

North Orange County Referee Association

JANUARY 2012 – NEWSLETTER

**Next Meeting:
January 10, 2012 at 7:30 PM**

El Rancho Charter High School
181 S. Del Giorgio Rd.
Anaheim, CA 92808



PRESIDENT'S PLACE ARMEN KEUILIAN

A Happy New Year

Dear NOCRA referees and guests,

Here we are ushering in a brand new year---2012. On behalf of the Board, I wish you all a healthy and prosperous one...in that order. The Christmas and New Year Season is one of giving thanks to our God for our health and family and work. It is also a time of reflection for all the good things...and the bad. The good is that we have our health and family. We take some time off from work, perhaps, and dwell upon the real important things in life. As we must.

There are, unfortunately, bad things that happen in the course of a year past. Some may know that we forever lost one of our dear, young referees, Chase, the son of Dan Sheppard. On Christmas Eve, while he was home sleeping, he stopped breathing, as his heart stopped working. So we reflect upon such tragedy. Our hearts go out to his Mom and Dad. All we can do is offer our deepest condolences...and hug our own kids a little stronger. We reflect upon what is really important in life. Possibly, take one day at a time.

President's Place CONT.

Be kinder to people we know and don't know. Show our gentler side in all that we do, off and on the field. Forgive others and ask for forgiveness, family and/or friends. Time is too short to procrastinate. We don't know when or where our next breath will come ...or our last.

The Sheppards want to celebrate the life of their demised child rather than cry over him. They have done enough of the latter. So, this coming Friday, I believe, there will be services for that occasion. You can call Dan for specifics. He's taking it well, as well as a parent can. He appreciates all those who have called and offered their prayers and good wishes. He thanks you for that. If you can't make the service, he also understands that.

As you should know by now, NOCRA will not have a meeting this January month, as customary. Our next general monthly meeting will be on February the 7th, at 7:30 at the usual place at El Rancho Charter Middle School's Little Theater. As far as games for the month of January, there will be some. Cindy and Connor will call you. Make yourself available on Arbiter. Meanwhile, have a happy , healthy and prosperous new year. Take care of yourselves---family and healthwise. Give thanks with a grateful heart.

Armen, Prez, NOCRA

From Dan Sheppard:

We know you have us in your hearts, if you feel like attending the service we would enjoy that, but there is no obligation to attend...we feel your love.

Services for Chase will be held on Friday January 6th at 3:00 at the **Hillside Chapel** in Rose Hills Memorial Park, Whittier California.

Hillside Chapel Directions:

3888 Workman Mill Road Whittier, CA 90601. Enter **Gate 17** (Directions from Gate One: Proceed southwest on Workman Mill Road, after 2 miles, turn left into Gate 17, follow the signs to Hillside Chapel

In lieu of flowers we would like donations made to Agape Boarding School.

Agape Boarding School

In Memory of Andrew Chase Sheppard

12998 E. 1400 Rd.

Stockton, Missouri 65785

Regards,

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Harvey P. Grody, State Referee Instructor: Article from Referee Connection

NOCRA does not have a caps policy; however, some leagues may (or may not)! Just thought this would be of interest to our NOCRA referees.

Cap or not cap?

An Assistant Referee in a first division soccer game who wears a CAP as part of his uniform attracts the attention of fans and his peers, since this component while not officially included as part of their uniform, is also not excluded. The Assistant Referee who wears a cap in a game, has revealed a dispute involving the legality of its use as a necessity or its prohibition for aesthetic or other reasons.

Use in Soccer: Used in soccer, "caps" as they are called in some countries, are not unknown, as formerly, goalkeepers were "allowed" to wear them as part of their equipment, because they claimed it helped them block the sun glare during the game. After several attempts FIFA referees finally managed to eliminate the use of caps based on the front visor potentially causing injury to opposing players.

Return to play: After many years of non use, a cap reappeared on Saturday, October 1, 2011 at the Molineux Stadium in Wolverhampton, England. Assistant Referee Mr. Cristhian Richards in an English Premier League match between Wolverhampton Wanderers and Newcastle United, decided to wear a cap to solve a sun glare problem.

Trivial justification: Richards commented that the reason for this was that in the stadium the sun was shining directly in his eyes which forced him to put a hand on his forehead in order to better see the play in the game, especially the offside situations. He argued that this problem diminished his concentration for extended periods and that since the sun did not change position for the second half of the match, he decided to use a cap having previously consulted Center Referee Halsey who agreed to allow its use.

Do not imitate: From this perspective, referees could follow this precedent and use caps in their own matches to where they consider this as normal practice. Nevertheless and in the final analysis, this article of clothing should not be used by referees, because, the variety of caps, hats or visors in each match would be extensive, and would make them appear as "anti aesthetic," and in many cases, prevent them from seeing certain things throughout the game. Added to this, is that if the referee prohibits a uniform component worn by a player, he must also set an example. Recommendations for these cases would suggest the continued use of a hand to shade the eyes since the intensity of the sun's rays decreases as it sets, so it would necessitate using a hand only part of the time, thereby rendering a cap as unnecessary.

Source: Revista Arbitro/Jose Borda

USRC recommends you talk to your association to be sure about their requirements.

Upcoming NOCRA Meetings

February 7, 2012 7:30pm @ El Rancho Charter School

March 6, 2012 7:30pm @ El Rancho Charter School

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