



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

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Assignor: Gabriel Goldsman
Training: Open

Notes from the President

- 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.
 - As of this F&W SSBRA has 77% of our members (114 out of 147) on the 2018 ROL
- The SSBRA Board is pleased to announce that as of the start of 2018, 65 out of 147 members have upgraded to USSF grade 7 or higher.

New State Referees

- 1) Brandon Stevis
- 2) Bill Raventos
- 3) Sam McKenney
- 4) Karen Callado

New Grade 7 referees

- 1) Tom Broffman
- 2) Byron Eguchi
- 3) Rakesh Kapoor
- 4) Stephen McCall
- 5) Alfonso Piceno
- 6) Hector Renza
- 7) Trevor Wiseman

- 5 additional members are currently working on their Grade 6 upgrades
- With the start of the 2018 MB 7v7 contract, the SSBRA has negotiated a 20% increase in referee fees over the next two years. 10% increase in fees for 2018 (now \$33) and an additional 10% increase in 2019 (\$36).
- In the January General Membership Meeting, the membership approved by a majority vote not to accept Tournaments when the tournament fees below \$1.50. See additional details in the January meeting minutes.
- State Cup continues so please keep you availability (Blocks) open. State Cup is starting the older divisions and we look to get some more work over the next few weeks.
- The next SSBRA sponsored RPD in Torrance is scheduled for next week, 2-20-2018. Please sign up on the Cal South Website. There are 42 already signed up for February so don't miss out! And while you are there, sign up for all the listed 2018 RPDs. Remember, you need to complete at least 3 per year to maintain a Grade 7 and 5 RPDs to upgrade to Grade 7.
- The February General Membership Meeting is scheduled for the 27th. The Board looks forward to seeing you there.

January 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
January 30, 2018**

Meeting was called to order 7pm by Michael Hinz.

Order of business:

1. Special Guest - Robert Hoag from the Manhattan Beach Parks and Recreation spoke to the membership about the the MB 7v7 adult co-ed league. Robert told the membership that MB was very happy with SSBRA's support and service and MB looks forward to another year working with SSBRA.
2. Motion to approve November 2017 GMM minutes
 - A. Motion was made by Steve Cooper
 - B. Second by Bill Yee
 - C. Approved by majority vote
2. Welcome to new members
 - A. Juan Rodriguez
 - B. Connor Harrigan
 - C. Rony Herrera
 - D. Kirk Jackson (returning member)
3. Cal South Training – No Cal South Training in January – review of upgrade requirements by Chris Nevil
 - A. Reviewed various components of the upgrade requirements (and maintenance requirements) for Grade 7 and Grade 6
 - B. Discussed SSBRA supplemental match report protocol
4. 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. 65 out of 147 members have upgraded to USSF grade 7 or higher
 - C. New State Referees
 - i. New State Referees – Brandon Stevis, Bill Raventos, Sam McKenney and Karen Callado
 - ii. New Grade 7 referees – Tom Broffman, Byron Eguchi, Rakesh Kapoor, Stephen McCall, Alfonso Piceno, Hector Renza, Trevor Wiseman
 - iii. 5 members are working on their Grade 6 upgrades
 - D. MB 7v7 contract renewed with a 10% increase in fees for 2018 (now \$33) and an additional 10% increase in 2019 (\$36).
 - E. Lawndale and J-League start in March
 - F. State Cup review and discussion – fees are increased by CalSouth



G. Accepting Tournament fees below \$1.50 – discussion about how underpaid referees are when any tournament fees are below \$1.50 and how the Board would like to turn away business from other associations that are bringing business in below \$1.50 per minute. The membership voted unanimously for SSBRA not to accept work for tournaments paying less than \$1.50 per minute.

SSBRA Guidelines will be updated to read something like: “The Board of SSBRA supports its referees earning \$1.50 or more per minute when involved in any tournament. The Board will review any tournaments it is asked to support, and will review each tournament on its own merits, but will generally not support any tournament or association where the referee fees are below \$1.50 per minute.”

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 – No items
- D. Michael –
 - 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

7. Raffle – “Bread by Beverly” was passed out followed by several items being raffled off.

Meeting was adjourned