



The Flag and Whistle
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Notes from the President

1. Thanks to all your hard work, we are doing a great job in covering all the matches and there has been a ton of them. Since September 1st SSBRA has assigned almost 1600 matches with almost 3400 crew members assigned and the season is not slowing down any time soon. In fact, we are having some issues with a low number of members showing availability. Please open up your blocks so you show up in the system when Gabriel is trying to assign matches.
2. With that said, we have had a few service issues which is not acceptable, The Board has taken action on some of them and is evaluating the others.
3. SSBRA has purchased 2018-2019 LOTG books and we will be handing them out at the Oct GMM on 10/30/18. If you want one, come to the meeting and pick one up.
4. There is only 1 more RPD for 2018. So please make sure to attend. The last RDP for 2018 will be on 11/20/18. There will not be another RPD until February 2019.
5. There are only two more Cal South Training sessions for 2018 and everyone needs 5 of them so they can get their USSF certification for 2019. Please make sure you make the next two GMMs and the Cal South training sessions.
6. If you are a USSF Grade 6 or upgrading to grade 6, the Fitness test for the 2019 season is scheduled for 11/7/18 in San Diego and 11/15/18 at Citrus College. You need to sign up on the Cal South website.
7. The referee crew cannot swap assignments between the CR and ARs without pre-authorization by the Assignor. The Center Referee and Assistant Referee positions are assigned based on several factors, including but not only the match level, previous assignments, and the overall assigning scheme for the day or weekend. Arbiter and the Assignor utilize the records in Arbiter to ensure referees are not assigned the same Club/Team too often and are used for future assignments. In addition, our clients ask for and receive copies of the assignments and they expect the referee crews match those assignments.



8. I am receiving a lot of positive comments and feedback on the weekly emails so here is a copy of the ones sent out in October:
- a) If an attacker is in an offside position and the ball is kicked to him by a teammate and a defender tries to head the ball but the ball deflects uncontrollably off the defender's head to the attacker, the attacker is..... **Not off-side** as the defender tried to play the ball and there is no longer any requirement for the defender to control the ball. On the other hand, if the ball deflected off the defender's head before the defender knew the ball was there.....**Off-side**. In this case, this deflection did not include any attempt to the ball.
 - b) When it comes to USSF sanctioned 7v7 and 9v9 matches, the "Cal South LOTG Modifications for all 7v7 and 9v9 matches" override the CSL and SCDSL rules. If there is a difference, always use the Cal South modifications.
 - c) Coaches may NOT agree between themselves to NOT follow the PDI rules. All rules are expected to be followed by ALL coaches. That means you have to know the rules for the age group you are refereeing.
 - d) If one of the members of your referee team is not at the pitch 30 minutes before the match, give him or her a call and find out what's going on. If it turns out that there was an issue and he or she will not be able to make the match, contact the SSBRA assignor and let him know. He will try to get a replacement for that match and any others that may follow. Use a club lines person until a replacement referee shows up. Follow up with assignor as soon as possible so he can get the information form you before he hears from the league.
 - e) Any free kicks in the defender's Penalty Area (PA) must leave the PA before being touched or played, not just Goal Kicks.
 - f) If spectators are getting out of control, talk to the coach and ask her to help with her spectators. If the coach does not help, Ask, Tell, and then Dismiss the coach. It's better to suspend the match because there is no longer an eligible coach because the coach would not control his spectators then for the referee to suspend the match because of the spectators. All coaches are responsible for their parents and must control her sidelines.
 - g) If a coach or spectator is causing trouble and making it so you are not enjoying your Referee experience, Ask, Tell, Dismiss. Don't block a site or league and allow that same coach or spectator to go after the next Referee.
 - h) If you have an injured player, don't tell the player or coach that the player has to be substituted, tell them they have to leave the field as it is up to the coach if they want to play short or bring in a substitute.
 - i) SCDSL Rules state V. SUBSTITUTIONS - When a player is injured on the field that requires attention from the coach, the player must be removed from the field of play, except for the goalkeeper. Players may exit the field **and re-enter the game at next dead-ball**, with the referee's approval.



- j) CSL Rules state SECTION 20. GAME PROCEDURES AND CONDUCT D. Match Reports - 13. The referee may show a Yellow Card (caution) and/or Red Card (ejection) to a coach/administrator or spectator. Note: SCDSL does not have this rule.
- k) In a SCDSL division match which limits the number of times players can re-enter in a half, if the team has completed all its eligible player reentries in a given half and then a player gets hurt, the team CANNOT re-enter another player. The team has to play short until the injured player is able to return or that team has to play short for the rest of the half. It's not a fair or unfair, its SCDSL's rules and they want them followed.
- l) If there is disagreement between an AR and the CR on a call or how the match is being called, the AR should attempt to assist the CR by discussing the concerns with the CR in a positive and private manor. Half time is best. If there is still disagreement, the AR needs to allow the CR to do his/her job. The AR can then talk to any member of the SSBRA Board and the Board would be happy to look into the issue. Never get into a debate on the pitch in front of the clients. You can always block a Referee whom you would prefer not to work with.
- m) If one of your ARs calls a foul and you do not agree, just wave him or her down and move on. Discuss it at half time or after the match.
- n) If a player does not have his or her player card, a photo of the card is not allowed. A photo of a coach's card is allowed in SCDSL.
- o) On a Drop Ball; Don't throw the ball 10 feet to the player, walk over to him and just drop it. Don't drop the ball and then blow your whistle as that technically stops play since play was started when the ball hit the ground.
- p) Blow your whistle to restart play after substitutions.
- q) After a score watch the players to ensure players form two teams are not trying to get the ball. Get the players from the team who just scored out of the area and away from the ball. Let them know it's the defender's ball and you have the clock.

If you have any other lessons learned, send them my way and I'll get them into the next email...

On a sad note, one of the past members (and one of the 1st SSBRA Presidents), Frank Troeger, passed away on the 15th. He's not been active for a while, but many knew him. If you are interested in any additional information please contact Richard Duvall at ahm8483@yahoo.com.

The Oct GMM is on the 30th. Please make sure you attend. There are lots of things going on and attending the meeting is the best way to stay current on all the different things.

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



**General Membership Meeting Minutes
North High School
25 September 2018**

Meeting was called to order 7:30 pm by Michael Hinz

Order of business:

1. Motion to approve May and August 2018 GMM minutes
 - A. Motion was made by Jack
 - B. Second by Veto
 - C. Approved by majority vote

2. Ratify the non-elected board members: Veto, Chris, Gabriel and Taidgh
 - A. Motion by Chris
 - B. Second by Sue
 - C. Approved by majority vote

3. Welcome to new members – remember the new member initiative

4. Cal South Training – Wayne Merrick
 - A. Going Back to Basics: Restart Modifications
 - B. Discussion occurred regarding the exceptions to procedures when dealing with injured players – the exceptions are: Goal Keeper, goal keeper & player, 2 teammates, cautioned player and severe injury
 - C. The board asked for the presentation made by CalSouth to be available on our website – CalSouth is researching its copyright on the documents and will get back to us

5. SSBRA Business – President's Comments
 - A. Fall season – off to a great start. Keep it going.
 - B. SCDSL email regarding referees – they want parents and coaches under control
 - C. CSL – no dual referee system – SSBRA and Cal South; if you have to use a club linesman, put them at the corner flag to signal ball in/out of play
 - D. CSL – take advantage of reporting your games on the CSL application on your phone
 - E. 2018/2019 law books have been purchase by the association and will be available to members
 - F. Rankings are being worked on and will be updated after season is over
 - G. 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. We need more help.

Meeting adjourned