



The Flag and Whistle

Newsletter of the Soccer South Bay Referee Association

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Notes from the President –

The next and last 2014 SSBRA sponsored Referee Professional Development (RPD) is scheduled for Tuesday November 18, 2014 starting at 7:00 pm. Please sign up at the following link;

<http://cysa.affinitysoccer.com/eventmanager/public/event.asp?calid=6871201&eventtype=RPD>
the next SSBRA RPD after November is not until February 2015.

The look and feel of the SSBRA web Site is about to change. Please let me and our Web Master, Rick Roberts know what you like or dislike about the current site and please let us know if you have any ideas on how to make it better. Rick's SSBRA Web Master Email is web.ssbra@gmail.com. Keep checking the Web site as the new look will be there before you know it.

The SSBRA Board would like to welcome our 10 newest SSBRA members. The new members are (in alphabetical order);

Maria-Grazia Ascenzi, Debbie Dakouzlian, Marc Dauber, Ben Donohoe, John Fitzgerald, Robert Garcia, Helen Liang, Michael Morrison, Jacob Little, Leon Tchakalian.

It's great to see the association continuing to grow and attract new members. As we discussed at the October General meeting, we need to continue to grow our association to meet our customer's increasing demand for referees. If you know an experienced Referee who is USSF and Cal South approved, please give her/him an application. If she/he is approved for membership, you can get a waiver for your dues next year per the SSBRA New Member Incentive plan.



Where can you get \$24 "Dry Fit" T - shirts for \$9???
Only at the November SSBRA monthly meeting of course!!!

Your Board has partnered with our friend, fellow member, and supporter, Manny Fineberg of **CSA Sportswear** to offer "Dry Fit" t-shirts with the SSBRA logo (see pictures below) to our SSBRA members at an extremely attractive price. This price is a **one-time exclusive offer to SSBRA Members**. These shirts help keep you cool in the summer and warmer in the winter by wicking moisture away from the body. They will also provide a more professional look when SSBRA referees arrive at game sites and when we have to change jerseys due to color conflicts. Your Board worked with Manny and we are taking advantage of the large "buying power" of our association to benefit you as a SSBRA member.

For a limited time only, Manny and CSA is selling us short sleeve Dry-Fit T - shirts starting at just \$9 and Long Sleeve Dry-Fit t shirts starting at just \$13. Retail prices for comparable shirts can be two or three times more. Manny is also providing a 10% discount for orders of three or more shirts and you can mix and match short and long sleeves and different sizes to get a discount on what is already the best price in town. **You need to place your orders by Today November 13th** so CSA can prepare and deliver your shirts to the November General meeting on November 25th. Yes, you get your shirts this month and you do not have to go anywhere except to the regular monthly meeting to get delivery of your shirts!! **You can place your order by email and pay by check at the Nov Meeting.**

Please help Manny help you by buying a few long and short sleeve shirts.
You will not find a better deal!!

Contact Manny at many@csasportswear.com to get an order form or to order shirts.

Official logo: SSBRA PERFORMANCE WEAR T SHIRTS for all conditions

Quality performance Dry Fit T shirts with SSBRA logo printed on front.

Special arrangements have been made with Manny to produce these excellent shirts in time for the winter.

Limited time offer.
Order now using your credit card or check.

Orders will be prepared and delivered to the November general meeting.

Orders must be placed by **Nov 13th**.
Contact Manny for ordering or questions:
many@csasportswear.com

sizes: XS - XXXL. (surcharge for XXL & XXXL)



Starting at Only \$13



best worn tight

Starting at only \$9

At the Oct General Membership meeting (see minutes below), Cal South instructor Gabriel Goldsman, covered the following three topics; Hydration, Equipment, Head injury. Cal South like all sporting associations is very concerned about player safety and the effects of head injury. Gabriel helped the membership in attendance enhance their understanding of how to handle situations where the Referees feels that there could be a head injury. This ensued in a lively debate/discussion. During the Q&A section of the training the board gave out a Referee jersey and a "Game Of Thrown-Ins" t-shirt for correct answers. Kiku Annon won the jersey and Ben Donohoe won the t-shirt. The Board thanks Manny and CSA sportswear for donating items like these to SSBRA.



Updated 11/20/14

SSBRA Membership Meeting Minutes

October 28, 2014 - 7:30 PM

North HS Library

Board members present: Michael Hinz, Veto Galati, Chris Nevil, Kirk Jackson (Absent: Bruce Anderson, Steve Brandon)

Michael Hinz Opens Meeting: Meeting opened at 7:35 PM

Cal South Training: MH then turned over meeting to Cal South instructor Gabriel Goldsman, covered the following three topics; Hydration, Equipment, Head injury. Cal South like all sporting associations is very concerned about player safety and the effects of head injury. Gabriel helped the membership in attendance enhance their understanding of how to handle situations where the Referees feels that there could be a head injury. This ensued in a lively debate/discussion. During the Q&A section of the training the board gave out a Referee jersey and a “Game Of Throw-Ins” t-shirt for correct answers. Kiku Annon won the jersey and Ben Donohoe won the t-shirt. The Board thanks Manny and CSA sportswear for donating items like these to SSBRA.

New Member Introduction: New member Ben Donohoe introduced himself

Referee availability: MH stated that on a give weekend only bout 50% of our active membership roster are showing availability while we have needed appx. 70 referees for each weekend day. MH encouraged our members to recruit experienced referees and reminded us of our new member incentive program – one year of free membership (limit of two consecutive) for each non-youth referee successfully recruited.

Approval of September (General Meeting) Minutes: Motion to accept minutes made by Larry Savell, seconded by Bill Yee and passed by acclimation with one NAY vote (Veto Galati)

BYLAWS CHANGE PROPOSALS: Per our bylaws, motions for changes accepted at the September meeting and published as set forth in bylaws are voted on at the October meeting. For clarification, each amendment was projected onto a screen for members to read before casting their votes. The following bylaws amendments presented for vote (New language in red):

1. **SECTION IV, PARAGRAPH A (MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS):**

Membership in this Association shall be limited to referees 14 years of age or older who, **starting in 2015, are currently USSF certified, meet all Cal South referee certification requirements including proper photo on Cal South profile, and being Risk Management approved for youth-matches,** and satisfactorily met the standards prescribed by SSBRA to demonstrate their knowledge of the Laws of the Game and their physical ability and their officiating proficiency. This proposal passed with 57 YEA votes and 10 NAY votes.



2. SECTION IV, Paragraph C-3 (MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING):

C. To be considered a member in good standing, each member shall:

3. Attend **at least 5** membership meetings. **The Board will review requests for exceptions.** This proposal passed with 65 YEA and 2 NAY votes.

Note #1: Prior to vote on the above a question from the floor was directed to MH asking about the change in red showing under Section IV, Paragraph C-5 (change in grace period). MH responded that at this moment we are voting ONLY on the amendment to Paragraph C-3, not C-5 *but stated that this change is part of the dues change that will be covered later.*

3. SECTION V, Paragraph A (ANNUAL FEES and DUES):

- A. The annual dues are payable on or before **June 1** of each year and are outlined in the SSBRA Guidelines. **There is a 1-month grace period for payment.** The Membership year remains July 1 to June 30. *MH reminded the members that this includes the "30" day change from above and scrolled up to IV C-5 to show the change "30" and then returned to V-A. This proposal passed with 66 YEA and 1 NAY vote.*

Note #2: There was a typo in the material projected on the screen (July 1 instead of June 1). Motion to approve with modifications to June 1 was made by Larry Stern, seconded by Bill Yee before the vote.

4. SECTION VII, Paragraph A and SECTION IX Paragraph F-1 (VOTING ELIGIBILITY - MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING):

VII - A. Officers shall be elected by a vote of the membership at the Annual General Meeting in May of each year. **Only members in good standings are eligible to vote.**

IX – F-1: Bylaws may be changed only during the AGM, the October membership meeting or the February membership meeting by a vote of a majority of a membership quorum, except as noted in section XIII (J). **Only members in good standings are eligible to vote.** Combined for voting purposes, both of these measures passed by acclamation, with no one voting NAY or abstaining.

SCDSL COMPLAINT: MH explained to members that we had a complaint against a particular referee from SCDSL and that the league asked SSBRA to ban the referee from all SCDSL games. Board supported referee and worked with league to have the ban removed. Said referee will not be assigned to games from that particular club for the remainder of the season.

Regarding SCDSL, Reza Pazirandeh, asked if we could cover U010, 9 & 8 short sided games with a single referee instead of a three-man crew. BC stated that the answer was no because SCDSL want to pay for three referees.

DISSENT FROM COACHES: MH urged referees to use the ladder of control (ask, tell, dismiss) when dealing with dissent from coaches. We must deal with dissent, not only for the integrity of that particular game, but for the next referee also. MH stressed that the board will back our referees with the leagues in these cases.

RPD: Before adjournment, Chris Nevil reminded us of the upcoming RPD session on Tuesday Nov. 18 and urged us to register and make a good showing fro SSBRA. This is the last session of the year; there will be no RPD sessions in either December or January.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Next Meeting: Tuesday November 25, 2014 at 7:30 PM – North High Library.