

# North Orange County Referee Association

## October 2008 – Newsletter

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Referee Re-cert Test October 7<sup>th</sup>, 7pm @ El Rancho  
Grade 8 Refs- \$40, Grade 7 Refs- \$45



## President's Place

George Williams

No Article This Month



## Vice-President's Corner

Armen Keuilian



### We're Really Cooking

Thank you for responding well to the games given to you, and covering for others who aren't. Overall, we're doing just fine. However, we have some glitches to handle: We are not, on a few occasions, showing up "on time", for our games. I mean, at least 30 minutes before kickoff. In my own games, I've had refs walking on to the field AFTER the whistle, with a neutral AR. NOT GOOD. We need these referees reported. We need to get better, consistent and more professional.

Secondly, when a center instructs the AR's to do something a certain way, those

AR's better do that. The field is no place to refuse, argue or dissent. You must show solidarity. If you have a problem with the center, bring it to the BOARD's attention. It's your duty. For example: You must **all** walk on the field together, in one line, flags to your side, professionally.

You may sense that we've had a few problems along these lines. TRUE. We have. At our meetings, Dr. Grody talks about uniformity in the walk and the talk of the game. Most agree that we, our NOCRA association members, should do the mechanics similarly. We must. You can't say, "I do it this/my way". You do it our way...the right way.

Recently, our referees have opened avenues for coaches and players to verbally argue and get tossed out of games. As a referee, if at all possible, you **HAVE GOT TO** keep the players and the coaches in the game. Talk to them...nicely, respectfully. I'm including AR's as well. Do **NOT** have rabbit ears. Use humility; learn to forgive immediately. I guaranty that if you show control, the rest will surely follow. It takes tact, savoir faire and a little experience.

Sorry about my tone of voice. We need to follow certain rules set by the Association, if we are to better ourselves. I still contend that we have the most knowledgeable referees in the Southern California area. God bless you all.

Armen ❤️



## **ASSIGNOR's Alley**

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Hi Refs,

Well we're into our 4th week, and so far things haven't gone so well.

We've had ALOT of supplemental forms submitted. Please remember that the writing has to be on the USSF form.

I am having way too many "declines" after I assign the games. Please, please make sure the arbiter is up to date NO LATER than Sunday night.

If you can't make your game, please call one of the other referees who you are scheduled to work with and ME.....leave me a message if I don't pick up.

And finally, if you are a NO SHOW/CALL, you are charged the game fees. This is a NOCRA bylaw.

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## Editor's Essay

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### Referee Re-Cert

Once again it's that time of year, time to renew your badge! The October Meeting (10/7/08) all referees will have the opportunity to renew their badge and take the re-certification test at 7pm at El Rancho. The cost for Grade 8 referees is \$40, Grade 7 is \$45.

If you are planning on reffing past Dec 31<sup>st</sup> of this year, you need to re-certify.

### CHSA And Youth Referee Update

CHSA games have been running the last few weeks and will continue through January. We have had many new referees debut on these games. The referees have put what they learned in the classroom and field sessions to use and have made us proud once again this season.

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### **Assessment Reimbursement**

There is a new form regarding a re-imbusement 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](http://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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### **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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### **Upcoming NOCRA Meetings**

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

**Referee Re-cert Meeting!!!**

November 4, 2008 7:30pm @ El Rancho Charter School in Room 100

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