



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

- The USSF/Cal South 2019 Referee Registration Period is now open.
- The monthly SSBRA sponsored RPD in Torrance are back in the NHS stadium. NHS replaced both the turf and the track during the summer. If you have not attended an RPD, do yourself a favor and come out and see what you have been missing. Remember, you need to complete at least 3 RPDs per year to maintain a Grade 7 and 5 RPDs to upgrade to Grade 7.
- The Fall season starts in early Sept. Get some rest now as the season will be very busy.
- I am pleased to announce that SSBRA has a new client. SSBRA is now providing Referees for the Elite Clubs National League (ECNL). SSBRA is covering the Girls divisions starting 8/25/2018. This is a very competitive league and SSBRA is very pleased to be able to serve this new client. More details will be provided at the Aug GMM.
- The Board has received several comments about referee attire. Section XI of the SSBRA Guideline states;
  - *SSBRA Referees must look (and act) professional. The Referee's appearance not only reflects on the individual Referee but also on the Association. Referee teams must wear matching Referee shirts in USSF approved colors and black referee shorts. **Starting in the 2018 fall season, SSBRA is requesting that all referees wear the new style USSF jerseys. As of the start of the 2018 fall, the new two stripe socks are the only approved socks. The old three stripe socks are no longer acceptable.** SSBRA does not allow Referees to wear long pants while refereeing matches. The rest of the referee uniforms must be in good condition and conformity. Referees must arrive dressed in proper attire. ... A cap may be generally be worn, but only if it's an all-black, baseball cap or visor with no writing or symbols on it of any kind. SSBRA Referees must also abide by any and all League or Tournament dress codes.*

The draft minutes for the July General Membership Meeting can be found below.



## **SSBRA General Membership Meeting Minutes**

July 31, 2018 - 7:30 PM

Location: NHS

### **Steve Morgan Opens Meeting:**

The May GMM and June AGM minutes were approved by the membership. Jack D. motioned for the vote and it was seconded by Byron E.

Steve reminded the membership that the 2019 USSF registration is now open.

Steve then welcomed new members with Matt Anderson introducing himself. Other new members are Michael Dean, Paul O'Hannigan, Vicent Zamit, and David Rizzo.

### **Cal South training:**

Due to some technical issues the Cal South Training was delayed and Steve conducted the monthly SSBRA business while the "computer experts" worked the issue.

### **SSBRA Business:**

Changes in restarts which are now Direct Free Kicks or PKs vs Indirect Free Kick were discussed.

Karen C. and Brandon S. talked about being selected by Cal South to Referee in the National Championships in Frisco Texas. SSBRA is proud to have two of its members selected for this tournament.

Steve reminded the membership of the importance of professionalism and how professionalism is both attitude and appearance. Steve reminded everyone that they have the responsibility to insure their uniform, shirt, shorts, and socks are in good condition. If your Red shirt is not Red or your Black shorts and more Brown than Black... Replace them! If your uniform is not in proper condition, you may not receive assignments until you get proper attire.

### **(Back to) Cal South training:**

Cal South Instructor Leo Eichenbaum conducted the monthly training on "Managing Match Time"

Meeting adjourned



**Next Meeting:** Aug. 28, 2018