



The Flag and Whistle

Newsletter of the Soccer South Bay Referee Association

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Notes from the President

Who is 40 years old and growing stronger every year? SSBRA!!!! 2016 marks the 40th year for SSBRA 1976 - 2016

Appointed Board Members and Back-up Assignors ratified by the SSBRA membership – Please welcome David Welch as the new Director of Training and re-welcome Valle Altobelli as the SSBRA Assignor. In addition, please re-welcome Veto Galati and Chris Nevil as back-up assignors. While not being board positions, the Back-up assignor positions are key to SSBRA’s ability to meet both our internal and external customer’s needs. With that in mind, Valle has asked Veto to continue to assign the MB 7v7 weeknight matches and during the Fall season, Valle has also asked Veto to assign all week night matches including the ZogSports and DirectKix weeknight matches when their seasons resume. Since the Director of Assessment and Mentoring Board position is currently open, per the SSBRA By-Laws, David Welch will assume those duties along with the duties of the Director of Training.

The 2017 Fall season starts on Saturday 9/10/2016!!! Valle has done a great job getting SSBRA ready for the season and she has already assigned the first weekend and she is well into finishing the assignments for week two. As we did last year, we will open up the schedule for self-assign near the end of each week if there are any open slots which could still be filled. But don’t just wait for self–assign as there is no guarantee that there will be slots available. Thanks to Valle and all the referees working this weekend, we have covered our first 185 matches and 531 assignments for the Fall season.

General Membership Meeting - Our Sept General Membership Meeting will be on the 27th.

2016-2017 Changes to the Laws of the Game – The new laws will be in effect starting this Saturday so please make sure you have read and understood the changes. The Law changes are being reviewed at the monthly RPDs and at our SSBRA General Membership meetings so please make sure you are attending these meetings. There is also lots of information out on the web and on the SSBRA training page so please make sure that you are ready by the start of the season.

Referee Professional Development - The Sept RPD is scheduled for the 20th. Sign up for RPD via the SSBRA website.

New Members - SSBRA continues to look to qualified Referees. 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.

2016 Tournament Season is completed -

Thanks to everyone’s help SSBRA covered over 450 matches and more than 1350 assignments across 11 tournaments since May. Thanks and Great Job!!!! to everyone who work these matches.

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	Completed
July 30-31	LA GALAXY COASTAL CLASSIC	SOUTH BAY AREA	Completed
Aug 13-14	WEST COAST CLASSIC	ORANGE COUNTY	Completed
AUGUST 20-21	CVU SUMMER CLASSIC	MOORPARK/THOUSAND OAKS	Completed
AUGUST 27-28	THOUSAND OAKS CLASSIC	MOORPARK/THOUSAND OAKS	Completed
SEPTEMBER 3-4	SIMI VALLEY LABOR DAY INVITATIONAL	SIMI VALLEY	Completed
SEPTEMBER 3-4	UNITED CUP	SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY	Completed

July General Membership Meeting –

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



SSBRA August General Meeting

8/30/16 Tuesday 7:30 start @ North High School - Library

Board Member Attendees:

Michael Hinz - MH	Michael Takeda - MT	Bruce Ashton - BA
Valle Altobelli - VA	Chris Nevil - CN	Steve Morgan - SM
	David Welch - DW	

Approve July minutes:

July minutes were approved by the association members present at the meeting.

Cal South State Referee Administrator - George Noujaim:

Mr. George Noujaim visited to talk about that is going on with in Cal South and across the soccer community. He also spent some time talking about the new definition for head injury and how to deal with it. He also discussed the new grade requirements. George held a short Q&A session after his talk. SSBRA was pleased to have George visit and everyone in attendance enjoyed the talk and related discussions.

Cal South Training by Gabriel Goldsman:

Gabriel Goldsman conducted the Cal South In-Training session regarding law changes of 2017. He also talked to the association about the new jerseys and reminded everyone that the old ones are allowed to be used until games in 2018.

Re-appointment of Board members:

Valle Altobelli - Lead assignor, Veto Galati and Chris Nevil - back-up assignors -
Approved by the association members present at the meeting

David Welch - Director of Training
Approved by the association members present at the meeting

Coast Soccer League (CSL):

Number of games this upcoming season will be up 150 from last season. SCDSL is coming up with its schedule release. The CSL paperwork procedure is the same as last year but the address is different, therefore please do not use last year's envelopes to mail in the game reports. Any and all 7v7 and 9v9 games will now implement the 'no heading rules.' For more information, go to the Competitions page on the SSBRA website.

**2017 Certification:**

2017 certification is back open so all are encouraged are sign up at www.calsouth.com

No Victory Without Honor Referee Program:

CSL is continuing its NVWH Referee program in 2016 and those members interested should contact Michael Hinz. If you were a NVWH member in 2015 you have to indicate that you still want to be in the program for 2016 but you do not have to pay again in 2016. New members have to pay and will receive the Referee Equipment bag.

Association Marketing:

Bill Raventos and Jay Pignatello have volunteered to work as the association's marketing team. With these two member's help, and help from others, we hope to be able to continue to enhance or relationships with all or current customers and bring in more leagues and tournaments as the marketing team takes shape.

Membership roster:

We still have 10% of members without photos in Arbiter. All members were asked to

Next Meeting is on September 27th at 7:30 pm in the NHS Library.