

North Orange County Referee Association

June 2008 – Newsletter



President's Place

George Williams

No Article This Month



VICE-PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Hot Hot Hot

Nothing much to report, except that the **HOT** season is upon us. Keep fit and keep hydrated! Just three weeks ago, we lost a fellow referee (from Inland Empire) on the soccer field. He expired right on the field next to me, as I was officiating. A scary sight!!!!

For those young refs who do not yet have a yellow shirt--- I've got three left. The first three callers (714 281-5098) can pick one up, FREEEEEE!!! After that, you can earn other colored shirts as you do games for NOCRA. The program is explained in our website.

Have a great, safe summer. Especially the youth get involved; get to do games out of your comfort zone. It's time to raise your level of games. Don't worry nor panic. **WE** are right next to you at all times---to help, guide, mentor and protect.

See you at the next general meeting, which shall be an election of the BOARD...and some pizza, I believe---if I can coax the treasurer to loosen the

moneybag.

HE SAYS, YES!!!!

God bless you all and keep you safe and healthy---especially old timers like myself, Archie, Miguel, George and Harvey...and ...whoever else fits the bill.

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Hi Refs

Thank you all for who did state cup games. Now we start tournaments for the summer. Please just keep your arbiter up to date. It was nice to see all of you at the meeting especially our new members. Don't forget how important it will be to attend the meetings now for a chance to win a new shirt.

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Minor Changes in AR Flag Signals

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A recent memo from USSF (see below) indicates two minor changes in flag signals. The changes are in effect **NOW!** Remember, too, that all signals the referee wants his or her ARs to use should be reviewed in the pregame conference. This is especially important if the ARs are "new" and if the referee has some special instructions he or she wishes to make. For example, I used to ask my ARs always to indicate the ball was over the goal-line first (flag straight up) before indicating restart type (corner or goal kick signal).

THE MEMO:

To: National Referees
National Instructors
National Assessors
State Referee Administrators
State Directors of Instruction
State Directors of Assessment

From: Alfred Kleinaitis
Manager of Referee Development and Education

Subject: **Revised Procedures and Signals**

Date: May 14, 2008

Senior referees, instructors, and assessors are continuously consulted regarding the effectiveness of the standard mechanics, procedures, and signals which are expected to be used by officials in this country. These officials are on the front line in developing methods for handling new situations. Such methods are tried, revised, discussed, and gradually fine-tuned before they are ready to be declared a "standard" procedure for use by all referees.

As a result of this process, two relatively minor changes are being introduced in 2008 in accepted mechanics, effective as of this memorandum. They will be incorporated into the 2008 version of the **Guide to Procedures for Referees, Assistant Referees and Fourth Officials**, soon to be available from USSF. These revisions should be incorporated into your referee training programs as soon as possible.

First, when the referee has signaled a foul and makes obvious eye contact with the assistant referee for advice on whether the offense occurred inside the penalty area, the assistant referee's signal to indicate that the offense was inside the penalty area has been



modified (the signal that the offense was outside the penalty area is unchanged). Instead of the flag being held straight down in front of the body, the assistant referee should display the flag across the lower body is shown in the figure below.

Second, the responsibilities of the lead assistant referee for the taking of a penalty kick (as well as for kicks from the penalty mark to break a tie) will now clearly include assisting the referee in determining if a goal has been scored and for indicating if the goalkeeper has moved illegally and, as a result, a goal was not scored. The signal to indicate this is the same as the signal described in the previous paragraph and is shown in the figure below. Referees must be sure to discuss these changes regarding penalty kick and kicks from the mark situations in their pregame and to be very clear about the circumstances in which the signal for goalkeeper movement should be given.

New Assistant Referee Signal for:

- Offense whistled by referee occurred inside penalty area

Illegal goalkeeper movement in penalty kick and kicks from the mark situations



Editor's Essay

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There is a new form regarding a re-imbursement on an assessment from NOCRA. We encourage all of you to upgrade from a Grade 8 to a 7 or a Grade 7 to a 6. The higher level that you are, the better games you will get! Higher level games = More \$\$\$ and more of a chance to get games over referees that are at a lower level.

To access the form, please go to www.nocra.com and click on the FORMS link. It will be in the middle of the page.

If you have any questions regarding it, please contact any of the Board Members.

At this upcoming meeting, we will be holding elections for positions on the coming year's board. Please come and vote!

In case any of you have not received the letter regarding our next meeting, please read the following:

Hello All,

As you should already know, Tuesday June 3 is the annual General Meeting for NOCRA. This means that we will be electing (re-electing) the Board of Directors and voting on any proposed By Law changes.

To be eligible for election to the Board of Directors a candidate must:

- 1. Have been approved as a voting member at least 12 months prior to the closing date of nominations.*
- 2. Be in good standing with NOCRA, California Youth Soccer Association - South, Inc., California Soccer Association - South, and with U.S.S.F. and maintains this status while in office.*
- 3. Be a currently certified U.S.S.F. Referee (any grade) on the date nominations for elections close, and maintains this state while in office.*
- 4. The Instructor shall be, as a minimum, a U.S.S.F. Certified Instructor or trainee. In case a U.S.S.F. Certified Instructor or trainee is not nominated, the President will appoint an Instructor from the general membership subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.*
- 5. The Assessor shall be, as a minimum, a U.S.S.F. Certified Assessor or trainee. In case a U.S.S.F. Certified Assessor or trainee is not nominated, the President will appoint an Assessor from the general membership subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.*

As of yet I have not received any nominations nor proposed by-law changes. Please plan on attending.

Ken Taylor

NOCRA Secretary

NOCRA T-Shirts

Have you picked up your NOCRA T-shirt yet? If not, contact me so I can get you one for the next meeting. I have sizes Medium and Large left.

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Know someone interested in becoming a referee?

CHSA, our recreation and signature organization that NOCRA provides, mentors, and assigns referees for is hosting a Grade 8 referee clinic for all new referees.

August 2-3, 2008 @ El Rancho Charter School, Anaheim Hills

Contact Connor Duckworth, duckworth92807@yahoo.com to sign up

Upcoming NOCRA Meetings

June 3, 2008 7:30pm @ El Rancho Charter School in Room 100

No July Meeting

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