



**The Flag and Whistle**  
**Newsletter of the Soccer South Bay Referee Association**  
**- Over 42 Years Serving the Soccer Community -**

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### Notes from the President

- **The Board wishes everyone a Happy New Year and we thank each and every SSBRA member for making 2017 such a great year! The Association grew in both its membership and clients in 2017 and the Board is working hard to continue that trend in 2018.**
- **Closing out 2017** – All members who received \$600 or more in referee fees from SSBRA will receive a 1099 from the SSBRA Treasurer by mid-January. If you fall into this category, and you do not get your 1099 by the January 20<sup>th</sup> please contact Bruce Ashton.
- **2018 Referee Certification** – As of 1/6/2018 a little over 70% of the membership are certified for 2018. If you are one of the 30%, please get your 2018 USSF certification completed in order to be able to receive assignments from SSBRA.
- **Referee Professional Development** - The 1<sup>st</sup> RPD for 2018 is scheduled for Feb 20, 2018. Cal South is working to post the 2018 schedule on their site so please keep checking and sign up as soon as it is posted.
- **USSF Grade 6 and grade 7** – 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! Congratulations to Karen Callado-Ferreira, Brandon Stevis, and Bill Raventos for completing their upgrade to the USSF Grade 6 in 2017. The Board is also pleased to report that there are 6 other members working on their Grade 6 upgrade and 5 other members completed their upgraded from USSF grade 8 to 7 in 2017. Let's keep up that trend in 2018!!!
- **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.

### November General Membership Meeting

The draft minutes for the November General Membership Meeting can be found below. These minutes will be voted on for approval at the January General Membership Meeting on the 30th.



**General Membership Meeting  
North Torrance HS  
November 28, 2017**

Meeting was called to order 7pm by Michael Hinz.

Order of business:

1. Motion to approve October 2017 GMM minutes
  - A. Motion was made by Bill Yee
  - B. Second by Jack Desemone
  - C. Approved by majority vote
  
2. Welcome to new members
  - A. Caleb Paydar
  - B. Mark Christian
  - B. Carlos Pacheco
  
3. Cal South Training – Randall Reyes – Law 11 – IFK location
  - A. Reviewed various videos and the laws regarding IFK and location/placement of the ball on restart and how to properly handle IFK as part of your overall game management
  
4. SSBRA Training
  - A. New Cal South Match Report Review
    - i. Follow SSBRA match report protocol – send to Member at Large (Chris Nevil) for review and approval
    - ii. Do not ever contact the teams, leagues or Cal South directly
    - iii. Do not try to change your report after it is submitted.
    - iv. If you do not want to show cards during matches because you don't want to do paperwork, do not accept games from SSBRA. You must manage your games using cards and do the requisite paperwork.
    - v. Dissent is the biggest issue of feedback received from the fall season
      - a. Dissent arrives from non-calls – make your calls and don't accept any dissent.
  - 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
    - iv. Please scan your reports and email them. You can do this unless you have a red card (and therefore need to mail in the [player's ID card to the League). They are trying to improve player conduct and want to see the reports with yellow cards as early in the week as possible.
    - v. Reports are sent to John Moody and also to Chris Scanlan for D40.



## 5. SSBRA Business

- A. You must be on the 2018 ROL by 1/1/18 in order to receive assignments; you will not be assigned any games until you are on the ROL.
- B. 63 out of 147 members have upgraded to USSF grade 7 or higher
- C. New State Referees
  - i. New State Referees – Brandon Stevis and Bill Raventos
  - ii. 8 members completed the USSF physical fitness test in November
  - iii. 4 members are schedule for the December physical fitness test

## 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 hopes that people keep their availability current for the upcoming State and National Cups

Meeting was adjourned