



The Flag and Whistle
Newsletter of the South Bay Soccer Referee Association
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Notes from the President

1. Believe it or not but the Fall Season starts in just a few weeks. Accordingly, it's very important for the Board to know the Association's membership numbers at this time to determine our fall service capabilities for all our clients.
 - a. If you are one of the few members who have not paid your dues and/or submitted your Returning Membership Application (RMA), your Arbiter account has been changed to "inactive status" and you will not be able to receive assignments until your dues are paid and you complete your RMA.
 - b. On August 16, 2019 we will be removing all unpaid members and or any members who have not submitted their 2019-2020 RMA form as we have to renew our annual Arbiter account subscription by the August 18.
2. Committees – volunteers needed.
 - a. Bylaws review and update committee - Jonny Joseph, and
 - b. Ranking committee - Steve Morgan.

Please contact Jonny or Steve if you are willing to volunteer. Your association needs volunteers for these type of activities so please step forward.

3. Referee Professional Development – We had 102 referees at the Torrance July RPD! That is the biggest attendance ever! The next RDP is on August 20, 2019. Put down the remote or the cell phone and come on out!

Other Matters

1. Board Approval of RMAs – At the August Board Meeting, the Board approved 118 RMAs received prior to July 2019 and 13 received in July 2019.
2. Single Referee Call in System – As noted in Arbiter –If you are assigned as a single referee on ANY match, weeknight or weekend, you must check in on the SSBRA Soccer Hotline no later than one hour before the scheduled start time of your match. You may call in as long as four hours prior to



start but a minimum of one hour. The Single Referee Call-In number is 310-955-9905 option 1.

This is a critical procedure to ensure we provide excellent service. Please ensure you comply.



3. Dress code – The importance of referees wearing appropriate attire was discussed at the July General Membership Meeting. Further to that conversation, members are reminded that the requirement begins from the time the referee exits the car until she/he returns to the car. Prior to, and after, games one should wear an Association shirt and/or jacket, black shorts, sweat pants are optional in cooler weather, the approved referee socks pulled up to the knees and appropriate footwear. During games, referees may wear a plain, black only, “baseball-style hat,” the approved jersey, black shorts and approved socks. If you are in need of any of these items, please contact Manny Fineberg or David Martin. Their prices for SBSRA members are very competitive with any other pricing you may find. Jewelry should be avoided as much as possible. Being professional starts with looking professional. We receive payment to referee and are thus considered professionals. C’mon, we can do this!

2019/2020 FIFA Law Changes

The law changes and their complexities in detail have been presented at the past two CalSouth monthly meetings and RPD sessions.

By way of reminder, the following summarizes the changes:

Substitutes – Law 3

- A player who is being substituted must leave the field by the nearest point on the touchline/goal line (unless the referee indicates the player can leave quickly/ immediately at the halfway line or a different point because of safety, injury etc.)

Team Officials – Law 5 & 12

- A team official guilty of misconduct will be shown a YC (caution) or RC (sending off)*; if the offender cannot be identified, the senior coach who is in the technical area at the time will receive the YC/RC.

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** Law 12 will have a list of YC/RC offences*

Players’ Equipment – Law 4

- Multi-colored/patterned undershirts are allowed if they are the same as the sleeve of the main shirt

Medical Breaks – Law 7

- Difference between ‘cooling’ breaks (90 secs – 3 mins) and ‘drinks’ breaks (max 1 min).

Law 8, 9 – Dropped Ball

- If play is stopped inside the penalty area, the ball will be dropped for the goalkeeper,
- If play is stopped outside the penalty area, the ball will be dropped for one player of the team that last touched the ball at the point of the last touch,
- In all cases, all the other players (of both teams) must be at least 4m (4.5yds) away,
- If the ball touches the referee (or another match official) and goes into the goal, team possession changes or a promising attack starts, a dropped ball is awarded.



Kick-off - Law 8

- The team that wins the toss can now choose to take the kick-off or which goal to attack (previously they only had the choice of which goal to attack).

Law 12 – Goal Celebrations

- A YC for an ‘illegal’ celebration (e.g. removing the shirt) remains even if the goal is disallowed.

Quick Free Kick and Misconduct – Law 12

- If the referee is about to issue a YC/RC but the non-offending team takes the free kick quickly and creates a goal-scoring opportunity, the referee can delay the YC/RC until the next stoppage if the offending team was not distracted by the referee

Law 12 - Handball

- Deliberate handball (handling) remains an offence,
- The following ‘handball’ situations, even if accidental, will be a free kick:
 - the ball goes into the goal after touching an attacking player’s hand/arm,
 - a player gains control/possession of the ball after it has touched their hand/arm and then scores, or creates a goal-scoring opportunity,
 - the ball touches a player’s hand/arm which has made their body unnaturally bigger,
 - the ball touches a player’s hand/arm when it is above their shoulder (unless the player has deliberately played the ball which then touches their hand/arm).
- The following will not usually be a free kick, unless they are one of the above situations:
 - the ball touches a player’s hand/arm directly from their own head/body/foot or the head/body/foot of another player who is close/near,
 - the ball touches a player’s hand/arm which is close to their body and has not made their body unnaturally bigger,
 - if a player is falling and the ball touches their hand/arm when it is between their body and the ground to support the body (but not extended to make the body bigger)

oIf the goalkeeper attempts to ‘clear’ (release into play) a throw-in or deliberate kick from a team-mate but the ‘clearance’ fails, the goalkeeper can then handle the ball

Law 13 – Free Kicks

- When there is a ‘wall’ of three or more defenders, the attackers are not allowed within 1m (1 yd) of the wall; an attacker less than 1m (1yd) from the ‘wall’ when the kick is taken will be penalized with an indirect free kick,
- When the defending team takes a free kick in their own penalty area, the ball is in play once the kick is taken; it does not have to leave the penalty area before it can be played.



Penalty Kick - Law 14

- The team's penalty taker can have (quick) treatment/assessment and then take the kick,
- The goalkeeper must not be touching the goalposts/crossbar/nets; they must not be moving,
- The goalkeeper must have at least part of one foot on/in line with the goal line when the kick is taken; cannot stand behind the line.

Law 16 – Goal Kick

- The ball is in play once the kick is taken; it can be played before leaving the penalty Area.

Note, this is not a substitute for instruction in person, so please attend the forthcoming trainings that we offer to be properly prepared for the new season.

Treasurer's Report for the Quarter Ended June 30, 2019

Due to time limitations at the July General Membership Meeting, the Treasurer report for the Quarter Ended June 30, 2019 will be presented at the August meeting. In the meantime, the balance sheet at June 30, 2019 and the profit & loss for the 6 months then ended may be viewed on the Association website at <https://sbsra.org/association/members/financials/>. Please be reminded that your membership user name and password is required to access the Association's financial information.

The draft minutes for the July General Membership Meeting, which will be voted on at the August meeting, are included below. Thank you to Bruce Ashton for taking the minutes.



**SBSRA General Membership Meeting Minutes
July 30, 2019
7:30 pm to 9:30 pm – North High School Library**

Board members present: Michael Hinz, Bruce Ashton, Chris Nevil, Gabriel Goldsman, Taidgh Simpson (Absent: Steve Morgan, Jonny Joseph)

1. Meeting Began at 7:40 pm
2. May and June minutes approval – Moved by Tim Martinez, seconded by Reza Pazirandeh, approved by acclamation
3. New and prospective members who had not attended a general membership meeting previously were invited to stand up and introduce themselves and three did so.
4. SSBRA Business
 - a) New business
 - i. EL Segundo Rec & Parks – Michael Hinz announced the good news that SBSRA has been contracted by the City of El Segundo to provide referees for single games on a Friday night for their 7v7, co-ed “A” league for one year. If the city is happy with our service, we likely will be contracted to provide referees for their “B” league also. The season runs for 10 weeks and first games are on Friday, August 9, 2019. The total match fees will be \$50 per game for one referee with the two teams paying the referee \$25 per game at the field before the start of the match. \$3 of the match fee is payable by the assigned referee to our Assignor. Current rules for this league are posted on our website (<https://sbsra.org/competitions/>). We have provided suggestions for some rule changes to the city and the website will be updated if the city makes any changes.
 - ii. SBPSL - Michael Hinz announced more good news that SBSRA has been awarded a 2 year contract for all three of the SBPSL divisions beginning in September 2019.
 - iii. West Valley Family YMCA League – Bruce Ashton announced the third piece of good news regarding leagues. West Valley YMCA youth league games are played on Saturdays at the Y located on Vanowen Street in Reseda on the enclosed hockey rink. We have taken over the league games in progress since July and the next league will begin in October.



b) Appointed Board Member ratifications

At the SBSRA Board meeting in July, the Elected Officers of the Board had reappointed the following Non-Elected Board Members for the next year, in accordance with Section VIII of the Associations Bylaws. As stipulated therein, these appointments were presented to the Membership for ratification at this next membership meeting:

- i. Assignor – Gabriel Goldsman
- ii. Co-Assignor – Veto Galiti
 1. Back up Assignors – Chris Nevil, Steve Morgan
- iii. Director of Referee Instruction, Training and Mentoring- Taidgh Simspoon
- iv. Director of Referee Coaching - Taidgh Simspoon

Warren Howell moved for ratification of these appointments and Sue Pascoe seconded. By acclamation, the Membership ratified the above appointments.

c) Financial report - Bruce Ashton noted that due to time pressure to accommodate the two Cal South monthly trainings, his quarterly financial report will be presented at the August GMM and posted on the SSBRA Website.

d) SafeSport Training – Michael Hinz reminded the members that SafeSport training is required before September 1, 2019 for CalSouth referees to be included on the Registered Officials List (“ROL”). Members who do not complete the training and thus will not be on the ROL are ineligible for SBSRA game assignments from September 1, 2019. Further details can be found on our website (<https://ssbra.org/ussf-certification/>), including a link to register and complete the training. GET IT DONE ASAP!! Members are reminded that they need to send their certificates of completion to CalSouth (refereeregistration@calsouth.com) to complete the process.

e) Membership issues – Michael Hinz discussed the following issues, emphasizing their seriousness:

1. Service failure for ZOG match – a referee failed to call in for his single match assignments and by the time he was reached, he missed the first match.
2. Professionalism complaint from ZOG – a referee made a comment on jest that offended one of the teams at the pre-match formalities. The league received a complaint from the team captain which was forwarded to the Association. Members were reminded that we need to stick to our role and to avoid using humor, which may offend others.
3. CalSouth assignments – Michael and Gabriel noted that the CalSouth policy is to limit individuals to 3 games for game assignments exceeding 80 minutes per game, per day. It was brought to our Assignor’s attention by CalSouth that two of our members accepted 6 games each for one day, from two different associations, this past weekend.



4. Dress code – Michael and Gabriel discussed the importance of referees wearing appropriate attire to referee games, which has been noted many times in these meetings.
5. Cal South Monthly Training, presented by our own Cal South certified instructor and member, Gabriel Goldsman, followed. The topics were the 2019-2010 LOTG changes for Laws 3 - 8 (June topic) and Laws 9 - 14 (July topic).
6. Board Members spoke as follows:
 - a) Michael – Announced that the Referee Professional Development session held at North High School on July broke a new record with attendance of 102!! All members are encouraged to attend these sessions which consist of a 1 hour training session on the pitch followed by a classroom session of similar length.
7. The meeting adjourned at 9:42 pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 27, 2019, at North High School in Torrance starting at 7:30 pm.