



The Flag and Whistle

Newsletter of the Soccer South Bay Referee Association

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Notes from the President

The 2016-2017 Membership Year has started and every member has to complete two things.

- 1) Pay your 2016-2017 dues (\$75). If you are one of the last ~10% who has not paid, please contact your treasurer, Bruce Ashton. SSBRA cannot assign you any matches until you have paid your 2016-2017 dues.
- 2) Complete the on line [Returning Member's Application](#). This is a short on-line form that will only take a few minutes to complete. We just need the last dozen members to submit your application.

General Membership Meeting - Our July General Membership Meeting will be on July 26th right before the Galaxy Tournament.

YES - THERE IS A GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING IN JULY.

Referee Professional Development - The July RPD is scheduled for July 19th. Please sign up for the RPD via the SSBRA website.

New Members - SSBRA continues to look to qualified Referees to join the association. If you know of a qualified Referee have them apply to SSBRA and you could be legible to get your 2017 dues covered by the Board. If you have any questions, just contact a Board member.

2016 Tournament Season continues -

We are about one third of the way through the 2016 tournament season with 7 more tournaments still ahead of us. Please keep your blocks in Arbiter current as SSBRA uses that information to determine how many fields to accept from other Associations when we support them and how many fields we will staff for our own Galaxy tournament on 7/30 and 7/31.

DATE	TOURNAMENT	LOCATION	Status
MAY 14-15	VCU SPRING CUP	SIMI VALLEY	Completed
May 27-30	LA UYGHUR SOCCER TEAM	MIRA COSTA HS	Completed
MAY 28-29	CVU MEMORIAL DAY TOURNAMENT	MOORPARK/THOUSAND OAKS	Completed
JUNE 18-20	LAPFC SOCAL COLLEGE SHOWCASE	SILVERLAKES - NORCO	Completed
JULY 23-24	EAGLES SUMMER CLASSIC	CAMARILLO	Schedule due ~7/14/2016
July 30-31	LA GALAXY COASTAL CLASSIC	SOUTH BAY AREA	Working with Tournament Director
Aug 13-14	WEST COAST CLASSIC	ORANGE COUNTY	
AUGUST 20-21	CVU SUMMER CLASSIC	MOORPARK/THOUSAND OAKS	
AUGUST 27-28	THOUSAND OAKS CLASSIC	MOORPARK/THOUSAND OAKS	
SEPTEMBER 3-4	SIMI VALLEY LABOR DAY INVITATIONAL	SIMI VALLEY	
SEPTEMBER 3-4	UNITED CUP	SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY	



Did Someone Yell “Hand Ball”?

You may or may not know it but one of our members, Ebiye Udo-Udoma, is probably the most qualified referee in SSBRA when it comes to “Hand Ball”. I can safely say that because Ebiye is a member of the USA National Beach Hand Ball team. In fact, Ebiye and the USA National Team are currently in Budapest Hungary at the **Beach Handball World Championship**. Ebiye asked the Board to share his team's schedule with the association so you can follow Ebiye and the USA Team at the World Championships. Here is the schedule.

USA National Beach Hand Ball Team schedule at the 2016 Beach Handball World Championship.

All times are Pacific Standard Time

July 12th

1:00AM **USA** vs Ukraine
6:30AM **USA** vs Brazil
11:45AM Opening Ceremonies

July 13th

2:40AM **USA** vs Egypt
8:20AM **USA** vs Qatar

July 14th

1:50AM **USA** vs Bahrain

July 15th-17th schedule to be determined based on pool play results, **championship games on July 17th.**

Link for results and stats: <http://ihf.info/en-us/ihfcompetitions/beachhandball/mensbeachhandballworldchampionships/fixturesandresults.aspx>
Watch live streams for free on the official tournament website: <http://www.beachhandball2016.com/>

GO Ebiye!!! ---- GO USA!!!

May General Membership Meeting –

The Draft minutes for the May General Membership meeting can be found on the next page. These minutes will be voted on for approval at the July Annual Membership Meeting.



SSBRA General Meeting Minutes
6/28/16 Tuesday 7:30 pm North High School

Board Member Attendees:

Michael Hinz - MH	Steve Morgan - SM	Michael Takeda - Absent
Bruce Ashton - BA	Valle Altobelli - VA	Chris Nevil - CN
Donat McKenley - DM		Armando Quiroz - Absent

MH requested approved of minutes from April and May General Membership meetings.

- ✓ Motion to approve by Steve Resnick, second by Bob Slater
- ✓ The motion was approved overwhelming by the members

CalSouth Training: Gabriel Goldsman of CalSouth provided a 1+ hour CalSouth Training – “2017 Rule Changes”

- MH asked for any new members in attendance to introduce themselves and the members welcomed the following 5 new members:
 1. Rakesh Kapoor
 2. Yoel Miller
 3. Kelly Watsen
 4. Fiona Elliott
 5. Roger Stevenson (Returning Member)

SSBRA business –

- Financial Report – Bruce Ashton
 - BA reviewed the latest financial reports for the association and reminded the members that they can always review the reports on the website on the member’s page.
- BA also reminded the members that the 2016-2017 dues are due and they will be past due as of 7/1/2016.
- MH reminded the members that everyone needs to submit a returning member application for the 2016-2017 season. MH said 85% of the RMAs have been submitted already.
- MH asked the members to make sure they have their picture posted in Arbiter on the profile page. 40% for the members still need to post their picture.
- MH reminded all members about the 5 required Cal South Training per year and the 5 required SSBRA General Membership meetings per membership year.
 - MH talked about the SSBRA sponsored Referee Professional Development Training and that SSBRA has now hosted 18 RPDs over the last 2 years with over 500 RPDs attendees.



- League status – MH covered the following information about the different leagues we serve.
 - BH 7v7 – We had a great season and the customer was very happy.
 - LA Riot – We had a great season and the customer was very happy. In fact they asked us to support a set of four off season matches.
 - Lawndale – Great Season but we had some issues and the Board is working with Lawndale on an issue resolution process for next season
 - DirectKix 6v6 soccer – Fairfax High School – so far so good.
 - MB 7v7 – No issues and the seasons continue throughout the year.
 - Friendlies – ongoing
 - 2016 Recertification – MH reported that 137 out of the 158 members have recertified for 2016. The remaining 21 need to certify for 2017 in order to get assignments from SSBRA.
 - Board members speak
 - VP – SM provided an update on rankings process, he is setting up the rankings committee meetings and he hopes to be done this month.
 - Assignor –
 - VA provided an up and on the upcoming tournaments with a strong emphasis on availability for Galaxy
 - VA talked about the continued issues with turn backs. VA said the she is fighting a 25% turn back issue. VA asked for ideas and suggestions from the members. Some suggestions from the members s included;
 - Drop the rankings of the members who turn back assignments.
 - Drop the member to the bottom of the assigning list.
 - Charge a turn back fee of \$3 or \$5.
 - Don't assign members who turn back assignments until all other members are assigned.
- VA thanked the members for the suggestions and said we had to find a solution. No decisions were made during the discussion.
- Assessments – DM told the members that he will work with them on assessments and assessments can be used to adjust rankings.
 - Member At Large - CN encouraged everyone to take advantage of the training resource that the SSBRA hosted RPDs provides to all members. The more attendees the better.
 - Finance – BA had no additional information.

~ Next meeting will be on Tuesday 7/25 7:30 p.m. at North High School ~