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Upcoming Events

Now that the fall season is over, the number of games each Saturday will drop significantly. There are games most weekends, just fewer of them. We will try to spread the assignments around as equitably as possible. Some weekends you will not get games. If you want games a particular weekend, feel free to give us a call.

Upcoming Tournaments:

Dec. 6 Stockton/Manteca Inter-City rec championship

Dec. 6-7 Dennis Olson League/Kaercher League end-of-season tournaments

Dec.6-7 Stockton AYSO tournament

Dec.13-14 Turlock New Years Derby

If you need further information on any of these, please contact Doug Chard

If you are interested in refereeing in any out-of-town tournaments, please contact Doug.

Referee Registration

If you have not registered for 2009, do so right away. You should have received registration information in the mail. If you can't find that, see instructions on cnra.net web-site. If you know anybody who was not registered for 2008, they may be able to re-register by taking the next class. I hope to schedule a class around the end of December or beginning of January.. We will not assign you to referee games after January 1, 2009 until you get registered for 2009.

Cold Weather & Attire

The standard soccer uniform is shirt, shorts, socks, and footwear. This uniform applies to referees, too. What about cold weather? Not every match moves fast enough that we can keep warm by movement!

As referees, we must be the role model for uniforms:

1. Sweaters and sweatshirts UNDER your jersey.
2. By all means wear gloves if they are black. :-)
3. Take off your hat during the match. Lower your sweatshirt hood during the match--your ears will be cold, but you will hear more.
4. Take off your warm-up pants during the match. The uniform is SHORTS. By all means put your warm-up pants back on between matches, but if you come to the soccer fields without referee uniform shorts underneath your warm-up pants, you will be taken away in chains. Just kidding!

Rescinding a Card (Based on US Soccer memo June 26, 2008)

A EURO 2008 quarterfinal match between Russia and The Netherlands (June 21, 2008) was the occasion for a referee action which many misunderstood. In the 91st minute (added time), the referee apparently whistled play stopped for a challenge by Russian player #8 (Kolodin) against Netherlands player #10 (Sneijder). Kolodin was cautioned and then, because he had been cautioned already earlier in the match, Kolodin was shown a red card .

Before the restart for the apparent foul, however, and following an exchange of information between the referee and the lead assistant referee, the second caution and the accompanying red card were rescinded and play was restarted with a goal kick. The issue was widely debated as to whether the referee could take this action in view of the fact that both cards had been displayed.

The referee's actions were within the Law. Based on information provided by the assistant referee whose position provided a better angle of view, the referee accepted two facts: • The challenge by Kolodin to which the referee reacted occurred after the ball had left the field of play.

- The tackle by Kolodin actually occurred several feet away from the Netherlands attacker, who then tumbled over the defender's body.

From this information, the referee therefore correctly concluded that:

- the challenge (regardless of its nature) occurred when the ball was out of play and therefore the restart had to be a goal kick, and
- the challenge itself was either entirely fair or at least did not rise to the level of misconduct so the yellow card was not justified (with the consequence that the red card also was not justified).

Prior to play restarting following the display of a card, the referee can revise his decision about what he observed on the field, re-evaluate the significance of the player action, or receive additional relevant information from another official (either or both assistant referees or the fourth official). As a result of this further reflection or assistance from other members of the officiating team, the referee can:

- rescind the card entirely,
- decide that the card should be given to a different player,
- display a card to additional players,
- or display a different color card in place of the one originally shown.

As a practical matter, it must be emphasized that the occasion for such an action should be infrequent, that the need to rescind a card is reduced by having as much information as possible before displaying a card, and that referees should not be seen as acting in response to player appeals. If play has been properly restarted, any cards shown must be reported.