



The Flag and Whistle
Newsletter of the Soccer South Bay Referee Association
- Over 42 Years Serving the Soccer Community -

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Notes from the President

- National Cup is starting the older divisions and we look to get some more work over the next few weeks so please keep you availability (blocks) open.
- The April SSBRA sponsored RPD in Torrance had a record of over 84 referees in attendance. More than 50% of the attendees were SSBRA members. The exercise and training sessions were top quality and the April RPD was the best RRD since SSBRA started sponsoring the RDPs. The next PRD is on May 18th, do yourself a favor and come out and see what you have been missing. Remember, you need to complete at least 3 per year to maintain a Grade 7 and 5 RPDs to upgrade to Grade 7.
- The April General Membership Meeting is scheduled for the 24th. The Board looks forward to seeing you there.
- SSBRA Business;
 - The Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on June 26th. Location to be announced shortly. Bylaws changes proposed in writing at the May meeting will be voted on and elections for the President, Secretary, and the Member-at-Large will occur in June. The three incumbents will be running again in 2018. If you are interested in running for any of these positions, we will post your candidate statement to introduce yourselves and your positions on the issues and your ideas affecting SSBRA in the May Flag and Whistle.
 - All SSBRA Members interested in returning to SSBRA for the 2018-2019 season must submit an Annual Membership Application by June 30. The Board will review all applications for renewal.
 - Starting at the April GMM, the Board would like to have an open discussion session at the meeting. There will be a 10 minute open discussion session at Tuesdays meeting, if you have something related to an issue, question, or situation that occurred in a match or on a pitch and you want to bring it up at the GMM, please send an email to Taidgh at training.director@SSBRA.org and we will select one or two topics to discuss at the meeting.

February 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 24th.



**General Membership Meeting
North Torrance HS
27 March 2018**

- 1) The Feb GMM Minutes were approved by a majority vote by the membership. Several new members introduced themselves and received a warm welcome from the current members.
- 2) MH introduced Taidgh Simspon as the new Director of Training and Director of Mentoring and Assessment
- 3) MH introduced Wayne Merrick as the instructor for the monthly Cal South Training. In addition to the monthly Q&A session, Wayne covered Penalty Kick Procedures. The training lasted about an hour.
- 4) MH discussed the following SSBRA Business topics;
 - a. Lawndale starts in April
 - i. Referees need to sign and submit the Yearly "Hold Harmless form" at the scorer's table when you attend your 1st match.
 - ii. Auto insurance documentations is also require.
 1. Email the insurance cards to Mike Estes
Director of Community Services
City of Lawndale
mestes@lawndalecity.org
 2. Or you can drop off a copy of their insurance card to staff when completing the Hold Harmless form at the scorer's table.
 - b. J-League started
 - c. Important CSL Spring League rule updates/changes;
 - i. 1.2 Game Day Roster. A maximum of 18 players will be eligible for each game in Spring Soccer League.
 - ii. 2.12 Game Length. Spring Soccer games shall be played with the following game lengths:
 1. 2010 & 2009: 2 x 25 minutes (7 vs.7)
 2. 2008 & 2007: 2 x 30 minutes (9 vs. 9)
 3. 2006 & 2005: 2 x 35 minutes (11 vs. 11)
 4. 2004 & 2003: 2 x 40 minutes (11 vs. 11)
 5. 2002, 2001, & 2000: 2 x 45 minutes (11 vs. 11)
 6. A ten (10) minute intermission shall be allowed between halves.
 - iii. 3.2 ... Each player must report to the referees before entering the game for the first time. The names of all players who are not present or are not eligible to play must be listed and then crossed out on the Match Report. Please insure that for any 2002, 2001, and 2000 team with a roster in excess of eighteen (18) players, all players over the eighteen (18) maximum game day player roster are lined out.
 - iv. 3.3 It is the responsibility of the Home Team Administrator(s) to provide the Referee with an accurate, legible and completed current official Spring Soccer Match Report prior to the start of the game along with their player passes. Following the completion of the match, the Referee and both teams' Administrators/Coaches will sign the Match Report. The home team is responsible for reporting the score.
 - v. Referee fees have been updated on the website
 - vi. Referees do not have to send in Match Reports unless cards are pulled for VC or Ref Assault/abuse
 - vii. CSL Spring League info can be found at <https://www.cslspringsoccer.com/>
 - viii. CSL has just released its Spring League APP.
 - ix. We are going away from the UXX identification. The teams and matches are based on the birth age what is shown on the team roster for the match being played.
- 5) Board Speaks
 - a. Chris – MAL; the March RPD was one of the largest RPDs since SSBRA started hosting them in 2016.
 - b. Gabriel – Assigning; National Cup starts, update your blocks.
 - c. Steve – VP; A list of volunteers for the 2018 rankings is being compiled. The ranking team will be notified of the ranking meeting schedule.
 - d. Taidgh - Training and Assessments; passed.
 - e. Michael – President; reminded the membership that the April RDP will held on 17th and asked the membership to try to attend.
- 6) The monthly raffle was held and the meeting adjourned.