

NORTH ORANGE COUNTY REFEREE ASSOCIATION

September 2007 – Newsletter



President's Place

George Williams

Commitment and Communication

My first message as President will be much shorter than my predecessor. As we start a new season, NOCRA will make a commitment to you. We will endeavor to keep you as busy as you want to be. With that NOCRA commitment, we need the same commitment from you.

That doesn't mean you need to referee every weekend. Everyone should take some time off for your family and yourself. Our assignor needs the membership to commit and fulfil those commitments.

We are near the end of tournament season and the beginning of the club season we need our members to communicate their availability to our assignor. Use the arbiter, the telephone, whatever means necessary to get your assignments. If you aren't getting enough assignments, PLEASE let us know. WE aim to please.

Finally, be professional, know your stuff, look good and work with your team. NOCRA has plenty of resources that you can access at anytime for upgrade, mentors and advancement. Just let us what we can do.

Continued Good Luck
George Williams



VICE-PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Thank You

As I leave my post as your President for the last 3 years, I thank you all for supporting me and making me feel comfortable...and for putting up with all my antics at Board and general meetings. I am not going far; I'm still on the Board. I'm now VP, in charge of new members and anything our newly elected President George Williams wants me to do--like attend dinner meetings with the big honchos at State and CSL.

Speaking of our new leader, please support him and the Board as you did me. They told me to keep this short and I will. Again, I thank you and I love you all. See you at the September 4th. Recertification meeting.

By then, you will have received your renewal package. If not, don't worry; come and take the exam, and blank forms will be available to register for the 2008 season/year. Don't forget to bring a check or cash, in the area of forty dollars.

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ASSIGNOR's Alley

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Hi Refs

Hope your summer is going well and your staying cool and hydrated.

Tournaments are near the end with this weekend and next the NHB we are doing. I must sound like a broken record, but please keep your arbiter up to date. I assign from your availability. And too many of you don't update, and then I'm re-assigning because you can't referee after I assign games to you. This takes a lot of my time, so please help me out.

I have a CSL meeting Tuesday and will get the schedule. I will begin assigning probably next week sometime for those games.

I will start to use our new refs for season games. But don't forget to attend our meetings.

Cindy Talmage
Assignor



FROM THE INSTRUCTOR/ASSESSOR

Harvey P. Grody

Law 12 Penal Fouls: Refresher for Recertification

Harvey P. Grody
USSF State Referee Instructor
NOCRA Instructor

At the next NOCRA meeting, your annual recertification written test (R8 and 7) will be offered. Make sure to bring your registration form you should receive from USSF by the end of August. To key you in on review of Law 12, Fouls, the following article has been revised from a previous newsletter. Remember there are different **factors to consider** before calling a foul.

For all penal fouls (direct free kick or penalty kick restart), *(a) ball must be in play, (b) incident must occur on the field of play, (c) act must be against an opponent (except for handling)*. Furthermore, for the following **six penal fouls**, the act must be considered by the referee to be **careless, reckless, or using excessive force**: *kicking, tripping, striking, jumping at, charging, striking, pushing*. The remaining four penal fouls (*tackling opponent making contact before touching the ball, holding, spitting at, handling ball*.) **do not involve** the factors of careless, reckless, or excessive force. **Nonpenal fouls** (indirect free kick restart) do not involve careless, reckless, or excessive force.

This review is simply to remind you of (a) **definitions** of careless, reckless, and excessive force, and (b) possible referee **responses beyond calling a penal foul**.

DEFINITIONS:

CARELESS: Behavior which may be characterized as “unconcerned, indifferent, not showing care.” In itself a rather general definition; however, when viewed in relation to the definitions of the other two factors, “careless” is rather clear not involving any significant or deliberate effort to infringe Law 12.

RECKLESS: Behavior which may be characterized as “utterly unconcerned about consequences, rash.” This suggests a player doesn’t really care whether or not he or she infringes Law 12. An attitude of sorts rather than “intent” (a term we got rid of several years ago).

EXCESSIVE FORCE: Behavior which may be characterized as “Going well beyond the intensity of the acceptable minimum strength required to accomplish a goal [objective].” This definition more or less speaks for itself as to a total disregard for consequences of infringing Law 12.

REFEREE RESPONSES:

One may connect each of these factors to possible referee action beyond calling a foul. There is clearly **an increasing order of seriousness implied** by the order in which Law 12 lists the factors **careless first, then reckless, and then excessive force**.

In the case of “careless behavior,” the referee may simply call the foul (or give advantage). This type foul is the most usual we see in a game. In the case of “reckless behavior,” the referee should indicate that the foul also involves a misconduct and issue a caution (yellow card), e.g., for unsporting behavior. In the case of “excessive force” the referee should indicate that the foul also involves a serious misconduct and send-off (red card) the player.

Of course, once again we see the seven magic words: “If in the opinion of the referee.” Distinguishing one factor from the other is not only a key to foul recognition but also to additional action by the referee in terms of his or her game management and control.



Editor's Essay

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At our last meeting we had elections for the new officers of our next year of duty.

The newly elected officers and positions are:

President: George Williams

Vice President: Armen Keuilian

Secretary: Ken Taylor

Treasurer: Marty Kay

Instructor: Harvey Grody

Interim Assessor: Harvey Grody

Assignor: Cindy Talmage

Delegate/ Editor: Connor Duckworth

Please check the website as well for our new By-Laws and Standing-Rules that were changed during the last meeting.

CHSA Spotlight

Recently we held our clinic for all of the new CHSA and NOCRA referees that we will be adding to our family. There are quite a few youths and adults that we welcome to our association.

CHSA also hosted an In-Class and On-Field Session to help our new and old referees in developing their skills and training.

Look below to find out when our next On-Field Session is.

Important CHSA Meeting Dates

CHSA On-Field Sessions- Thurs 8/30 (@ Canyon Rim) 6-8pm

These classes are mandatory for all new CHSA referees or new NOCRA referees interested in doing CHSA games. Returning CHSA reffs are asked, but not required to come.

Schedules will most likely be assigned on one of those dates and those who attend the sessions will have first priority if they show up.

*****New Members*****

Congrats to our newest members who submitted applications in to join NOCRA

Gaulden, Sean
Prentiss, Connor
Noden, Connor
Soto, Kayleigh
Marinelli, Derrick
Brost, Matthew
Brost, Timothy
Dalpe, Vasili
Ambrose, Tyler
Marcoulides, Katrina
Braun, Alec
DiMarzio, Jacqui
DiMarzio, Desiree
Medina, Jillyan

Lozano, Sarah
Perez, Corey
Marracci, Marcus
Azling, Jim
Wade, Michael
Talmage, Scott
King, Robby
Coats, Riley
Rojas, Ryan
Jelinek, Robert
Slattery, Calvin

Please come to one of our meetings so we can say hello and meet you all!

Upcoming NOCRA Meetings

September 4, 2007 7:30pm @ El Rancho Charter School in Room 100

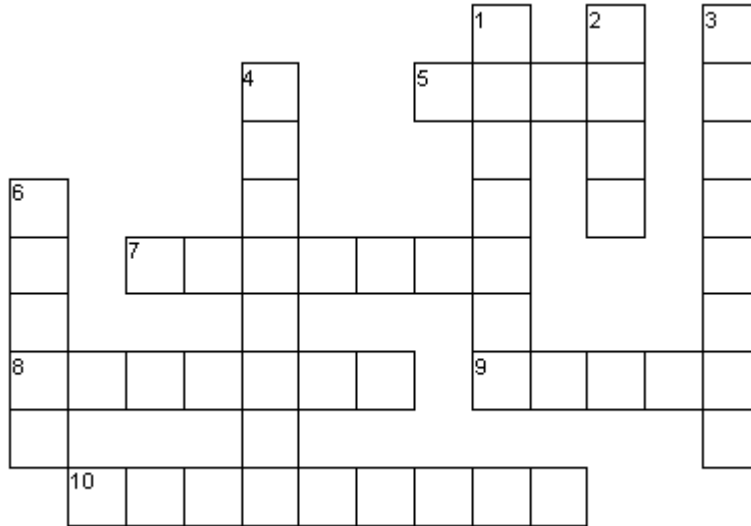
Sept 4th Re-Cert Test/Registration for next year

October 2, 2007 7:30pm @ El Rancho Charter School in Room 100

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Soccer Crossword Puzzle

Print out this Soccer Crossword Puzzle and solve it at your leisure.



Coach Cameron <http://users.erols.com/soccertip>

Across:

- 5 - center ____; a line that divides the field in half along its width
- 7 - acts as timekeeper
- 8 - would be the most appropriate foot surface for receiving a rolling ball when under pressure of an opponent?
- 9 - application of the correct technique on demand
- 10 - ____ team; the team that does not have possession of the ball

Down:

- 1 - outside forwards who play to the sides of the strikers
- 2 - to get the ball through or around an opponent by dribbling or shooting
- 3 - soccer everywhere in the world
- 4 - intermission between the 2 periods
- 6 - ____-in; while standing with both feet on the ground behind a sideline