

District Referee Administrator's Report

August 11, 2004

1. USSF Registration --- 2005

USSF has mailed registration forms to all referees who where registered for 2004. Referees need to submit these registrations forms as soon as possible.

Grade 8 referees will continue to submit their forms to the SRA in Fremont, CA.

Referees who wish to upgrade or maintain current referee grades of 7, State 6 or State 5 need to send their paper work to:

Mick Walker, DRA-D7
6685 N. Meridian
Fresno, CA, 93710

Referees who did not receive a registration packet for 2005, and who were registered with USSF in either 2003 or 2004, can get the registration forms at www.cnra.net . They are to follow the instructions regarding registration on that web site.

2. D7 Playing League Referee In-service Clinics

Three referee in-service clinics were scheduled and held this summer as per direction of the D7 Board. One clinic was held in July and 2 clinics were held in August.

Invitations were sent to 248 referees. Invitations were also sent to each youth league's president and referee coordinator if known.

Between the 3 clinics, 138 referees attended. Most officiate HSY/DH games, but some referees were from the house leagues and a few persons attended, but are not yet referees.

Because of a change this year in assignors for the games scheduled at Fresno/Clovis sites, referees were requested to identify which site they wished to be assigned.

38 referees identified themselves as wishing to work the Fresno/Clovis area.

19 requested Clovis

3 requested Fresno

16 had no preference with most requesting to work at both sites.

This is a total of 38 referees, which are not enough referees to cover all of the sites. Some of these same referees are also on the Premier or State Playing League Referee listing.

So, coaches beware!!

3. Law 12 --- Removing Jerseys--- Effective July 2004

- A player who removes his jersey when celebrating a goal must be cautioned for unsporting behaviour.*
- The removal of the jersey after a goal has been scored is unnecessary and players must avoid such excessive displays of celebration.
- The removal of a jersey is defined as removing the jersey over the head or covering the head with the jersey.
- The restriction applies to ANY player celebrating a goal, not just the player who scored the goal.