

## District Referee Administrator Report

February 8, 2006

1. Association Cup—U11-U14

In last month's report, I mentioned 3 referees had been selected to represent D7 at the Association Cup competition. The 3 were, Mike Zapata, Meghan Dishno and Jose Jimenez. All had assignments in the in the Rd of 16, quarters, semi-finals, and Megan had a center and AR assignment for the finals. All were assessed several times and all performed well.

2. State Cup—U11-U13

For State Cup competition, D7 will be represented by 4 youth referees. They are, Mike Zapata, Meghan Dishno, Jose Jimenez and Luis Miranda. Again, all will be assigned games in the Rd of 16, and future assignments will be based on their individual performances.

3. Advanced Referee Clinic & Regional Professional League Seminar for National Candidates—  
February 12, 2006

Officials that wish to be considered for professional games **must** participate in the physical fitness test. Those wishing to attend the fitness test as part of the pro clinic should **RSVP to David Jones** ([bossbeej@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bossbeej@sbcglobal.net)).

Fitness test participants **must** be at the track (near the Student Union) at **7:30 AM** for warm up and check in. The physical fitness test will start at 8:00 AM.

There are NO showers/locker rooms available. The restrooms will be open.

The Advanced/Pro Clinic will start at 10:30 in the Student Union and is expected to last until 5:00 pm. A complete agenda will be published on the [www.cnra.net](http://www.cnra.net) web site in the near future. Participants are responsible for their own lunch.

National Referees, National Referee Candidates, State Referees, National Assessors, Top Instructors, and other individuals with responsibility for the development and administration of referees and the referee program are invited and encouraged to attend.

All state grad referees in D7 have been notified and are encouraged to attend.

The site for the clinic is [Granada High School](#) in Livermore in the Student Union. Parking is available near the Student Union.

4. February 12th - Statewide Assessor & Instructor Clinic

Attendance is **MANDATORY** for **ALL** assessors & instructors.

The clinic will begin at 9:00 AM and is expected to end at 4:00 PM.

A complete agenda will be published on the [www.cnra.net](http://www.cnra.net) web site in the near future. Participants are responsible for their own lunch.

All instructors and assessors within D7 have been notified and encouraged to attend.

5. D7 All-Stars Competition Observations

In January, I spent a weekend observing matches at one of the sites within the District that was hosting All-Stars Competition. The teams consisted of U10s and U11s from throughout the District.

What I observed was some pretty good soccer. There were many skilled players as well as teams.

What I also saw was a too many throw-in errors and incorrect goal kick restarts. This tells me that Laws 15 and 16 were not consistently being enforced within the house leagues.

Youth League Referee Coordinators **must** observe the performances of referees assigned to matches within their leagues to see that the referees are applying the Laws of the Game correctly.

The position of Referee Coordinator requires that they do more than just see that games are covered with bodies.



To: State Referee Committees  
State Referee Administrators  
State Youth Referee Administrators  
State Directors of Referee Instruction  
State Directors of Referee Assessment  
National Referee Instructors and Trainers  
National Assessors

From: Alfred Kleinaitis  
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Re: Law 15: Enforcing the Minimum Distance

Date: January 2006

In 2005, the International Board approved a change in Law 15 (The Throw-In) to impose a minimum distance requirement for opponents. The Board noted that, with this modification, all restarts conducted by players now mandate that opponents be some minimum distance away so as not to interfere with the taking of the restart.

In the case of a throw-in, the Board specified that opponents must be at least two meters from the thrower. USSF has indicated that two yards is an acceptable alternative to two meters.

Since the appearance of this requirement, referees have raised questions about the correct method of enforcing it. The purpose of this memorandum is to provide guidance on managing the minimum distance requirement at a throw-in.

- First and foremost, all procedures, including those described below, must be discussed in the pregame meeting, particularly the division of responsibilities between the referee and the nearest assistant referee.
- Second, USSF recommends that the minimum distance requirement be enforced based on the same principles and guidelines used in connection with the ten yard minimum distance requirement in Law 13 (The Free Kick).

The following points briefly summarize these principles and guidelines.

- Quick throw-ins are preferable
- The referee should interfere with the throw-in restart as little and as seldom as possible
- If the thrower requests assistance in enforcing the minimum distance, the referee should:
- Clearly announce that the throw-in cannot be taken except by a signal from the referee (ceremonial restart) and
- Establish the minimum distance quickly and fairly

- Blatant and obvious violations of the minimum distance which interfere with the thrower can be considered misconduct and should be dealt with appropriately

Several issues are specific to the throw-in.

- The minimum distance is measured from the touchline. The fact that a player may perform the throw-in from as much as a yard back from the touchline does not permit an opponent to be closer than two yards from the touchline.
- The minimum distance from the touchline is measured from the point where the ball will actually enter the field. The fact that the thrower may take the throw-in from as much as a yard up or down the touchline from where the ball left the field does not permit an opponent to be closer than two yards from this point.
- An opponent is not permitted to jump about and wave his or her arms if, in the opinion of the referee, this action unfairly distracts or impedes the thrower even if the opponent is more than two yards from the thrower.

Referees are strongly encouraged to prevent such behavior from occurring or interfering with the restart.