

LRA Meeting Mar 22, 7pm

Livermore Public Library, 1188 South Livermore Avenue

Starting off a game with an effective pre-game discussion between the center and assistant referees is one of the keys to a successful match. **Mr. Duane Rueppel**, will be doing imparting his recommendations along with USSF supported materials. Mr. Rueppel is a State Emeritus referee and USSF Instructor. He has been a long time member of LRA and active mentor to our referees.

Young Referees of Year 2009

This month was the District III YROY Pizza dinner and recognitions. Each of the referees recognized by their club (see list below) received a plaque from the District. District III selected **Alex Fairclough** (Male) **Suyeu Erica Kuo** (Female) for DIII Young Referees of the 2009. Both were submitted for the State YROY. **Suyeu Erica Kuo** won!



Alex Fairclough, Suyeu Erica Kuo

Dublin: **Ryan Grossman** (Male) **Anna McDonald** (Female)

Fremont: **Alex Rich** (Male) **Angela DeHaro** (Female)

Livermore: **Jason Felicitas** (Male) **Brianna Koch** (Female)

Mustang: **Justin Goh** (Male) **Nicole Walden** (Female)

Newark: **Omar Fajardo** (Male)

San Ramon: **Dominick Yeo** (Male)

Pleasanton: **Kyle Wiest** (Male) **Suyeu Erica Kuo** (Female)



Alex Fairclough, Jason Felicitas, Jessica Clark, David Bunch
Not picture: Brianna Koch

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From the Touchline

by **David Bunch**
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I was thinking about what it means to “be all you can be.” There are a number of factors that contribute in the ultimate answer for each referee.

What are your officiating goals?

Each individual must answer this question on their own. Not that one can always know where one might end up in their career as a referee, but one must have a personal guiding light to start heading towards.

Reality check – not every referee will be an MLS or FIFA official. Most will remain local. And that’s okay. Where do you realistically want to be? LRA will do their best to support your goals...but only you know what those are.

How much do you want it?

Again, only the referee can decide how much s/he is willing to work. Number of games, different age groups, as well as listening to and applying feedback takes effort on the part of the referee. Are you ready to do that?

How are your current skills?

Skills are learnable. Where are you now? Really. Where do you need improvement? This could include areas new to you or some that may have slipped over the years.



Take an honest self-review of where you are. Ask for feedback from others. LRA has trained mentors to assist in your evaluation. How will improvement in these areas get you closer to your goals?

What are your opportunities?

Chances to hone and stretch your skills are a mix of opportunities you provide for yourself as well as where others can help. You control the former and can influence the latter. Make sure you take the initiative to create time for games, an open mind to try new things and listen to feedback.

Let me know where LRA can be your assistant referee to be all YOU can be.

What Would You Do?

(answers on page 5)

Situation 1: Ball in Back

B4 is facing away from the throw-in, directing teammates to defensive positions. A8 takes the throw-in and gently throws the balls into B4’s back. What should the referee do?

- A player may never throw a ball into an opponent
- A8 has done nothing wrong; allow play to continue
- A8 is subject to a misconduct card if the ball is thrown in reckless or using excessive force

Source: Referee Magazine, March 2010

Situation 2: Card Before Game

B7 makes an insulting remark to the assistant referee before the game starts. B7 is red carded. How many players will take the field for team B?

- 9
- 10
- 11

Source: Referee Magazine, May 2003

Situation 3: “New” Keeper

Team B’s goalkeeper trades places with player B3 during play without the referee’s permission. After a minute, a shot by Team A is taken. The “new” keeper deflects the ball and it heads over the goal. What happens next?

Source: ATR scenario simplified



Van Henson, Neil Cowles, Ryan Texeira walking to the parking lot after a good game NorCal Cup Round of 16.

Las Positas, Livermore, March 2010

Calendar

- Mar 20-21 Assoc U16-19 2nd Rd/Rd 16
- Mar 20-21 State U16-19 Prelim
- Mar 22, 7pm LRA Meeting (Livermore Library)**
- Mar 27 CYSA Soccer Expo (Santa Clara)
- Apr 24 LYSL Walk-In Reg Referee Booth (LHS)
- Apr 24 CNRA Referee Clinic (Sacramento)
- Apr 26, 7pm LRA Meeting (Livermore Library)**

Soccer TEAM USA Games Coming Up

- June 12, 2010** U.S. Men vs. England
- June 18, 2010** U.S. Men vs. Slovenia
- June 23, 2010** U.S. Men vs. Algeria

ESPN World Cup Schedule:

<http://soccerlens.com/worldcup/espn-2010-world-cup-schedule/>

News

2010 REFEREE CLINICS

This year's USSF referee clinics in Livermore is requesting the following weeks for Referee classes. The exact dates/times/location will be announce when finalized.

July 12-23 Grade 8

July 20-21 Grade 9

August 7-8 Grade 9

Augusts 9-20 Grade 8

Remember that referees that get a Grade 9 can only do up to U14 Division 4 games and must hold that grade for an entire year before they can upgrade.

LYSL has instituted a mandatory parent referee program for the U9-U10 division 4 games. The games are unpaid and not assigned. However, as officially registered referees, they are eligible for paid assignments in the older age groups like any other referee.

2010 REGISTRATION NUMBERS

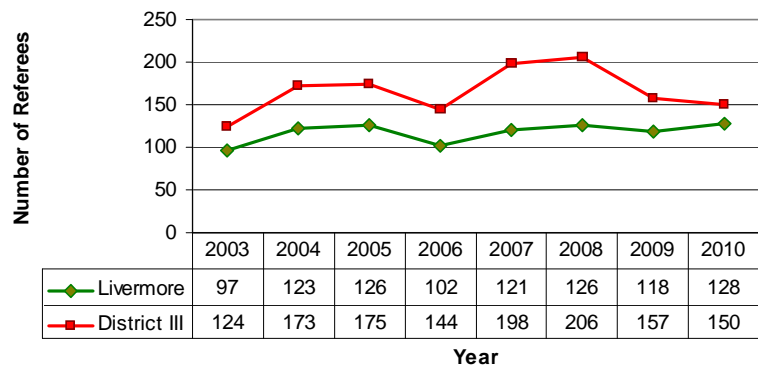
In the charts below, one can get a sense of our referee numbers over the years. LRA usually runs about third of the referees due to our club size.

To register for 2010 visit the CNRA web site:

http://www.cnra.net/renew/renew_register.htm

2010 To Date	1052	%
Newark	47	4%
Dublin	61	6%
Livermore	128	12%
Fremont	163	15%
San Ramon	194	18%
PSRA	196	19%
Mustang	263	25%

Livermore compared to District III Average
as of 2/21/10



From the Assignor

by **Corey Nelson**
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2010 SPRING GAMES

LYSL spring games are high comp NorCal Spring league games. These games are being directly assigned to focus on up-and-coming referees.

Mentors will be available and strong centers/ARs to complement the less experienced will be assigned to also mentor.

As there are fewer games than qualified referees, there will be only 1-2 assignments per day for a referee. We have a good number of qualified referees to work with.

ARBITER CHANGES COMPLETED

The changes to make the administration of the games

easier have completed.

Included in the change are the new referee rankings (see below). The new levels worked

out by the ranking committee allow smoother transition for referees as they grow (and recede) in their skills.

Old REF RANKS (ARs were slightly different)				NEW in 2010 (Same for Center and AR)			
Ranking	Division 4	Division 3	Division 1	Ranking	Division 4	Division 3	Division 1
				950	Adult		
				900	U5-U8		
				800	U9, U10		
				750	U12G		
				700	U12B		
700	U9, U10, U12			600	U13, U14		
600	U14			500	U13, U14	U9, U10	U9, U10
500	U14	U9, U10	U9, U10	400	U15, U16G	U11, U12	U11, U12
400	U14, U15, U16G	U11, U12	U11, U12	300	U15, U16G	U13, U14	U13
300	U16B, U17 U19G	U13, U14, U15G	U13	250	U16B, U17G	U15	U14, U15G
				225	U19G	U15	U14, U15G
200	U19	U15B, U16, U17G	U16G	200	U19G	U16, U17G	U15B, U16G
				150	All	All	U16B, U17G

Past Meeting Recap – Feb 2010

The 2010 pay scales were discussed (available on www.livermorerefs.org). It was noted that there was an overall pay increase of 5% spread out over the age groups. This year, there is a slight difference in pay for Division 1 versus 3 as the skills of the needed referee differ.

Registration renewal of referees is increasing, but not everyone expected to renew has. Inactive (no currently registered referees) can not be assigned any games.

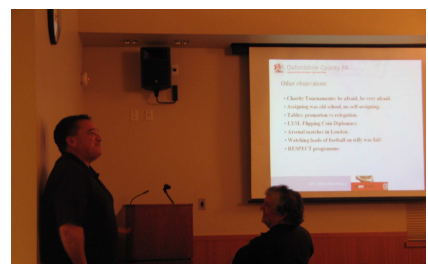
Returning from the UK this year, Mark Meyer gave an enlightening presentation of his experience officiating abroad. His passion for the game is always evident and Mark was both passionate and amusing as he shared his story. Getting his FIFA badge took a year. It is a long process that involved interviews, recommendation letters from LRA, and Child Abuse Recognition training.

After Mark's wonderful presentation, David went over current USSF Directives.



Mark Meyer presents...

The UK Experience



“What Would You Do?” Answers



Situation 1: Ball in Back

The answer is b) and c). Since the force of the ball hitting the opponent was deemed “gentle” it does not create a misconduct in an of itself, therefore the play is allowed to continue.

Situation 2: Card Before Game

The answer is c). The team is allowed to field a full team since the card was before the game started (not a player that was on the field at the time of the card); however this is now one less substitute available to the offending team.

Situation 3: “New Keeper”

While the goalkeeper substitution was not done with the referee being notified and giving permission for the exchange, the “new” keeper still has the current powers of the goalkeeper. The restart would be a corner kick after both the old and “new” goalkeeper are cautioned for improper exchange of positions.

LRA Steering Committee and Contacts

The Steering Committee is comprised of elected officers and appointed coordinators. There are each deeply involved with the association and are committed to helping support local soccer officiating needs. Let us know how we can be a service to you.

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Memorandums Applied in Real Life

Like breakfast is a good start to the day, a pre-game is a vital start to a successful match. Mr.

Duane Rueppel will be presenting guidelines for an effective pre-game session. His reminder to everyone is that if you

center does not provide one, ask for it. The match will depend on good communication between the referee before and during the game.

As always, open talk on current events too!

Meetings are held at the Livermore Public Library main branch at 1188 South Livermore Avenue, Livermore, CA. These catered meetings are held at 7:00 PM on the fourth Monday of every month. The public is

About Our Organization

The Livermore Referee Association is comprised of trained and registered referees that provide officiating services for the local youth soccer association.

Membership in the Livermore Referee Association is open to all persons in the community who have successfully completed an entry level soccer referee clinic, which requires attending the

required training sessions given by certified USSF instructors, having successfully passed the qualifying USSF examination *and* maintaining their status as a USSF-registered referee.

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