



The Flag and Whistle

Newsletter of the Soccer South Bay Referee Association

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Notes from the President

1. **Single Referee Matches** – A call is required for **ANY AND ALL** matches where a SSBRA member will be the single referee for a match. The phone number is 310-955-9905. The Call must occur no more than 4 hours before the match start time and no less than 1 hour before the match start time.
2. **2017 – 2018 Membership Dues** – **Membership dues are payable on or before June 1, 2017** and are past due on July 1, 2017. Members will not receive assignments if their dues are delinquent. Membership dues remain at \$75.
3. **Annual Returning Referee Application** – Over the coming weeks, all SSBRA members are reminded to submit their Annual Returning Referee Application for the 2017 – 2018 membership year. The Application will be posted on the SSBRA website on “The Association” page later this week. Like last year, the process is 100% on line and it will only takes a few minutes to completed. The form is due by June 1 and members must have the current year’s form on file with the association in order to receive assignments.
4. **Referee Professional Development** - The next RPD for 2017 is scheduled for April 18, 2017. Please go to the Cal South Website or the SSBRA training page and sign up. SSBRA will host a total of 10 RPDs in 2017.
5. **New Style Referee Shirts** - Don't forget that the new style referee shirts are available at the SSBRA monthly meetings and a special rate of \$65 for three shirts was announced at our last meeting. Take advantage of this great offer.
6. **Rankings** – Steve Morgan is looking for volunteers to be on the ranking committee.
7. **It's the beginning of 2017 Tournament season so please check your mileage limits in Arbiter.** We have an increasing number of games to cover and if your mileage is too restrictive then you will not get assignments. Members can use their Tournament fees to pay their 2017- 2018 Membership Dues only from tournaments which are completed before July 1st. The two qualifying tournaments are identified by an * in the table below.

Date	Tournament	Location
MAY 27-28CVU*	MEMORIAL DAY TOURNAMENT	MOORPARK/THOUSAND OAKS
JUNE 10-12*	LAPFC SOCAL COLLEGE SHOWCASE	SILVERLAKES - NORCO
July 22-23	Galaxy Coastal Classic - Girls'	South Bay
JULY 22-23	Eagles Summer Classic - Girl's	CAMARILLO
July 29-30	Galaxy Coastal Classic - Boy's	South Bay
JULY 29-30	Eagles Summer Classic - Boy's	CAMARILLO
AUGUST 19-20	CVU SUMMER CLASSIC	MOORPARK/THOUSAND OAKS
AUGUST 26-27	THOUSAND OAKS CLASSIC	MOORPARK/THOUSAND OAKS
SEPTEMBER 2-3	SIMI VALLEY LABOR DAY INVITATIONAL	SIMI VALLEY

8. **New Members** - SSBRA continues to look for qualified Referees. If you know of a qualified Referee have them apply to SSBRA and you could be eligible to get your 2017 – 2018 dues covered by the Association via the New Membership Initiative program.



9. **Mar Vista League** - The new league starts on the 25th. The match times and fees are shown below.

League/Division	# of Referees	Fee/Team	Total Fee	CR Fee	AR Fee
Mar Vista League					
9 - 10 year olds SS (20 min)	1 (No club lines)	Paid By City By Mail	\$32.50 +\$2.50 Assignor	\$32.50	-
11 - 12 year olds SS (25 min)	2 (No club lines)	Paid By City By Mail	\$65.00 +\$5.00 Assignor	\$32.50	-
13 - 15 year olds (30 min)	2 (No club lines)	Paid By City By Mail	\$75.00 +\$5.00 Assignor	\$37.50	-

Since it is a City of LA league, all Referees have to have a Business Tax Registration Certificate (BTRC) to work at a LA City field. The first \$100k of income is non-taxable so this is basically just a registration exercise.

1. If you DO NOT have an active City of LA BTRC then:
 - a. Go to a LA Finance Office (see list of offices on the Arbiter "Forms" link)
 1. Fill out a BTRC application
 2. Submit the application and receive a temporary copy of your new BTRC
 3. The original BTRC will be mailed to you in approximately 3-4 weeks.
 - b. Submit the following documents at the Mar Vista Rec office located at the park when you go to t your first Mar Vista assignment:
 1. Copy of BTRC
 2. Signed W-9 (Part of Mar Vista Letter to Officials located on the Arbiter Forms link)
 3. Signed Agreement (Part of Mar Vista Letter to Officials located on the Arbiter Forms link)
 4. Copy of DL
 5. Copy of social security card
 - c. The Mar Vista Rec Supervisor will submit the package and you will be registered with the City of LA to receive payments.
2. If you DO have a current and active BTRC you still need to register as a Soccer Official and you need to do the following:
 - a. Follow step 1b
 - b. Follow step 1c
 - c. You do not need to apply for a new BTRC.
3. Once you have a BTRC you will need to get it updated each year in Jan following the instructions in section 2.

March General Membership Meeting –

The Draft minutes for the March General Membership meeting can be found below. These minutes will be voted on for approval at the April General Membership Meeting on the 25th.



SSBRA September General Meeting

3/28/17 Tuesday 7:30 start @ North High School - Library

Board Member Attendees:

Steve Morgan - SM	Bruce Ashton – (not present)	Chris Nevil - CN
Valle Altobelli - VA	Michael Hinz - MH	Jay Pignatello - JP
David Welch - DW		

MH called the meeting to order.

Approve February minutes:

February minutes were approved by the membership

New members introduced:

Tim Flores

Grey O'Brien

Brandon Stevis

Jack Holds

Candidates for Membership:

Charles Brier

Scott Tesler

MH reminded everyone about the New Member Initiative where you can receive a discount on your dues for referring a New Member to the Association. MH also mentioned that the Annual Returning Membership Applications are also due for all members by June 1, 2017. This will be on the SSBRA website as an online form and an email will be coming out shortly with instructions.

General Discussions

Cal South Training – Rick Rehm

Discussion revolved around State and National Cup assignments. The following was noted:

1. Arrive at least 45 minutes early to your match or you may be replaced
2. Review the rosters for Date/Time/Field and teams names to make sure the correct rosters are used for the correct games
3. Double and triple check rosters for team/field/time game information and make sure it is correct and immediately notify a field marshall if there is a problem
4. Teams may only have 18 eligible players per roster
5. For all cautions, use UB (unsporting behavior)
6. If serious foul play is involved, make sure all jersey numbers involved are reported
7. When completing a supplemental report, ALL CARDS ISSUED DURING THE GAME should be noted, not just the serious foul play



New Jerseys

MH mentioned that the new jerseys were for sale by Manny at half the price of the OSI jerseys. Manny mentioned he has a special deal for the new jerseys - \$65 for a set of three, and he has 2 stripe socks in inventory and on sale. Please remember the new jerseys are mandatory by the end 2018, but the 2 stripe socks are not a required change.

State Cup & Contracts

- a. MH mentioned we had covered State and National Cup with Rick Rehm so no need to rehash those items.
- b. Mar Vista – VA mentioned that a BTRC must be completed before you can be assigned to this contact. This can be done in person or on-line. An email was sent out via Arbiter to give the on-line link. VA is maintaining a separate list of persons working this venue as it requires the BTRC so contact her if you are interested in working it.
- c. DirectKix – these are single match games at Fairfax HS, Sunday nights at 6.30pm, and they pay \$30 per game. The board discussed the lack of interest in the membership doing these games, so the Board asked for a vote by membership on increasing the single game fee by \$30 (for a total of \$50), noting that the downside is losing the account.

VOTE WAS FOR THE INCREASE TO \$50 FOR THE SINGLE GAME FEE

(Note: This increase is being negotiated with DirectKix and the Board will notify the members when it is in place.)

- d. MB 7v7 - discussion revolved around services failures and that if a replacement referee is utilized, then the replacement is getting paid and not the originally assigned referee; if the originally signed referee puts up a fight, let him work the games; the replacement referee will still be getting paid.
- e. VA mentioned for all referees to be prepared for the new rules for new contracts (Mar Vista, Zog, Aspire, etc), and to keep their availability current and to make sure that members utilize the single referee call-in line for ANY GAMES FOR WHICH YOU ARE THE SINGLE REFEREE. The window to do this is 4 hours before to 1 hour before; after 1 hour before you can be replaced without notice.
- f. Referee appearance is very important so please look professional arriving to and leaving from locations
- g. For Lawndale and Aspire matches – please remembers these are community based leagues and we should be aware of language used during the games.
- h. Friendlies are starting to come in – please keep your availability updated

Financial Matters

MH asked the membership for a volunteer to review the financials for the association, as is required under the Bylaws.



Assignor Matters

VA spoke about opening up travel limits again to include Lancaster. She further indicated to the membership to keep Arbiter up to date with your blocks so that she could staff some requests for Friendlies that are starting to pop up. She also mentioned making sure that everyone had a picture of themselves in Arbiter – we still have seven members that have not done this and no assignments can be made without it. Finally, she mentioned that with any last minute turn back issues – a phone call must be placed to VA – an email is not sufficient. Members must call her to avoid a service failure. The phone number Valle would like you to use is: **(310) 367-6675**.

Valle also mentioned that it is important that ALL MEMBERS doing a SINGLE REFEREE MATCH for ANY CLIENT need to call the SSBRA Call In for single referee matches. This phone number is **(310) 955-9905**. While we are doing a good job for MB 7v7, we have a growing number of single referee matches and we need to make sure we are using the Call In to avoid any potential service failures.

Member at Large Matters

CN reminded the membership the importance of timely submittal of match reports and any supplemental reports, especially for injuries. CN also mentioned that we have a new tournament – the June 17 to 19 LA PFC Showcase Tournament, where we can have as many fields as we can handle. This will be held at Silver Lakes.

Vice President Matters

SM spoke briefly about ranking and invited membership to contact if they would like more details related their ranking in the unit. He reminded everyone that it is time for rankings again and the goal is to review rankings twice per year.

Other Matters

No other matters were discussed.