



The Flag and Whistle
Newsletter of the Soccer South Bay Referee Association
- Over 43 Years Serving the Soccer Community -

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Notes from the President

- Yes, The Fall season has begun!!! For the month of September alone, SSBRA will assigning close to 850 matches, filling over 2100 referee positions and October looks just as busy. SO!!! I know you can complete the rest of this sentence... Please OPEN UP YOUR BLOCKS. To cover the last few referee positions, Gabriel opened several positions to "Self Assign" and thanks to you, those positions were filled quickly. But as always, keep an eye open for late assignments to see if any of them can fit into your schedule.
- The Board is still receiving comments about referee attire. To address this issue and feedback from some referees, Section XI of the SSBRA Guidelines now states:

Referee Attire. 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.** The Referee team must wear matching shirts which must be a different color from the both teams. **Between the Referee team, the Field Players and the Goalies, there should be "five colors" on the pitch.** While the five colors are preferred, since Goalies in the leagues we support are often substituted during the match resulting in the Goalie colors changing, Referees may wear the same color as the Goalies. **In order to make sure there is not a color conflict, SSBRA Referees must always have multiple color shirts with them. With five official USSF colors available, there is no reason for all members not to be able to meet this requirement.** 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 and shall not be used in any SSBRA assigned match.** 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. Referees shall not change their shirts in the open at the field. Due to the fact that referees often need to change shirts between matches, etc., referees should wear an undershirt or find a more "discrete location" to change their shirts. **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.



- We only have two more RPDs left for 2018. Cal South does not hold RPDs in Dec. Please make sure you get in your required number of RPDs for the USSF grade you currently hold. If you are upgrading please make sure you also have the required number of RPDs and remember the fitness tests are on 11/7/18 and 11/15/18. You can get all the required info on the Cal South site using the link from our website.
- There issues exist across the leagues with the proper application of the Player Development Initiatives (PDIs). Please make sure you are 100% sure of these very important policies which includes the No-heading requirement in specific age divisions. Do not use information that you may have written down from last year as the Birth Years from last year are not correct for this year. You always have to get the latest information. The latest information is on the SSBRA website including the [Birth Year and Season Matrix](#) that shows the yearly changes in Birth Years to Divisions. And **NO, YOU CANNOT JUST GO WITH WHAT THE COACHES SAY OR WANT...** Many times they do not know the policy.
- The Board looks forward to seeing everyone at next week's GMM.

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



SSBRA General Membership Meeting Minutes

August 28, 2018 - 7:30 PM

General Membership Meeting North Torrance HS 28 August 2018

Meeting was called to order 7pm by Steve Morgan

Order of business:

1. Motion to approve July 2018 GMM minutes
 - A. Motion was made by Bill Yee
 - B. Second by Chris Nevil
 - C. Approved by majority vote

2. Membership Issues – VP Comments
 - A. Timely arrival to matches is a requirement of the job
 - B. If you accept a game, you must be on time for that game
 - C. Excuses like traffic are not acceptable
 - D. Keep your games on time to avoid delays at other venues where you may be working

3. Welcome to new members

4. Cal South Training – Chris Nevil
 - A. Going Back to Basic: Recognizing Time Wasting
 - B. Stoppage time – some stoppage is part of the game, other stoppage can be wasted
 - C. <https://fivethirtyeight.com/features/world-cup-stoppage-time-is-wildly-inaccurate/>

5. SSBRA Business
 - A. Fall season as started – open up your blocks
 - B. ECNL – Gabriel has secured ECNL games for our association – we must be at our best for these games
 - C. SBPSL – combining the Open and 40s divisions due to low enrollment
 - D. Open discussion

6. Board Items
 - A. Bruce – Checks are available
 - B. Jay – No items
 - C. Chris – Reminder to turn in all match supplemental reports if your match requires it
 - D. Michael – not present



E. Gabriel – discussed availability issues again and hopes that people keep their availability current for the season. Turnback fees may be implemented.

Meeting adjourned