

North Orange County Referee Association

November 2008 – Newsletter



President's Place

George Williams

No Article This Month



Vice-President's Corner

Armen Keuilian



IS IT ME ???

I must apologize that in my 25 years of refereeing, I dismissed an Assistant Referee for persistent dissent. Oh yea, you think that applies only to players, substitutes and coaches?

For the last ten years, I've been listening to our esteemed instructor, Dr. Harvey Grody, advising us, "We are a team out there" and "don't insist but assist your center referee", and "make each other look good" and "a reflection on one is a reflection on all three". Where does the instruction go? In one ear and out the other? Does our pride often get in the way? Are we that self absorbed that we can't work minor differences before and after the game, or at half time?

Of course, the ones breaking these sacred rules are the ones we DON'T see at meetings. So how are they getting instructions? You think passing a test yearly makes one a good referee?

Ladies and gentlemen, in order to better yourself, you had better be educating yourself on a monthly basis, with good instruction and camaraderie. There is so much learning at our meetings. Ask those who attend regularly.

On a final note, it would also help you to be friendly, cordial and helpful toward players AND coaches. It is not "THEM AGAINST US". We are there to make it an enjoyable experience for players, coaches and spectators...and ourselves. What do you lose by being courteous? You gain sooooo much. It happened to me last week. A parent and the coach argued a very crucial point in the game. Their offensive player was pushed excessively in the goal area. They yelled "PENALTY, PENALTY, how could you ignore that?" I was on the line and I told them that I will gladly explain it at half time. They listened as I calmly explained that the conduct occurred AFTER the ball had left the goal line. They understood and thanked me for clarifying the situation. We all felt great!!!

Try it next time. It will change your whole attitude towards the game and will make you a better referee with fewer problems on the field. You'll get a lot more compliments (instead of sneers) as they pass you by at the termination of the game. God bless you all.

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Hi Refs

We're half way thru our season. After a hard September with supplemental reports, things seem to have calmed down a bit. I think CSL is coming down on these "rough" teams and coaches. Hopefully the remainder of games will be better

A few reminders:

1. Please bring ALL your shirts with you. A few of you have had to go to your car to change. And please come prepared with ALL your equipment.
2. I'm having way too many requests for certain games and levels. A game is a game, no matter what age. All games deserve to have any level of referees.
3. Please email me any changes you had over the weekend so I can update the arbiter and your fees.

I know you mostly hear negative remarks on the fields, but thanks for all your hard work

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This and That for November!

Harvey P. Grody, NOCRA Instructor/Assessor

REMINDER: November 1 at Citrus College (7:30 a.m.) **physical** testing for all grades 7 and up will be administered. Those of you recertifying at grade 7 and up or wanting to upgrade for 2009 **must do the physical this date!** Also anyone wanting to **upgrade to R6 or R5 State Referee** grade also must attend the **upgrade clinic on Sunday, November 2**, same place! Remember to bring your registration forms so the physical and clinic boxes can be signed off. Remember, too, upgrade **assessments** will need to be completed and signed off (on registration forms) before the end of the year.

NOCRA MEETING: At our November meeting our colleague Hassan Juma will do a presentation on the functions and duties of Assistant Referees. It will be useful if you would review the "Guide to Procedures" booklet and also bring it along to the meeting. I also suggest looking at the material on Law 6 in "Advice to Referees."

Finally, I include below a note from our colleague Lee Harmon. In a follow-up to our discussion at our August (?) NOCRA meeting, Lee found the following information.

Date: September 2, 2008 1:09:46 PM PDT

Subject: ALLOW SUBSTITUTION OR QUICK RESTART?

Source: Ask A Soccer Referee

Author: Jim Allen

Question:

If Red Team Player gets fouled by Green Team on a breakaway in the attacking 1/3, just outside the penalty box and Red Team has a clear opportunity for a quick restart...BUT, there is a substitute waiting at the halfway line. He/she has been checked and meets all the criteria to be waved into the game.

Should the referee stop play and allow the substitution or allow the quick restart? Let us assume that all 4Ps are in place. I am seeking clarification on whether allowing a substitute overrides the advantage and clear attacking opportunity.

USSF answer (September 2, 2008):

The referee is not required to stop a quick restart by a team simply because the other team wants to make a substitution. In fact, there is no substitution possibility until the referee recognizes it. This has nothing to do with the advantage clause, which concerns only infringements of Law 12, but is simple common sense: The referee must not interfere with a team's legitimate opportunity to score a goal.

There is always the possibility that, if it is a youth match using standard youth rule exceptions regarding substitutions, a stoppage for a foul is NOT a substitution opportunity.



Editor's Essay

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December Meeting Guest Speaker

At our upcoming meeting in December, Toros will be coming over to be our guest speaker. Please attend this meeting as I guarantee you will learn at least one new thing and laugh at the same time.

Assessment Reimbursement

There is a new form regarding a re-imburement 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.

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At the request of some of the board members, below is an article that the OC Register featured on me, even mentioning NOCRA...

Friday, October 3, 2008

Athlete gives back to his community

Connor Duckworth coaches El Rancho Charter students

By ROSALBA RUIZ
The Orange County Register

A STAR ON AND OFF THE FIELD: Connor Duckworth competes in the Cal Poly Pomona track and field team and has received awards for his academic achievements.

ROSALBA RUIZ, THE REGISTER

Connor Duckworth

Age: 20

Residence: Anaheim Hills

Family: Father, Dan Duckworth

School: Cal Poly Pomona

Major: Business management

Hobbies: Going to the movies, concerts, Disneyland, the beach



Since Connor Duckworth was about 5, his life has revolved around sports. He's been running on track teams, playing soccer, winning medals and trophies and helping others excel on the field.

The Canyon High graduate is a track and field team member at Cal Poly Pomona; a football, basketball, soccer, and track coach at El Rancho Charter Middle School; a soccer referee with the North Orange county Referee Association and a co-host on the program "The Broncos Sports Show" – a Cal Poly Pomona production he helped launch last year.

Although he excels as an athlete, his studies are a top priority for him. He was recently recognized by the California Collegiate Athletic Association, which honors varsity-level college athletes with GPAs higher than 3.4. He's also been awarded an Inaugural Academic Achievement Award from the Division II Athletics Directors Association, which is given to students with a GPA of at least 3.5 who have completed four semesters of college work.

Here's what he had to say about his experiences.

Q. Is it hard to juggle school with your athletic activities?

A. Yes. Because you have practice hours that conflict with your classes, and you have to make up the work, and besides attending practice and meets, we have to promote athletics. There's very little time to do homework, so the little time we have has to be used very wisely.

Q. Why is an award that recognizes academic excellence important?

A. Because when you think of an athlete, you think of the stereotype of the jock. But athletes can do great things on and off the field. Having a high GPA and competing tells you that you can do more than one thing at a time if you put your mind to it.

Q. How do you like being a coach for middle school kids?

A. I went through the whole program while I was going there. It helped me a lot, so I like to give back to the kids. Some of them, I know their brothers and sisters; I went to school with them. Giving back to the kids and seeing their faces when they score a goal or they win a race. I'm the youngest coach there, so they can relate to me and I can help them on or off the field.

Q. You tell me your dad got you started in sports. How was that?

A. Since I was 5, he coached me. He was my first coach. My dad was pretty hard on me as an athlete, but he also gave me more leadership skills. I think that's how I learned to help others develop their skills. ... Now he helps me out as assistant coach at El Rancho. He's my biggest fan.

Q. Will sports always be a big part of your life?

A. Yes. I plan to get a master's in Sports Management. Hopefully I can be an athletic director at a school or at a professional ball club.

Q. Anything else that's important for you to accomplish?

A. I hope to give back to the community somehow... My mom, she had cancer and passed away when I was 18. She was a college professor. Every year, she'd have her ESL (English as a second language) students make cards for CHOC patients and for senior centers. She taught them that even though they didn't have the best job in the world, they could still help out. So, I want to learn from her ideals and practices to help the community as much as possible.

Official link to the article <http://www.ocregister.com/articles/school-sports-coach-2178702-help-college>

Upcoming NOCRA Meetings

November 5, 2008 7:30pm @ El Rancho Charter School in Room 100

NOV Meeting is held on Wed

December 2, 2008 7:30pm @ El Rancho Charter School in Room 100

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