be the only person communicating to the client. Please do not call or email a client directly. Talk to the appropriate SSBRA POC.



October General Membership Meeting

The Draft minutes for the October General Membership Meeting can be found below. These minutes will be voted on for approval at the September General Membership Meeting on the 28th.



SSBRA General Membership Meeting North Torrance HS October 24, 2017

Meeting was called to order 7pm by Michael Hinz.

Order of business:

1. Motion to approve September 2017 GMM minutes
 - A. Motion was made by Jack Desemone
 - B. Second by Bill Raventos
 - C. Approved by majority vote
2. Welcome to new members
 - A. Jack Sibajgue
 - B. Jim Lucas
3. Cal South Training – Wayne Merrick – Promising Attack
 - A. Reviewed various videos and the laws regarding tactical fouls and stopping promising attacks and how to handle them as part of your overall game management
4. 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 and then stop signaling. Use a thumbs up or some other agreed upon signal to tell the CR subs are complete
 - D. Restart for Law 11 – go with the play and wait for active involvement with the play (do not stay still); Restart is where the offside player becomes actively involved/touches the ball. Do not move the ball back up the field.
 - E. Watch for double touch on kickoffs and please keep in mind age you are working when you decide on the proper restart (if young kids, let them do kickoff again – trifling foul)
 - F. 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)



5. SSBRA Business

- A. Communications between referees/crews essential when traveling from one venue to another during a busy day
- B. Match details for team no-shows or forfeits need to be sent to the Treasurer and Assignor they can work to get you paid.
 - i. Referees need to send the Treasurer a printout of the Match in question form his/her Arbitrator schedule showing Game number, League, time, date, venue, and all members of the referee team
- C. Must write USSF Match Report for all Red Cards and 2nd Yellow Cards and submit to Chris Nevil (member at large) within 24 hours (preferably as soon as possible)
- D. Must pull player cards for Violent Conduct

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 – Discussed the importance of the USSF Match Reports and how teams may cheat if they are not provided in a timely manner (occurs Saturday morning, player can “sneak” a game in Sunday before the league is advised of the send off)
- 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
 - ii. If you see the color RED on your name and information then there may be something there that prevents you from being assigned matches
- 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